

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

JANUARY 8, 2020

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Marvin Heinonen called the monthly meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at the Stanton Township Hall. The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call followed. Board members present: Trustee/John Mattila, Supervisor/Marvin Heinonen, Treasurer/Lori Anderson and Clerk/Kara Heinonen. Trustee/Mike Pionke was not in attendance.

All present read over the meeting minutes from Dec. 19, 2019. Lori motioned to accept the meeting minutes as read. 2nd by Lori. Approved Unan.

Lori read the Financial Statements. Marvin motioned to approve the financial statements as read. 2nd by Kara. Approved Unan.

Kara presented Bills to be paid, with bills being added from Gary Hoekstra for plowing done at the Toivola Fire Hall. Lori motioned pay all bills as **amended**. 2nd by Marvin. Approved Unan.

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*Mike reminded the board of the 2020 Transportation Asset Management for Local Officials presentation at the township hall on January 14, 2020 at 9AM.

Freda Sewer Update: Per operator Jim Morin...Things are going pretty well. The County will lower all manholes in the spring as the covers are sticking up way too high. Barb Morin has records for the sewer system if anyone wants or needs to see them. Jim is always in compliance and we are thankful for that!

Township Hall Furnace Update: Kim Lampinen still has not come to give us an estimate on a new furnace.

*Just a reminder that the annual Budget Workshops will be held on Jan. 15th and 29th at 5PM at the township hall.

*The board set a meeting schedule for 2020.

*The board received a letter about the cable in the Toivola cemetery. John checked it out and said it is fine and not illegal. Marv will deal with any complaints on this subject.

Redridge Dam Project Update: Phase 1 & 2 of the project is complete and Phase 3 will start in the spring.

*There have been issues(damage)at the Toivola ice rink this winter and John will pursue the option of a security camera if needed!

Public Comment Accepted.

Lori will ask Scott Niska about website history and Bridget Durocher is the new Kenner Dome rink manager.

Marvin **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 6:50PM. **2nd** by John. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: _____ Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: _____ Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

JANUARY 15, 2020

BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Marvin Heinonen called the Budget Workshop meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 5:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Trustee/Mike Pionke, Supervisor/Marvin Heinonen, Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Trustee/John Mattila and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

The board first crunched numbers on the Sewer Fund, followed by the Road Fund and the Liminga and Toivola Fire Funds. Liminga Fire Chief Mike Pionke presented his budget to the board during this time. John Mattila stood in for Toivola Fire Chief Gary Hoekstra and made sure their budget numbers were correct. The General Fund was tackled last and a few notable changes were made. The first one was that the annual salary for the Township Supervisor was decreased from \$11,200 to \$9,000 for the incoming Supervisor in November 2020. Another change was in the Deputy Clerk & Deputy Treasurer's salaries. They were increased from \$10/hour to \$15/hour and capped at \$2,000/year. More numbers were crunched and the board finished the budget with the intent to revisit all budgets at the last budget workshop meeting to make any final adjustments needed.

Lori **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:06PM. **2nd** by Kara. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: _____ Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: _____ Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

JANUARY 29, 2020

BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Marvin Heinonen called the Budget Workshop Meeting to order at 5:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Trustee/Mike Pionke, Supervisor/Marvin Heinonen, Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Trustee/John Mattila and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

The board went over all budgets again, discussed each briefly and made any necessary changes. They came away with solid budgets for the Sewer Fund, the Road Fund, the Liminga Fire Fund, the Toivola Fire Fund and the General Fund.

Marvin **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 5:35PM. **2nd** by John. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: _____ Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: _____ Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

Stanton Township Board
Election Committee Meeting
February 12, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Clerk/Kara Heinonen called the Election Committee meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order@5:15PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Committee members present: Marvin, Lori, and Kara.

