

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

JULY 12, 2019

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Roll call was taken.

Supervisor/Marvin Heinonen called the Monthly Meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 6:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Trustee/Mike Pionke, Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marvin Heinonen, Trustee/John Mattila and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

All present read over the June 12, 2019 Monthly Meeting Minutes. Mike motioned to approve the meeting minutes as read. 2nd by Lori. Approved Unan.

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

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

Freda Sewer Update: Per Sanitation Engineer Jim Morin...It was a good month, things are going very well!

Kenner Dome Update: The project will be bid out in the new year as prices are too high right now.

Houghton County Jail Update: Nothing new to report.

Marijuana Ordinance Update: The board decided to hold a **Special Meeting** on Aug. 1, 2019 at 5:30PM at the Stanton Township Hall to hold a **Public Hearing** on the proposed Marijuana Ordinance. Kara will post the special meeting in three public places in the township, one being the Stanton Township website.

*It has been brought to the board's attention that we need a new lawn mower to mow grass at the N. Canal Park, the township hall and at the Liminga Fire Hall. The N. Canal Park caretaker's, the Purdy's, will make the purchase.

***It was also mentioned that Marvin will need to order some road signs in the township as some are broken or missing.**

***Next the board opened the bids for the old dock sitting idle at the N. Canal Park. The bids are as follows:**

Pete Ruohonen.....\$225

John Dunstan.....\$412

Phil Anderson.....\$501

And the winner is Phil Anderson with the high bid of \$501! Marvin motioned to accept the bid of \$501 from Phil Anderson. 2nd by John. Approved Unan.

Cemetery Update: Next Marvin motioned to give both Cemetery Sexton's a base salary of \$100/month in addition to their hourly wage and commissions on burials. 2nd by Lori. Approved Unan by four board members. Board member John Mattila abstained from approving the increase as he is the Toivola Cemetery Sexton.

Fire Dept. Pct#1 Liminga Update: Per Fire Chief Mike Pionke...The MFR Class is done and they now have one new medical first responder!

***It was mentioned that Superior Service should be called to go and clean the portable toilet at the Agate Beach Campground weekly and that they should pump out the vault toilet there also at the end of the season.**

***Next Marvin motioned to have Lori and Kara on the Township's Range Bank accounts and to have John Botto's name removed. 2nd by Lori. Approved Unan. He also motioned to move money from Superior National Bank to Range Bank and to put it in a ICS Fund as it brings in more interest. 2nd by Lori. Approved Unan.**

***It was mentioned that Kara needs to call Brighthouse Insurance Company to have Dave Chard's name removed from our documents there.**

***Lori told the board that the Summer 2019 Tax Bills went in the mail.**

***Next John gave the board a proposed Maintenance Wish List for the Agate Beach Hall. He will get prices for this list for the next board meeting in August. He mentioned that someone wanted to rent the Agate Beach Hall and they can rent it for \$50/Half Day or \$100/Whole Day. John also told the board that there WILL be a Jamboree this year.**

***It was mentioned that there is NO CAMPING at the Kenner Dome, should anyone inquire!**

***Mary mentioned that the Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, July 16@4:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall. It will be PRE's.**

Public Comment Accepted.

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

Submitted by: _____ Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: _____ Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

AUGUST 1, 2019

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Roll call was taken.

Supervisor/Marvin Heinonen called the Special Meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 5:30PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Trustee/Mike Pionke, Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marvin Heinonen and Clerk/Kara Heinonen. Trustee/John Mattila was not in attendance.

Supervisor Marvin Heinonen read the Stanton Township Ordinance No. 6 (Marijuana Opt Out for Stanton Township) out loud to all present. Marvin motioned to pass Stanton Township Ordinance No. 6 on a roll call vote that was 2nd by Mike. Approved Unan.

ROLL CALL VOTE: MIKE(YES) LORI(YES) KARA(YES) MARVIN(YES)

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Kara will publish Stanton Township Ordinance No. 6 in the Daily Mining Gazette next week. Marvin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:40PM. 2nd by Kara. Approved Unan.

Submitted by: _____ Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: _____ Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

AUGUST 1, 2019

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Roll call was taken.

Supervisor/Marvin Heinonen called the Special Meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 6:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Trustee/Mike Pionke, Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marvin Heinonen and Clerk/Kara Heinonen. Trustee/John Mattila was not in attendance.

The purpose of this meeting is to choose from four Statement of Qualification Proposals from four different engineering companies for the Redridge Dam Project. Stan Vitton will give the board an overview of the proposals and the reason why we need them. The Redridge Dam Project is made up of three projects. Project#1 entails \$21,000 for the road, Project#2 entails \$46,000 for the debris clean out and Project#3 entails \$253,000 for structure damage. As of now, all three projects are funded. After Stan gave a lengthy recap of each project, Marvin motioned to hire Traverse Engineering Svcs. for Project#1 and #2, and to hire U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc. for Project#3. 2nd by Lori. Approved Unan. Stan suggested that we get contracts for these engineering companies from other townships that have already done this. The price must be in the contract and Ken Vrana will get Marvin some sample contracts for Traverse Engineering Svcs and U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc. Stan said it is a priority that Project#1 and Project#2 must be done asap, with the deadline being the end of this year.

