

**STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

**BUDGET HEARING MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Marty Rajala called the Budget Hearing Meeting to order at 5:30PM at the Stanton Township Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. Next roll call was taken. Board members present: Trustee/Mark Haataja, Trustee/Mike Pionke, Supervisor/Marty Rajala, Treasurer/Lori Anderson and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

Copies of the proposed **2022-2023 Budget** were available to the public before the meeting. Supervisor/Marty Rajala 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 General Fund 2022-23 Budget as presented. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved on a Roll Call Vote: 5 AYES 0 NAYS.**

Mike **motioned** to approve the Liminga Fire Fund Pct#1 2022-23 Budget as presented. **2nd** by Kara. **Approved on a Roll Call Vote: 5 AYES 0 NAYS.**

Lori **motioned** to approve the Toivola Fire Fund Pct#2 2022-23 Budget as presented. **2nd** by Kara. **Approved on a Roll Call Vote: 5 AYES 0 NAYS.**

Mike **motioned** to approve the Road Fund 2022-23 Budget as presented. **2nd** by Mark. **Approved on a Roll Call Vote: 5 AYES 0 NAYS.**

Lori **motioned** to approve the Sewer Fund 2022-23 Budget as presented. **2nd** by Kara. **Approved on a Roll Call Vote: 5 AYES 0 NAYS.**

**Public Comment Accepted.**

Kara **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 5:47PM. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: OK 8/1/22 Kara Heinonen, Clerk  
Approved by: [Signature] Lori Anderson, Treasurer

**STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor/Marty Rajala called the monthly meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:48PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Supervisor/Marty Rajala, Trustee/Mike Pionke, Trustee/Mark Haataja, Treasurer/Lori Anderson and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

All present read over the January 5, 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes. Lori **motioned** to accept the meeting minutes as read. 2nd by Marty. **Approved Unan.** Next all present read over the January 12, 2022 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes. Lori **motioned** to accept the meeting minutes as read. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.** Finally, all present read over the January 26, 2022 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes. Mike **motioned** to accept the meeting minutes as read. **2nd** by Mark. **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 one being added from Festival Foods from the General/Liminga Fire/Toivola Fire Funds. Mark **motioned** to pay all bills as **amended.** **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Kenner Dome:** Close out paper work is being prepared as the project is complete, per J.P. from Traverse Eng. The final billing will be arriving soon.

**Redridge Dam:** Ken Vrana sent Marty an email with a brief summary of work so far on the Redridge Dams Site Assessment. If anybody wants a copy, Kara can print it.

**Green Burials:** We will leave our ordinance as it is except we will add that the township does not participate in winter burials. Mark is pursuing a new storage shed for the Liminga cemetery.

**Wind Moratorium Resolution:** Marty will work on a resolution to extend the current moratorium and when he has finalized it we will have 14 days to publish it.

**Draft Zoning Ordinance Publication:** Kara will work with our website coordinator, Matt Randell to get our ordinance published on our township website.

**BOR:** Marty didn't get a confirmation of registration for BOR Training from MTA yet so he will contact them to figure out why he hasn't received this.

**N. Canal Park:** The State of Michigan (EGLE) has not notified the township yet of repairs for the remediated site.

**Road Committee:** The road committee will meet on February 16, 2022 at 6:00PM at the township hall and Kara will post the notice on the website.

**New Business:**

Marty will meet with Stan & Tiffany and will be signing papers tomorrow for all FEMA Funds.

**Budget Hearing:** All 2022-23 Budgets were approved at the Budget Hearing which was held prior to this meeting.

**Agate Beach Committee:** We need an update from them as we have nothing new to report.

**Resolutions:** Mike motioned to pass the Authorization to Allow Local Residents to Protest in Writing to the Board of Review Resolution. 2nd by Mark. Approved Unan. Then Lori motioned to approve the 2022 Stanton Township Resolution to Adopt the Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test. 2nd by Mike. Approved Unan. Both of these resolutions were approved on a **Roll Call Vote: 5 AYES 0 NAYS.**

**Tax Mapping:** Tax mapping for the township may be done as a MTU student project. We need improvements on our tax mapping that comes off of Chuck & Mary's computer system and will see if a grad student would like to take on this project. Mike will ask faculty members at MTU to find out if anybody would like to do this project that involves cad work section by section.