Lori **motioned** to approve the appointment of Election Inspectors for the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary Election. **2nd** by Marvin. **Approved Unan.**

Precinct #1 (Stanton Township Hall):
Roberta Dunstan (R) Chairperson
Colleen Dunstan (R)
Cheryl Faller (D)
Lori Anderson (R)

Precinct #2 (Toivola Rec. Center):
Paula Villa (R) (Chairperson)
Jennifer Luukkonen (D)
Linda Neumann (D)
Charlene Johnson (D)
Faye Hirvi (R)

Alternates: Mary Durocher (D)

Receiving Board: Lori Anderson (R)
Mary Durocher (D)

Motion to adjourn by Lori@6:45PM. **2nd** by Kara. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: _____ **Kara Heinonen, Clerk**
Approved by: _____ **Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor**

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

FEBRUARY 12, 2020

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Marv Heinonen called the Budget Public Hearing to order at 5:30PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marv Heinonen, Trustee/Mike Pionke, Trustee/John Mattila and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

Copies of the proposed **2020-2021 Budgets** were available to the public before the meeting. Supervisor /Marv Heinonen gave a brief overview of each of the budgets being presented to all attending the meeting. After public discussion, the board agreed to approve each budget as presented by a roll call vote.

Lori **motioned** to approve the Road Fund 2020-21 Budget as presented. **2nd** by Marvin. **Approved on a roll call vote: 5 AYES 0 NAYS.**

Lori **motioned** to approve the Liminga Fire Fund Pct#1 2020-21 Budget as presented. **2nd** by John. **Approved on a roll call vote: 5 AYES 0 NAYS.**

Kara **motioned** to approve the Toivola Fire Fund Pct#2 2020-21 Budget as presented. **2nd** by Marvin. **Approved on a roll call vote: 5 AYES 0 NAYS.**

Marv **motioned** to approve the Sewer Fund 2020-21 Budget as presented. **2nd** by John. **Approved on a roll call vote: 5 AYES 0 NAYS.**

John **motioned** to approve the General Fund 2020-21 Budget as presented. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved on a roll call vote: 5 AYES 0 NAYS.**

Public Comment Accepted.

Lori **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 5:38PM. **2nd** by Marvin. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: _____
Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: _____
Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

FEBRUARY 12, 2020

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Roll call was taken.

Supervisor/Marv Heinonen called the monthly meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 5:39PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marv Heinonen, Trustee/Mike Pionke, Trustee/John Mattila and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

All present read over the January 8, 2020 Monthly Meeting Minutes, the January 15, 2020 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes and the January 29, 2020 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes. Marv **motioned** to accept all three sets of meeting minutes as read. **2nd** by John. **Approved Unan.**

Lori read the Financial Statements. Kara **motioned** to approve the financial statements as read. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

Kara presented Bills to be paid with two being added from the General Fund(Superior Service & Festival Foods)and one being added from the Kenner Dome Fund(Keranen Well Service). Marv **motioned** to approve all bills as **amended.** **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Freda Sewer Update: All is well.

Flood Insurance Update: More research needs to be done on this topic by Marvin. He will set up a meeting at a later date after exploring flood insurance companies and bankers.

Township Hall Furnace: Marvin has received on estimate on a new furnace for the township hall and he will get two more estimates before a decision is made on whom to purchase the furnace from.

Fire Dept. Pct#1 Update: Per Fire Chief Mike Pionke...He wants Kara to check the ballot language on the upcoming fire millage as he thinks there may be a misprint. Kara will call the County Clerk about the issue. On another note, the fire dept. has acquired two new members! Mike also told the board that

instead of the annual traditional pancake breakfast held at the fire hall, the dept. may instead engage in 25th Anniversary activities instead!

Fire Dept. Pct#2 Update: Nothing new to report.

*John will look into purchasing cameras for the Toivola Ice Rink to prevent vandalism there.

*Per Lori...taxes are due this Friday!

*The March Monthly Board Meeting will be held on the 4th instead of the 11th as stated.

Next the board was presented with a resolution for the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Marvin **motioned** to pass the Federal Poverty Guidelines Resolution. **2nd** by Mike and **approved unanimously** on a **Roll Call Vote: 5 AYES 0 NAYS.** The board was also presented with a resolution for a Property Transfer Affidavit Collection. Marvin **motioned** to pass the Property Transfer Affidavit Collection Resolution. **2nd** by Lori and **approved unanimously** on a **Roll Call Vote: 5 AYES 0 NAYS.**

Public Comment Accepted.

A few March reminders: The BOR is coming up on the 9th & 11th. The Presidential Primary Election is coming up on the 10th and we need to make sure Turner Contracting knows we need plowing done EARLY on that day(if needed). John will make sure the Toivola Rec Center is plowed on that day also. And last but not least, the Gravel Road Training Seminar will be held at the Township Hall on the 5th at 9AM for the Stanton Township Board members.

Marvin **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 6:40PM. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: _____ Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: _____ Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

MARCH 4, 2020

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Roll call was taken.

Supervisor/Marv Heinonen called the monthly meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 5:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marv Heinonen, Trustee/Mike Pionke, Trustee/John Mattila and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

All present read over the February 13, 2020 Monthly Meeting Minutes and the February 13, 2020 Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes. Lori **motioned** to accept the Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes as read. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.** Lori **motioned** to accept the Monthly Meeting Minutes as **amended.** **2nd** by John. **Approved Unan.**

Lori read the Financial Statements. Marvin **motioned** to approve the financial statements as read. **2nd** by Kara. **Approved Unan.**

Kara presented Bills to be paid. Lori **motioned** to approve all Bills as **amended.** **2nd** by John. **Approved Unan.** Next Marvin **motioned** to pay all remaining Bills through March 11, 2020 which was the original meeting date. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**



Freda Sewer Update: All is going well and spring run-off will be coming soon!

Flood Insurance Update: The DNR is currently mapping all of Houghton County so nothing further will be done until we know where the flood plain lies in Stanton Township. This means that no proposed resolutions can be done until the flood plain is established. This subject will be off of the table until that is complete.

UPPCO Update: Our township lawyer is doing some research and Mike will check if any other companies pay franchise fees.

Kenner Dome Update: Traverse Engineering will take care of the bidding process for FEMA money from the Father's Day Flood. It will be a three phase process and we have \$103,000 to work with.

Township Hall Furnace Update: We need more detailed bids on the furnace before we can make a decision.

*Mike is going to try to reschedule the gravel road meeting if he can.

Fire Dept. Pct#1 Update: The Dept.'s live fire training project was nominated for the Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce Spark Plug award! Good luck to Mike and the Fire Dept.! We hope you win it!

*Marvin will check with Stan and Ken on a Redridge Dam Update for the next meeting.

*Kara told the board that the Presidential Primary Election will be held next Tuesday.

*Mary told the board that the BOR is next week also.

Public Comment Accepted.

Marvin **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 5:29PM. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: _____ Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: _____ Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

PUBLIC NOTICE

**THE STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 14, 2020
HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE ORDER BY MICHIGAN'S GOVERNOR TO
SHELTER IN PLACE. THERE WILL BE NO BOARD MEETING FOR APRIL. IT HAS
BEEN CANCELLED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!**

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 13, 2020 HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE STAY-AT-HOME ORDER BY MICHIGAN'S GOVERNOR THROUGH MAY 15, 2020. THERE WILL BE NO BOARD MEETING IN MAY AT THE TOIVOLA REC CENTER. IT HAS BEEN CANCELLED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY! HOWEVER, THE JUNE 3, 2020 BOARD MEETING WILL NOW BE HELD AT THE TOIVOLA REC CENTER AT 6PM INSTEAD OF AT THE STANTON TOWNSHIP HALL AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED.

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

JUNE 3, 2020

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

@TOIVOLA REC CENTER

Supervisor/Marv Heinonen called the monthly meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 5:00PM at the Toivola Rec Center with the Pledge of Allegiance. Next roll call was taken. Board members present: Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marv Heinonen, Trustee/Mike Pionke and Clerk/Kara Heinonen. Trustee/John Mattila was not present at this time but came after the meeting started.

All present read over the March 4, 2020 Monthly Meeting Minutes. Marvin **motioned** to accept the Monthly Meeting Minutes as read. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Lori read the Financial Statements. Marvin **motioned** to approve the financial statements as read. **2nd** by Kara. **Approved Unan.**

Kara presented Bills to be paid. Kara added one bill from Swift's Hardware from the General Fund for Agate Beach Park for operating supplies in the amount of \$10.33. Lori **motioned** to approve all bills as **amended.** **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

Freda Sewer Update: Nothing new to report.

Kenner Dome Update: The project will be going out on bids soon and Marvin will have this info. at the next meeting.

Liminga Cemetery Update: The cemetery needs a new mower and Cemetery Sexton Brian Riutta was approved to buy one by the board in an amount up to \$2,700.

Roads Update: The Coles Creek road repairs will begin on July 6, 2020 with the project completion (road re-opening) date set for September 20, 2020.

N. Canal Park Update: The No Camping pole signs are back up and park caretaker Ryall Purdy will replace the No Camping sign on the pavilion also.

Elections Update: Kara gave an update on absentee voting in the upcoming elections as she has had numerous people calling and demanding an explanation of why they are receiving absentee ballot applications in the mail from the State of Michigan when they did not request them!

Agate Beach Park Update: Camping has resumed at Agate Beach Park for the season!

Fire Dept. Pct#2 Update: Per Fire Chief Gary Hoekstra...the roadside clean up the fire dept. spearheaded turned up 300 pounds of garbage!

Toivola Cemetery Update: Per Cemetery Sexton John Mattila...there have not been any burials yet to date.

Assessing Update: Per Assisant Assessor Mary Durocher...the Board of Review for PRE's will be held on July 21, 2020 at 4:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall. The AMAR is done and passed with a few adjustments and Assessor Chuck Mannisto is working from home for now.

*Marvin received an email from Green Timber and our forest management plan is complete.

Public Comment Accepted.

Marvin **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 6:34PM. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: _____ Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: _____ Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

Stanton Township Board
July 1, 2020
Election Committee Meeting Minutes

Clerk/Kara Heinonen called the Election Committee meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order@5:30PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Committee members present: Marvin, Lori, and Kara.

Marvin **motioned** to approve the appointment of Election Inspectors for the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary Election. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Precinct #1 (Stanton Township Hall):

Roberta Dunstan (R) (Chairperson) (All Day)

Colleen Dunstan (R) (All Day)

Cheryl Faller (D) (AM)

Heidi Bresnahan (D) (AM)

Brenda Marttila (R) (AM)

Barbara Wakeham (R) (PM)

Jean Hoskin (D) (PM)

Christina Hatman (R) (PM)

Precinct #2 (Toivola Rec. Center):

Paula Villa (R) (Chairperson) (All Day)

Jennifer Luukkonen (D) (All Day)

Charlene Johnson (D) (All Day)

Faye Hirvi (R) (All Day)

Alternates: Mary Durocher (R)

Kathleen Green (D)

Receiving Board: Kathleen Green (D)

Mary Durocher (R)

Motion to adjourn by Kara@5:46PM. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: _____ Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: _____ Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

JULY 1, 2020

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

@STANTON TOWNSHIP HALL

Supervisor/Marvin Heinonen called the monthly meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 6:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. Next roll call was taken. Board members present: Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marvin Heinonen, Trustee/Mike Pionke and Clerk/Kara Heinonen. Trustee/John Mattila was not in attendance.

All present read over the June 3, 2020 Monthly Meeting Minutes. Lori **motioned** to accept the Monthly Meeting Minutes as read. **2nd** by Marvin. **Approved Unan.**

Lori read the Financial Statements. Marvin **motioned** to approve the financial statements as read. **2nd** by Kara. **Approved Unan.**

Kara presented Bills to be paid. Kara asked the board for permission to pay all bills received within the next week as necessary. Marvin **motioned** to approve this request. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.** Next Lori **motioned** to pay this month's bills as presented. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

Freda Sewer Update: All is well! The sewer will be 13 years old in August! Barb sent a memo with work Jim donated...**THANKS** again to Jim and Barb for all that they do and running a tight ship!

Kenner Dome Update: Marvin gave the board a preliminary list of what needs to be done at the Kenner Dome. He and the rest of the committee of men will get together with John P. of Traverse Engineering to discuss what is important to get done concerning the bid.

*John P. will also look into the proposed Bayshore Rd walking path to see if grant money is available and if it is part of the wetlands we agreed not to tamper with when we built the boat launch.

N. Canal Park/Kenner Dome/Township Hall Lawnmower Update: Marvin motioned to approve up to \$3,500 for a riding lawn mower purchase by park caretaker Ryall Purdy. 2nd by Lori. Approved Unan.

Township Hall Furnace Update: Marvin will get 3 estimates for a furnace replacement at the township hall.

Green Timber Forestry Update: Marvin signed a contract for Green Timber to keep managing the township forests. He will tell Justin Miller of Green Timber to add more properties that we have.

*Marvin read a memorandum for a Veteran Recognition Banner Program for Houghton and Keweenaw Counties of Michigan. We want to get the word out in case people are interested in recognizing their family members with these banners. Kara will post on website.

Fire Dept. Pct#1 Update: Mike wants to know if the board is interested in the up.net fiber network that is new to the area in regards to phone and internet services for the fire dept. and the township hall. Lori will call our attorney & report back at the next meeting. Mike is currently chatting with our insurance company to go up a grade in fire protection as it would be cheaper. Fire Training is starting up again in August so there will be action around the dept. and training building during this time. Also, the dept. is hosting a Birthday Party open house in August celebrating 45 years!!

*Signs need to be ordered by Marvin for various roads. Marvin will do this asap!

*Brian got a new mower for the Liminga Cemetery so he is giving one of his old mowers to Mary for the Stanton Baseball Field.

*Kara mentioned that N. Canal Park caretaker Ryall Purdy needs his seasonal salary raised to match that of Agate Beach Park caretaker Lenny Luoma in order to complete all of the work that needs to be done. Mike motioned to raise the N. Canal Park Caretaker yearly salary from \$1000 to \$3,250. 2nd by Marvin. Approved Unan.

Public Comment Accepted.

It was brought to the board's attention that the township could use a geocache at the N. Canal Park. Mike motioned to approve a geocache at N. Canal Park. 2nd by Marvin. Approved Unan. It was also mentioned that the Redridge Dam has been inspected and the work by FEMA is all good.

Cemetery Ordinance Update Request: It was mentioned that the cemetery ordinance needs updating to say that when a lot is purchased it will be decided if said purchaser is a resident or not. Also, at that point the lot price will be determined and only the burial fee remains and should be standard right across the board. When cemetery sexton Brian Riutta comes to a meeting to address this we can motion to update the ordinance.

Marvin **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 6:50PM. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: _____ Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: _____ Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING CANCELLATION

THE STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 5, 2020 HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE GOVERNOR AMENDING THE EXECUTIVE ORDER THAT LIMITS INDOOR GATHERINGS/MEETINGS. THERE WILL BE NO BOARD MEETING IN AUGUST AT THE STANTON TOWNSHIP HALL, IT HAS BEEN CANCELLED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY! HOWEVER, THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE AGATE BEACH PAVILION AT 6PM AS SCHEDULED. IF THE AMENDED ORDER IS STILL IN PLACE AT THIS TIME, THE MEETING WILL BE HELD OUTDOORS. THERE IS ADEQUATE OVERHEAD SHELTER TO CONDUCT THE MEETING SHOULD THERE BE INCLEMENT WEATHER.

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
SEPTEMBER 2, 2020
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
@AGATE BEACH PAVILION

Supervisor/Marvin Heinonen called the monthly meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 6:00PM at the Agate Beach Pavilion with the Pledge of Allegiance. Next roll call was taken. Board members present: Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marvin Heinonen, Trustee/Mike Pionke, Trustee/John Mattila and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

All present read over the July 1, 2020 Monthly Meeting Minutes. John **motioned** to accept the Monthly Meeting Minutes as read. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

Lori read the Financial Statements. Marvin **motioned** to approve the financial statements as read. **2nd** by Kara. **Approved Unan.**

Kara presented Bills to be paid. Marvin **motioned** to pay all bills as presented. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

Freda Sewer Update: Nothing new to report.

Kenner Dome Bid Process Update: Per John Paul Pietila...John met with Tim Purdy, Paul Ek, Dapper Ruohonen and Marty Rajala to assess what needs be done on the exterior and interior of the Kenner Dome. Flood damage repairs will be priority after bids come in. An Ad for Bids will be placed in the Daily Mining Gazette with a pre-bid meeting & walk through held at the Kenner Dome on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020@4PM. Bids must be in by Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2020@4PM and will thereafter opened publicly. The project finish date is slated for Dec. 10, 2020. See attached Ad for Bids to see the scope of work.

*At this time it was noted that the new mowers purchased for mowing township property are working just great!

Township Hall Furnace Update: Marvin told the board that the township received three estimates for the purchase and installation of a new furnace pertaining to the meeting area. The bids were as follows: Byron Heating...\$14,000, RC Mechanical...\$7,205 and KTA Mechanical...\$7,000. Since KTA Mechanical was the low bidder, Marvin **motioned** to **award** the bid to KTA Mechanical for \$7,000 if they can complete the work by 10/25/20, otherwise the next lowest bidder will be asked. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

*Next Marvin presented a list of budget amendments to be approved by the board. Kara motioned to approve the budget amendments as presented. 2nd by Lori. Approved Unan.

*Marvin will meet with Chris VanArsdale to view the Hazard Mitigation Plan that the township was presented with. He will also run it by a banker and the township attorney before the next township board meeting.

Agate Beach Park Update: Per John...If we run an underground wire we can just go with one electrical meter at the park. The rough cost for the material and labor is \$900-\$1000. John motioned that we proceed with the project and not exceed \$1,200 for replacement of the underground power cable. 2nd by Marvin. Approved Unan. John also told the rest of the board that the outlets in the power circle at the campground are bad and are causing a safety issue. He will get estimates on fixing this issue for the next meeting.

*It was mentioned that we should charge the Vettori's for their township land usage and that we should charge people taking gravel from the township gravel pit. These ideas will be tabled until the next meeting.

Election Inspector's Mask Update: Marvin motioned that it should be left up to an individual whether or not they want to wear a mask while working at an election as an election inspector/poll worker(If said individuals cannot medically wear a mask they do not have to). 2nd by Kara. Approved Unan.

Redridge Dam Update: Stan sent a summary of what has been done so far and Kara will forward it to all board members except Marvin.

Fire Dept. Pct#1 Update: Per Fire Chief Mike Pionke... Their grant was approved and Green Timber is adding the additional acreage the fire dept. purchased. UP.Net offered phone & internet service for an estimated \$158/month between the township hall and fire hall. Lori motioned to obtain UP.Net as the new provider for township and fire hall phone & internet service. 2nd by John. Approved Unan. On another note, the Stanton Fire Dept. Pct#1 had an Open House at their fire hall. Fun was had by all who attended!

Public Comment Accepted. We need to post a "Day Use Only" sign in a designated area at Agate Beach Park for people to use for picnics and such. Also, a map of the Agate Beach Campground needs to be posted at the park. It was noted that Susan Mattila is taking a grant writing class and would like to pursue some grants for the township if we would like...and the answer is yes!

Marvin made a motion to adjourn at 7:02PM. 2nd by John. Approved Unan.

Submitted by: _____ Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: _____ Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
OCTOBER 1, 2020
ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Clerk/Kara Heinonen called the Election Committee meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order@2:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Committee members present: Marvin, Lori, and Kara.

Lori **motioned** to approve the appointment of Election Inspectors for the November 3, 2020 General Election. **2nd** by Marvin. **Approved Unan.**

Precinct #1@Stanton Township Hall:

Roberta Dunstan (R) (Chairperson) (All Day)
Colleen Dunstan (R) (All Day)
Brenda Marttila (D) (SPLIT SHIFT)
Kim Becker (R) (SPLIT SHIFT)
Mike Macino (R) (SPLIT SHIFT)
Barbara Wakeham (R) (SPLIT SHIFT)
Jean Hoskin (D) (SPLIT SHIFT)
Christina Hatman (R) (SPLIT SHIFT)

Precinct #2@Toivola Rec. Center:

Paula Villa (R) (Chairperson) (All Day)
Andy Imbrunnone (R) (All Day)
Charlene Johnson (D) (All Day)
Faye Hirvi (R) (All Day)
Cheryl Faller (D) (SPLIT SHIFT)

Alternates:

Mary Durocher (R)
Kathleen Green (D)

Receiving Board:

Kathleen Green (D)
Mary Durocher (R)

Motion to adjourn by Kara@2:10PM. **2nd** by Marvin. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: _____ **Kara Heinonen, Clerk**
Approved by: _____ **Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor**

NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING CANCELLATION

THE STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 7, 2020 HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE LOCAL OUTBREAK OF COVID-19 IN OUR AREA AND TO MITIGATE THE SPREAD AS ADVISED BY THE GOVERNOR AND WUPHD. THERE WILL BE NO BOARD MEETING IN OCTOBER AT THE STANTON TOWNSHIP HALL, IT HAS BEEN CANCELLED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY! AS OF NOW, THE NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD AS SCHEDULED ON NOVEMBER 4, 2020@6:00PM.

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

NOVEMBER 4, 2020

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

@STANTON TOWNSHIP HALL

Supervisor/Marvin Heinonen called the monthly meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 6:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. Next roll call was taken. Board members present: Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marvin Heinonen, Trustee/Mike Pionke, Trustee/John Mattila and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

All present read over the July 1, 2020 Monthly Meeting Minutes. Marvin **motioned** to accept the Monthly Meeting Minutes as read. **2nd** by John. **Approved Unan.**

Lori read the Financial Statements. Kara **motioned** to approve the financial statements as read. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Kara presented Bills to be paid. Lori **motioned** to pay all bills as **amended**. **2nd** by Maevin. **Approved Unan.**

Freda Sewer Update: Per Sanitation Engineer Jim Morin...All is good. Tank measurements are done and they do not have to be pumped. Also, the mound is winterized.

Kenner Dome Update: When the electrical panel was being put it they hit the water line but the contractor fixed it. We will be getting a bill from Erico shortly for the finished lighting.

Township Hall Furnace Update: The new furnace is in and it is running well!

Fire Dept. Pct#1 Update: Per Fire Chief Mike Pionke...

*The conduit for up.net Baraga Telephone has been buried and they will get the wire to the township hall. The fire dept. has already and the township is changing our phone and internet capabilities to up.net Baraga Telephone.

*Mike told the board that their old ambulance got hauled away minus the tires.

*The 1975 Int'l Tanker will go out on bids soon.

*The dept. is trying to finish up their bathroom/kitchen remodel and will tackle a floor/ceiling remodel next.

*Mike and Kara met with Lori Burton from the PAR Plan(insurance).

Agate Beach Electrical Update: So far a conduit has been run between the two buildings and the tally is \$875 as of now. After the board discussed the electrical issues the park has had and is having now,

Marvin **motioned** to make the Agate Beach Campground a "NO ELECTRICITY PROVIDED" campground effective immediately. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

*Next Marvin welcomed John as the new Stanton Township Supervisor! Congratulations John!

*The signs that were ordered and are sitting at the township hall presently will be stored at the hall until spring when they can be put up.

*Kara told the board that although the November General Election was highly stressful for all involved, it actually went remarkably well!

*Cemetery Sexton Brian Riutta made some recommendations to the board on updates for the Cemetery Ordinance concerning residents and burial rates. Marvin **motioned** to reword the Stanton Township Cemetery Ordinance to reflect a flat burial rate to match the Stanton Township Resident Rate as it is stated in the Ordinance at the present time. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

*Cemetery Sexton John Mattila mentioned that the Toivola Cemetery will need to purchase additional cemetery space at some point in the near future as they are reaching capacity there and there is no more room for expansion.

*Mary Durocher conveyed thanks to Marvin for his son Mark's contribution of flags placed on and around the township hall property for election day. She also thanked Marvin for all of his years of service with the township as he turns over his supervisor position to John Mattila. Mary then told the board that the BOR Meeting will be held on December 15, 2020 at 4:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall and it will concern PRE's.

Public Comment Accepted.

Marvin **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 6:47PM. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: _____ Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: _____ John Mattila, Supervisor

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

DECEMBER 2, 2020

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

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John presented the Meeting Agenda for approval. Lori **motioned** to approve the agenda as presented. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

All present read over the November 4, 2020 Monthly Meeting Minutes. Lori **motioned** to accept the meeting minutes as read. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

Lori read the Financial Statements. Kara **motioned** to pass the financial statements as read. **2nd** by John. **Approved Unan.** Next, on a **motion** by Mike and a **2nd** by Mark, the board agreed to move CD#0240 at Range Bank to our Range Bank ICS Account. **Approved Unan.**

Kara presented Bills to be paid. John **motioned** to pay all bills as presented. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Freda Sewer Update: Per Sanitation Engineer Jim Morin...the sewer system is running really well!

Kenner Dome Update: John Paul Pietila of Traverse Engineering sent the board a letter on the Kenner Dome project as he could not attend the meeting tonight (see attached). We have to keep an eye on the pump at the dome if the dome experiences a power outage in the future. Timmer Loukus had to come and thaw the pump when the power went out recently. Apparently UPPCO added new electrical service at the dome without anybody's knowledge. Also, we cannot keep the Kenner Dome or the Toivola Ice Rink open according to your Governor's latest order. The rinks will have to stay closed until Dec. 8th as that is the date when the current order expires. The board will take action accordingly after that.

Redridge Dam Update: Stan is going to ask to serve on the State Dam Task Force as they are doing a Dam Guide. The plans are done by U.P. Engineering & Architects but are waiting for permits to finish the work that needs to be done and at this point it will not get started until spring. Stan will have his class do a study on what needs to be done to the dam and John will try to get Stan to come to a future meeting to explain what CAN be done about the dam. Lori pointed out that the memorial at the dam

has been smashed and that we need to repair it as it is a historical marker. It will get done but will be tabled until spring.

*John mentioned that he has nothing new to report on windmills in the township, but will get a copy of Adams Township's Wind Ordinance so we can look into a wind ordinance for Stanton Township.

UPPCO Franchise Agreement Update: Does the board think we need a franchise agreement with UPPCO, and if we do, can we charge a franchise fee? Lori will review the franchise fee for up.net Baraga Telephone and she will get opinions from other Treasurers. Do we need to call a Special Meeting with the representative from UPPCO, Dave Puskala? Lori will ask what franchise fee UPPCO pays to other municipalities. The board agreed that a Special Meeting is needed and Lori will try to arrange it for Tuesday, December 8th at 9:00AM.

Road Sign Update: Lori motioned to approve a DEAD END road sign and a replacement STOP sign from the Houghton County Road Commission for the Beacon Hill/Toivola Intersection and the Lakeview Rd. 2nd by John. **Approved Unan.** John will call Kevin Harju from the road commission to request this.

Health Dept. Public Hearing Update: Per Roy Britz...the hearing has been changed to an informational meeting@5:30PM and will be virtual(ZOOMED)by the Health Department. People can go the WUPHD website for more information.

The Board called the **Board Meeting Dates for 2021.** Lori motioned for the Board to meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00PM. 2nd by Kara. **Approved Unan.** Next the Board called the **Budget Workshop Dates for 2021.** Lori motioned for the Budget Workshops to be held on Wednesday, January 13th & 20th at 5:30PM with the **Budget Hearing Meeting 2021** taking place on February 3, 2021@5:30PM before the regular board meeting which is scheduled for 6PM. 2nd by Kara. **Approved Unan.**

*A reminder that the Board of Review will meet at 3:30PM on Tuesday, December 15th and will be for PRE's.

*John will check with the auditor on progress on our audit for this year.

*up.Net Baraga Telephone is hooked up and running now. Mike will drop off the old equipment at Charter(Spectrum). Kara will give him the code he needs to cancel our service.

Township Plowing Update: Phil Anderson will take over the plowing duties for the Township Hall, the Fire Halls(Liminga & Redridge/Freda)and the Kenner Dome.

*Who shall the board call to fix the outdoor light on the township hall? Mike will call KTA and have them fix it.

*Per Lori...tax bills are going out on December 7th.

Public Comment Accepted.

*Mary told the board that the AMAR Report has been approved so we are good for another year!

*Mike mentioned that there will be a class in January for 1st Responders if anybody is wondering why there is so much traffic at the fire hall and township hall parking lots.

Mike **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:34PM. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: _____

Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: _____

John Mattila, Supervisor