Marvin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:05PM. 2nd by Lori. Approved Unan.

Submitted by: _____ Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: _____ Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

AUGUST 14, 2019

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Roll call was taken.

Supervisor Marvin Heinonen called the meeting to order at 6:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Trustee/Mike Pionke, Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marvin Heinonen, Trustee/John Mattila and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

All present read over meeting minutes from two township special meetings on Aug. 1st(at 5:30PM & 6:00PM) and the July 10th board meeting. Marvin **motioned** to accept all 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. Lori **motioned** to pay all bills as amended. **2nd** by John. **Approved Unan.**

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Freda Sewer Update: All is well. Sewer is doing A-OK!

N. Canal Park Update: It was brought to the boards attention that we need a "NO CAMPING" sign at N. Canal Park immediately, as people are taking it upon themselves to camp there illegally as it is only a day park! Marvin will order two signs stating "NO CAMPING" and get them up at the park as soon as they come in. The electric meters are already turned off and there is no existing electricity there right now. A year from now UPPCO will remove the box permanently, unless advised otherwise.

Houghton County Jail Committee Update: Per jail committee member Glen Ekdahl...The committees toured proposed jail site Camp Kitwin and the existing jail. There is also an empty lot across the street from the existing jail and an empty lot near Walmart that is an option for a new jail site, plus the proposed add on to the existing jail. The search for a new jail is ongoing. The next meeting will be held on Sept. 4, 2019.

Agate Beach Park Update: There is rebar sticking out of the concrete in the water on the boat ramp at Agate Beach Park. John will check with park caretaker Lenny Luoma, and if possible, he will have him use the same person to cut it out as he did last time. If this isn't possible he will let the board know.

Redridge Dam Update: Per John Paul Pietila...Traverse Engineering Svcs is in charge of the first two projects at the Redridge Dam and John Paul met with Stan Vitton to go over both projects. We need to establish a property line, merge the roads and remove debris. They will have a walk through with contractors vying for the job and they will pick the best optioned contractor. The job must be done before winter. If we end up needing more FEMA money we can ask for more. As far as debris goes, they will remove it to high ground and leave it there with township approval.

Fire Dept. Pct#1 Update: Per Fire Chief Mike Pionke...The excavation for the training building is almost complete and the slab should be poured with two weeks. The money the dept. receives from topsoil sales will go to the

General Fund. Hat's off to Greg S. for passing the National Registry for 1st Responders as he is now a medical first responder!

*Kara mentioned that a computer update is needed for QVF on her computer and Mary's. Mary said the man who will do the updates will come to do it within the next couple of weeks.

Public Comment Accepted.

It was mentioned that the township boat launch still needs a sign! Marvin will order one.

Marvin **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 6:32PM. **2nd** by John. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: _____ **Kara Heinonen, Clerk**

Approved by: _____ **Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor**

Marvin has ordered signs for the Canal Park. He will order signs for the Boat Launch and Littering at Agate Beach.

A letter will be sent for Stuart and Evelyn Olson regarding their plot in the Toivola Cemetary.

A letter will be sent regarding prepaying for a burial in the Toivola Cemetary.

John presented a list of repairs for Agate Beach Hall.

Doors \$1300. Hot water Heater \$250-\$300. Water line \$250. Cabinets \$400.

\$650 was raised for the project and the remainder will be paid from the General Fund.

Motioned by Lori. 2nd by Marvin. Approved Unan.

John will look into fencing for the Toivola Cemetary.

Public Comment Accepted.

Marvin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45PM. 2nd by Lori. Approved Unan.

Submitted by: _____ Mary Durocher, Deputy Clerk

Approved by: _____ Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

OCTOBER 30, 2019

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Roll call was taken.

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

This special meeting was called to award the bid on the Redridge Dam Debris Removal Project. John Pietila of Traverse Engineering Svcs presented the bids to the board. John Coponen Construction came in as the low bidder at \$24,000. John recommended that the board accept the bid from John Coponen Construction for \$24,000. The date of Dec. 13, 2019 was named as the date the work should be completed by.

Lori **motioned** to award the bid to John Coponen Construction in the amount of \$24,000 and to have Marvin sign the agreement for bid between John Coponen Construction and Stanton Township. **2nd** by Kara. **Approved Unan.**

Lori **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 5:15PM. **2nd** by Marvin. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: _____ Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: _____ Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

NOVEMBER 6, 2019

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Roll call was taken.

Supervisor Marvin Heinonen called the meeting to order at 6:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Trustee/Mike Pionke, Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marvin Heinonen, Trustee/John Mattila and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

All present read over meeting minutes from the Township Board Special Meeting held on Oct. 30, 2019@5PM. Lori **motioned** to accept the meeting minutes as read. **2nd** by Kara. **Approved Unan.** Lori also **motioned** to accept the Township Board Monthly Meeting Minutes from Oct. 9, 2019@6PM. **2nd** by Marvin. **Approved Unan.**

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

Kara presented bills to be paid. Marvin **motioned** to pay additional bills as necessary by the original meeting date. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.** Lori **motioned** to pay all bills as presented. **2nd** by Marvin. **Approved Unan.**



Freda Sewer Update: All is well.