**Zoom Account:** Mike says we still have a zoom account and the BOR may want to use it in March. If there is no request for it we may just let our membership lapse. Mike also told the board that the Metro Act Right of Way funds have not come in this year as they did in the last five years and the funds belong in the road fund. Kara will write a check from the General Fund to the Road Fund to put these funds in their proper place.

**Liminga Fire Fund Pct#1:** Per Mike...The 1<sup>st</sup> responder class has not started yet, and there is no date set yet as they need candidates. They are looking for people that are home during the day as that is where they are needed. The dept. is considering hosting the 2023 Annual Copper Country Fire Fighters

Tourney in late June 2022 and is considering holding it at the N. Canal Park. Where to have the parade has not been decided yet.

**Board Member Duties:** Per Kara...Supervisors CAN make motions on township board business!

**Freda Sewer Update:** There was a meth bust in Freda, but there was no meth lab detected. Jim still needs a back up sewer operator and Marty will go out to Freda to discuss this with Jim.

**Liminga Cemetery:** Cemetery sexton Brian Riutta needs a back up and eventual replacement so Marty will talk to Brian to discuss what needs to be done to accomplish this.

**Freda Sewer Operating Question:** Per Lori...If a tax payer's home has burned down, does she still have to pay her sewer bill? Yes, she must pay or the sewer will be capped.

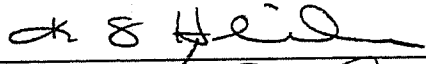
**AARPA Funding:** \$292 in AARPA funds was payed to the township in addition to funds already paid per our online SIGMA account.


**Redridge Plaque:** Mike will look into who owns the plaque in Redridge since nobody seems to know.

**Public Comment Accepted.**

The County Board of Commissioners is doing meetings by ZOOM and they will be zoomed from now on.

Mark **motioned** to **adjourn** the meeting at 7:22PM. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by:  Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by:  Mike Pionke, Trustee

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

MARCH 6, 2022

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Clerk/Kara Heinonen called the monthly meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 pm at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present; Trustee/Mike Pionke, Trustee/Mark Haataja, Treasurer/Lori Anderson and Clerk/Kara Heinonen. Supervisor/Marty Rajala was absent.

All present read over the February 7, 2022 Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes. Mike **motioned** to accept the meeting minutes as read. **2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark. Approved Unan.** All present read over the February 7, 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes. Lori **motioned** to accept the meeting minutes as read. **2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike. Approved Unan.**

Lori read the Financial Statements. Mike **motioned** to approve the financial statements with a question on one check for Liminga Fire. **2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark. Approved Unan.**

Kara presented Bill to be paid, with one being added for Intuit for \$68.99 from the General Fund. Mike **motioned** to pay all bills as amended. **2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark. Approved Unan.**

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**Kenner Dome:** The final invoice was received and payment to John Coponen Construction was made.

**REDRIDGE DAM:** An approval for an extension of time was submitted to FEMA by Stan Vitton on Feb.23, 2020 to allow for the completion of phase 2 by John Coponen Construction.

On Feb, 9, 2022, the dam project paperwork for the first 3 projects was signed with Traverse Engineering to get reimbursed for any outstanding FEMA and State funds. Funds for these projects are 75% FEMA funded and 25% state funded. Final FEMA payment for all phases should be received sometime in the next 12 months.

Stan Vitton is working on submitting paperwork for Project #4, which is a document allowing creation of another project to cover the Administration Costs of the first 3 projects. There is a possibility of a total for an additional 5% of all FEMA funds, which is \$16,021.08.

The previous dam projects were considered small projects so any funding received that was over the contractors bid amount will be kept by the Township. The total the Township will receive from the Road/Parking Lot is \$20,561.60, from the Debris Removal \$46,800, from the Dam Structure Repair is \$253,060.

Ken Vrana sent an update, to the Board, on the Redridge dam ownership proposal that he has been working on. Mike contacted Ken to add the Historical Society to the list.

**WIND MORATORIUM RESOLUTION:** A resolution to modify the Wind Moratorium date to December 31, 2022, is currently being worked on by CLF lawyers. It should be ready before the April meeting. Kara will publish the resolution in the paper when it is formally adopted.

**FREDA SEWER:** Lori was unable to reach the resident, regarding the removal from the system. She will continue trying. Jim reported that a replacement part is being sent on March 4. One of the lift pumps is jammed. The sewer efficiency is good but has dropped down since the snow insulation has blown off causing some areas to freeze.

**TAX MAPPING:** Mike looked in getting help from MTU students on updating our tax maps. Chuck will meet with Mike to discuss the project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ROADS:** The Road committee met on February 16. It was decided to prioritize road funding into preservation with ditching and aggregate base improvements on a few roads. It also presented the idea of sharing 50% of the cost for dust control to any township residents and piggyback on the County project this spring/summer when they complete their portions. This will need to be published early enough to allow locations to be set up.

Marty and Mike met with HCRC. No roads in Stanton are included on the 5 year TIP plan. Currently, the Beacon Hill-Toivola-Road is being worked on using FEMA funds for the Father's Day Flood.

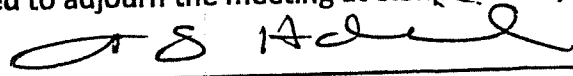
Mike attended the Houghton County Township Association meeting, Kevin Harju asked for asked suggestions, as to where the County should spend the AARPA funds.

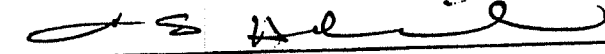
**ASSESSING:** The Board of Review will meet Tuesday, March 8, 2020 at 3:00pm for it organizational meeting. It will hear taxpayers' petitions on Monday, March 14, from 3 to 9 pm. and Tuesday, March 15 from 9am to 3 pm.

**AGATE BEACH:** The Agate Beach committee will have an update on the plans for this summer at the April meeting. The plans will be discussed and recommendations will be made at the May Board meeting in Toivola.

Public comment was accepted.

Mike motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:51pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by mark. Approved Unan.

Submitted by:  Mary Durocher, Dep Clerk

Approved by:  Mike Pionke, Trustee

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

APRIL 6, 2022

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Marty Rajala called the monthly meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 pm at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present; Trustee/Mike Pionke, Trustee/Mark Haataja, Treasurer/Lori Anderson and Clerk/Kara Heinonen and Supervisor/Marty Rajala.

All present read over the March 6, 2022 meeting minutes. Mike **motioned** to accept the meeting minutes as read. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Lori read the Financial Statements. Kara **motioned** to approve the financial statements. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark. **Approved Unan.**

Kara presented the bills to be paid. Lori **motioned** to pay all bills. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark. **Approved Unan.** Mike **motioned** to approve the purchase price of a copier/printer. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori.

**Guest Comments:** Ken Vrana gave some updates on the possible sale of the Redridge Dam. The US Fish & Wildlife Service & the Lake Superior Land Trust will issue a formal report to the township after the study is done. There isn't too much interest in buying the Dam, there is interest in partnering with the township. Ken would like a copy of the Rec plan for future acquisition of neighboring property. A request has been made from the township to have the Dam rated low risk by Stan. A survey of the Dam property should be done soon. Mike **motioned** for the Supervisor to investigate the cost of a boundary survey on the Redridge Dam property. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori. **Approved Unan.** Ken will write an interim report for the April meeting in Toivola.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**Kenner Dome:** The final invoice was received and payment to John Coponen Construction was made.

**REDRIDGE DAM:**

Stan Vitton is working on submitting paperwork for Project #4, which is a document allowing creation of another project to cover the Administration Costs of the first 3 projects. There is a possibility of an additional 5% of all FEMA funds, which is \$16,021.08. The permit is still in the application process.

**FREDA SEWER:** Lori was able to reach the resident, regarding the removal from the system. They are NOT going to be using the system at the fire damaged home in Freda and want their service and billing discontinued. Jim Morin will permanently cap the connection.

**TAX MAPPING:** Mike looked in to getting help from MTU students in the Civil Engineering Dept. on updating our tax maps and hasn't heard anything.

**BOR MEETING:** BOR meetings were held March 8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. All Paperwork has been completed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Wind Moratorium:** A resolution to modify the Wind Moratorium with a date ending on December 31, 2022 was received from CLF. Marty **motioned** to adopt the resolution. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike. The resolution was **Approved Unan.** Kara will publish per required statutes.

**TITLE VI:** We do not need a title VI policy for the AARPA application.

**ROADS:** A meeting with the HCRC Asst. Engineer will be set up as soon as Road restrictions are off, and the snow cover has receded enough to see the road/ditch situation for prioritizing the upcoming maintenance projects. The County will match the Township monies, if we put our AARPA money towards roads. Lori **motioned** to use all the township AARPA funds on roads and have it matched by the County. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marty. **Approved Unan.** Marty will let Kevin Harju know at the Road Commission. Mike **motioned** that we will pay half of the residents cost for dust control on their road. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marty. **Approved Unan.**

**AGATE BEACH:** John Mattila presented the Agate Beach committee updates on the recommendations for discussion at the May meeting in Toivola. An ADA accessible out house with floor to replace one small one, a privy application and a tank, increase the number of sites to 25 to 35, Jeffers Shop class will have the tables assembled, ISD welding class is repairing 5-6 pedestal grills, more signage, local residents will collect fee, increase fee to \$20 per day, Mike **motioned** to approve the purchase of a 1000 gallon tank for the new outhouse at the Agate Beach Park for \$1450.00 and to spend \$150.00 for a privy permit application, and to have 2 additional signs posted at the entrance stating "PAYMENT REQUIRED AT TIME OF CAMP SETUP" and 4 "NO CAMPING DAY USE ONLY" signs. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marty. **Approved Unan.**

**FREDA SEWER:** per Jim Morin, spring is worse this year per gallons of water. The Sewer system is getting bogged down by strange items, Jim will talk to patrons to let them know what he has found.

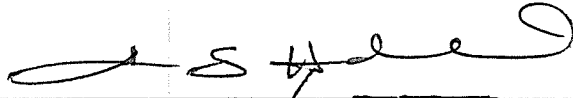
**FIRE DEPT Precinct 1:** A pancake Breakfast is planned for Saturday, May 7 from 7am to Noon.

Public comment was accepted.

Lori **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike. **Approved Unan.**



Submitted by:



Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by:



Mike Pionke, Trustee

**STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**MAY 4, 2022**

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**@TOIVOLA RECREATION CENTER**

Supervisor Marty Rajala called the Stanton Township Board meeting to order at 6:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Trustee/Mike Pionke, Trustee/Mark Haataja, Supervisor/Marty Rajala, Treasurer/Lori Anderson and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

Kara presented the monthly meeting minutes from April 6, 2022. Lori **motioned** to accept the meeting minutes as presented. **2nd** by Marty. **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 and added four additional bills from the WUPHD(\$150), Daily Mining Gazette(\$554.40), Apex Software(\$235), Keweenaw Petroleum(\$481), plus a bill from Phil Anderson for plowing. Marty **motioned** to pay all bills as amended. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

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**OLD BUSINESS**

\*No boundary survey will be done for the Redridge Dam until we establish an action plan for the dam property. Estimated survey costs are \$5,500-\$6,500 and it may be part of a funded action plan if the FWS or MDEQ is involved with a dam project in the near future.

\*The Kenner Dome project is complete.

\*Marty met with the Houghton County Road Commission assistant engineer and the foreman. They will put us on their priority list and will get Larson Rd. & Rova Rd. on the schedule for ditching. The township will be responsible to pay for any material costs associated with this and HCRC will supply the labor and equipment. Marty will work with them on estimates for other upcoming proposed projects. We need an estimate from the County for a board vote so the County will get the cost estimate together.

\*Funding for AARPA match is not yet approved by the County Board of Commissioners.

\*We received rates for dust control by April 22, 2022. Mark **motioned** to accept a dust control estimate of about \$48,185.00 + grading of the N. Canal Park Road. **2nd** by Kara as amended to list as 24 ft. wide. **Approved Unan.** Next Mark **motioned** to add the Heikkinen School Rd. and Blue Top Cabin Rd. to the approved list of roads for dust control. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

\*Ken Vrana sent an email update on the Redridge Dam ownership proposal project. There may be possible Federal involvement. Our most feasible option as of now is with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

\*Nothing new to report on the tax mapping project. Chuck needs to give a job description of the project and he needs to extract the data from the computer and maybe subcontract to a contractor. Lori will talk to Dick Supina from Traverse Engineering to see if they are interested.

\*We also need a 5 Year Recreation Plan update. Ken Vrana is willing to do it for \$4,000 plus other possible Public Opinion Survey costs. Can we add a poll/opinion survey to the website? Mark motioned with a 2nd by Lori to hire Ken Vrana to update the Stanton Township 5 Year Recreation Plan. Approved Unan.

\*The Agate Beach Committee reported that they recommend adding new camp sites to the campground. The board decided that no sites will be added until the new system to collect camp site rent is in place, along with the other proposed renovations. John is checking if we need another well to support additional camp sites so this subject is tabled until we check with John. It was also mentioned that pets must be leashed in the park and the campground.

#### NEW BUSINESS

\*Stan Vitton said there could be significant costs for a "Dam Breach Analysis" if new Dam legislation is approved. Stanton Township does not support the proposed legislation as we have already survived the one hundred year flood!

\*AARPA Funding...The 1st Project Expenditure Update was sent to the Treasury. The report was submitted on April 26, 2022. Mike and Kara assisted the supervisor with the submission of the forms.

\*EIU Number...A new EIU number needs to be added to the treasury website. The email said the SAM# needs to be updated. This will be used to fund all awards and grants from here on out. The supervisor is currently listed in all 3 roles for the treasury website, so do we need a back up person to be added? Mike motioned with a 2nd by Mark to add Lori as back up on the treasury website. Approved Unan.

\*N. Canal Park is now open, as is Agate Beach Park and Campground.

\*The board needs to approve the ballot language for referendum on the ballot for the State Primary Election on August 2, 2022. Marty motioned to accept Option A (see attached) presented by Trustee/Mike Pionke for ballot language on the August 2, 2022 State Primary Election ballot. 2nd by Mark. Approved Unan. Kara will send a copy of Option A to the County Clerk.

\*Does Stanton Township want to join the HCRA? No.

\*The Township wants to recognize Paul Ek for his tireless efforts at the Kenner Dome Ice Rink. He puts in a lot of hours with no compensation. Hats off to Paul!

\*Freda Sewer...nothing new to report.

\*Liminga Fire Dept. Pct#1...Fire Chief Mike Pionke told the board that there will be a Pancake Breakfast held on May 21, 2022 from 7am – 12pm. The department received their EMS Training License renewal for an additional 3 years. There was supposed to be a Medical 1st Responder Class this weekend but the trainer got deployed to an international peace effort so the class is postponed until August of 2022.

\*Toivola Fire Dept. Pct#2...Fire Chief Garry Hoekstra told the board that their Annual roadside clean up is tentatively scheduled for May 14, 2022 with lunch for all volunteers after the clean up! He also told the board that the dept. won a TV and that they are looking for a new fire truck asap.

\*Jeffers High School will be building a storage shed at the cemetery for \$100 plus building costs.

**Public Comment Accepted.**

The playground equipment will be installed soon at Agate Beach Park!

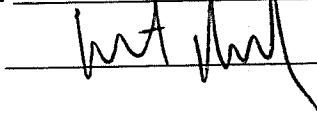
Lori motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35PM. 2nd by Kara. Approved Unan.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_



Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_



Marty Rajala, Supervisor

**STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**JUNE 1, 2022**

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Marty Rajala called the monthly meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 6:01PM at the Stanton Township Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Trustee/Mark Haataja, Trustee/Mike Pionke, Supervisor/Marty Rajala, Treasurer/Lori Anderson and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

All present read over the May 4, 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes held at the Toivola Rec Center. Lori **motioned** to approve 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 Mark. **Approved Unan.**

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

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Guest Comments: Concerning the Redridge Dam per John Paul Pietila of Traverse Engineering Services...He will submit the permit next week and get the cost of the project together by the August board meeting. He said they will be taking bids soon for debris removal.

\*Tax Mapping Update: The remapping of the township is being looked into and Marty will call WUPPDR to see if they are interested in helping us as they did not charge for this service in 2016.

\*The Dust Control Service Agreement was signed & submitted. When this project begins, Mike will ride along with the dust control contractor. There are still a few applicants that haven't paid so Lori will try to contact them before the project starts to avoid having them eliminated from the list of dust control recipients.

\*Road Work Update: The Houghton County Road Commission will begin work on Larson and Rova Roads in late August and so far we have not heard

when the other proposed work will start. The HCRC also has not mentioned whether they will match our AARPA funding but there is a meeting this Friday on this topic.

\*Township Rec Plan Update: Ken Vrana will begin working on the township rec plan. He has submitted a plan that the board approved and a copy of his submitted Stanton Township Five Year Recreation Plan can be viewed by anyone that is interested.

\*Some concerned residents asked the board to change the wording on the local ballot proposal concerning the proposed planning commission for the State Primary Election on August 2, 2022 in Stanton Township but it is too late as the ballots have already gone to the printer.

\*The Agate Beach Park sent in a permit to the WUPHD for a permit for a new privy. The park and campground are both open for the season. The Agate Beach Park Committee will perform routine maintenance duties and the park caretaker will continue in his duties and both will follow the park ordinance that is currently in place.

\*Freda Sewer Update: Per Operator Jim Morin...Jim says that we have a need to modify our current sewer ordinance to establish a commercial rate for the sewer system and he proposed a rate of an additional \$75 per month for a commercial rate. We would also need to modify our current sewer ordinance for a hook up fee. Marty will email a copy of the current ordinance for all board members to read before the next board meeting in July. Jim Mihelic will send the board an example from an engineering standpoint as we need to figure out how to establish a VRBO from a family residence. Jim also told the board that the April figures doubled but the system can handle it. His spare pump finally came in and he will work on the other pump to keep it running smoothly as we need to have two pumps running at all times. The lift station also needs one of its pumps fixed and Jim will see to that and he said he still needs to cap a residence. Hats off to Jim for being an exceptional operator!!

\*The North Canal Park is open for the season and needs a person to mow the grass. Marty motioned to hire Ethan Anderson to mow in 4 locations (N. Canal Park, Redridge Station, the Township Hall and Liminga Fire Hall) in the township and to hire Moe Rajala to mow at the Kenner Dome. 2nd by Kara. Approved Unan. The wage will be \$15/Hour + Mileage for the 2022 mowing

season on a **motion** by Marty and **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.** Next Mark **motioned** to buy a weed whipper and a trailer for hauling the township lawn mower from site to site. **2nd** by Kara. **Approved Unan.** Mike will store the mower at the firehall or in their storage container on the dept. property. Marty will go and purchase the weed whipper and the trailer.

\*EGLE is working on a restoration project at the N. Canal Park concerning parking lot improvement, parking bumpers that have shifted and fencing repairs. The project will begin and be completed in the fall.

\*The Boat Launch is open for the season.

**Fire Dept. Pct#2 Toivola...**nothing new to report

### **Board Comments**

Per Mark...The outhouse project is complete at N. Canal Park and the Toivola Rec Hall project is ongoing with new door renovations.

Per Mike...Dust Control application begins on June 13, 2022. Grading needs to be done at the N. Canal Park first and on any other roads that need it before the dust control is applied and Mike will call the road commission for that. Mike also gave a Liminga Fire Dept. update. They will hold a live fire exercise this Saturday at the smoke building and there will also be a grad party at the fire hall on the same day. He also asked if they can use the township hall for training for a fire fighting class and received an affirmative. He said that he ordered protective gear for the dept. in December of 2021 and just heard that it will be delivered in three weeks. They had their Pancake Breakfast on May 23, 2022 and it was well attended with a quite a few donations! Mike also **motioned** to request that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners allocate \$100,000 of their AARPA funds to reinforce the steel beams in the Redridge Steel Dam in Stanton Township. **2nd** by Marty. **Approved Unan.** Mike will draft a letter to the HCBC requesting this action.

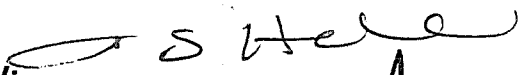
Agate Beach playground equipment has been started on and they are assembling what they can in the building and will put it all together when they can line up a crew.

Per Kara...We need to hire A+ Pest Management again to get rid of the worms, spiders, bees and other insects that are starting to encroach on the township hall (inside and outside) again. Anthony Lampinen will call them since he has to call for the Liminga Fire Dept. Pct#1 too.

**Public Comment Accepted.**

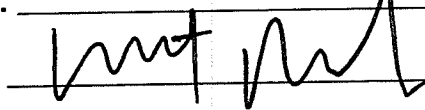
Kara motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:43PM. 2nd by Lori. Approved  
Unan.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_



Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_



Marty Rajala, Supervisor



**STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**JULY 6, 2022**  
**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: Marty, Lori, and Kara.

Kara **motioned** to approve the appointment of Election Inspectors for the August 2, 2022 State 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) (SPLIT SHIFT) (AM)  
Helen Hurn (R) (SPLIT SHIFT) (AM)  
Mike Macino (R) (SPLIT SHIFT) (AM)  
Karen Hext (R) (SPLIT SHIFT) (AM)  
Barbara Wakeham (R) (SPLIT SHIFT) (PM)  
Jean Hoskin (D) (SPLIT SHIFT) (PM)  
Christina Hatman (R) (SPLIT SHIFT) (PM)  
Kim Henshaw (R) (SPLIT SHIFT) (PM)

Precinct #2@Toivola Rec. Center:

Andy Imbrunnone (R) (CHAIRPERSON) (ALL DAY)  
Becky Hoekstra (D) (ALL DAY)  
Faye Hirvi (R) (ALL DAY)  
Diane Mattila (R) (ALL DAY)  
Tab Maki (D) (ALL DAY)  
Garry Hoekstra (D) (SPLIT SHIFT) (PM)  
John Mattila (R) (SPLIT SHIFT) (AM)

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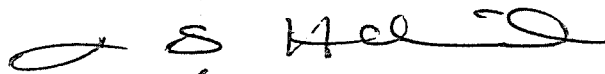
Mary Durocher (D)  
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Receiving Board:

Lori Anderson (R)  
Mary Durocher (D)

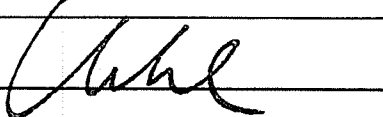
**Motion** to adjourn by Marty@5:43PM. **2nd** by Kara. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_



Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_



Lori Anderson, Treasurer

**STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**JULY 6, 2022**

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Marty Rajala called the monthly meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 6:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Trustee/Mark Haataja, Trustee/Mike Pionke, Supervisor/Marty Rajala, Treasurer/Lori Anderson and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

All present read over the meeting minutes from the June 1, 2022 monthly meeting. Lori **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes as read. **2nd** by Mark. **Approved Unan.**

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

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

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\*It was noted that dust control is complete in the township and is fully paid. Kara will refund Pete Ruohonen as his whole piece was not done. Mike will figure out what is owed to him and let Kara know what his refund check should be.

\*The Houghton County Road Commission has approved matching funds with AARPA on road work and a study will be done to prioritize which roads will be first on the list.

\*Ken Vrana is willing to become the grant writer/coordinator for the Redridge Dam Project and he wants to place a public opinion poll on the website. No to the poll on the website and yes to Ken becoming the writer/coordinator!

\*The township received a proposal from UPEA for modification of current sewer ordinance and sewer hookup rates. Mark **motioned** to table the UPEA proposal until the next meeting and to look into a grinder pump. **2nd** by Kara. **Approved Unan.** Next Marty **motioned** to follow the current sewer ordinance which states that if there are two buildings and two connections there will be two separate bills. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

\*The Agate Beach Committee installed the new sewage tank and outhouse at the park. The existing outhouse was moved to the new site. The old location has the remaining outhouse plus the new one that is ADA compliant. It was also reported that if there is trouble at the park the Sheriff will send a car to investigate and take action. The Agate Beach Committee is doing a great job!

\*The Redridge Dam Plaque has been moved to Township property and re