Signs Update: The signs are in for the N. Canal Park but the brackets are missing. Marvin will call to find out where they are.

Jail Task Force Update: It was reported that the task force decided to pursue a new jail.

Redridge Dam Update: John Coponen Construction Company has started the project.

Private Cemetery Inquiry Update: Anyone that wants to own a private cemetery in the township must follow all state rules and regulations regarding cemeteries.

Designated Flood Plain Inquiry Update: The question of whether or not the township should be designated as a flood plain is not in the township residents' best interest as all township residents' homeowners insurance rates will rise substantially!

UPPCO Update: The board will send the proposed Dykema/UPPCO franchise agreement to our attorney for approval. If the proposed franchise agreement is satisfactory, UPPCO requests that it be placed on the Township Board's agenda for adoption by ordinance at the next Township Board meeting. UPPCO will, of course, pay publication fees and would be happy to provide any additional info. or to answer any questions that the board may have.

Houghton County Road Commission Update: Per Mike...concerning the flood damaged secondary roads in the township, some designs have been approved but no FEMA money has been allocated yet so nothing will happen until next year.

The Transportation Asset Management Council(TAMC)will come to the township to give a presentation in January if the board is interested. The presentation will last roughly 2.5 hours. The board IS interested so the presentation will be held at the Township Hall on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 9:00AM. Next Mike **motioned** to update the Township Forest Management Plan. **2nd** by John. **Approved Unan.**

*It was mentioned that we need to post, "Keep Off!" signs at the Redridge Dam for liability purposes.

Marvin **motioned** to hire Kara for custodial duties at the township hall. **2nd** by John. **Approved Unan.**

The board changed the December Monthly Meeting to Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019@6PM instead of Wed. Dec. 4, 2019@6PM.

Public Comment Accepted.

The December BOR Meeting will be held on Dec. 10, 2019@4PM for PRE's.

Marvin **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 6:30PM. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by:_____ **Kara Heinonen, Clerk**

Approved by:_____ **Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor**

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

DECEMBER 5, 2019

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/Mike Pionke, Trustee/John Mattila, Supervisor/Marvin Heinonen, Treasurer/Lori Anderson and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

All present read over the meeting minutes from Nov. 6, 2019. Lori **motioned** to accept the 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 Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Kara presented Bills to be paid, with bills being added for a new computer and for the work done on the Redridge Dam project. Lori **motioned** pay all bills as **amended.** **2nd** by Marvin. **Approved Unan.** Kara also asked for approval to pay all bills received through Dec. 11, 2019, the original monthly board meeting date. Lori **motioned** to pre-approve paying all bills through Dec. 11, 2019. **2nd** by Marvin. **Approved Unan.**

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Freda Sewer Update: Per operator Jim Morin...the sewer is working well. A camera survey was done and there were no structural breaks. No bill for the survey has been sent so far.

*It was also mentioned that there are a few manhole covers in Freda that were wrecked by the county plow that need fixing as they are a hazard. Marvin will call the Road Commission/Kevin Harju to discuss this issue.

Next the board heard from Linda Hanson, an engineer from the State of Michigan Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy, Water Resources Division, who came to give the board a presentation on how flood insurance works. The board will further educate itself on this subject for future reference.

Redridge Dam Project Update: Per Stan Vitton...The debris has been removed and phase 1 & 2 project requirements have been completed by the John Coponen Construction Company. If we feel that additional work is required, we can apply for more money and an extension(6 months). Stan emphasized that the water must go through the pipes at the dam and not through the spillway. Stan said that he and Ken will talk to the proper people about this issue. Next is phase 3. According to Stan, the Houghton County Emergency Management Plan needed updating and was drafted already. If accepted by FEMA, there will be more money for the Father's Day Flood damages.

Township Board Future Meeting Dates: The Stanton Township Board set their regularly scheduled board meetings for the year. They will be the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6PM at the Stanton Township Hall. However, the two exceptions are the May meeting which will be held at the Toivola Rec Center and the September meeting which will be held at the Agate Beach Park Pavilion. The Board will host a 2020 Transportation Asset Management for Local Officials seminar on Tuesday, January 14 at 9AM at the Stanton Township Hall. The Board will hold the Budget Workshops on Wednesday, January 15th & 29th at 5PM at the Stanton Township Hall. And finally, the annual Truth & Taxation & Truth in Budgeting Meeting will be held on the same day as the monthly board meeting on Wednesday, February 12th and will be at 5:30PM.

Liminga Fire Dept. Pct#1 Update: Per Fire Chief Mike Pionke...Fire School will be starting at the Liminga Fire Hall in January. Mike motioned to **amend** the Fire Dept. Pct#1 Budget(each board member received a copy of budget amendments by email). 2nd by Lori. Approved Unan.

*Lori said the winter tax bills will be sent out tomorrow.

Public Comment Accepted.

Marvin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:21PM. 2nd by Mike. Approved
Unan.

Submitted by: _____ Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: _____ Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor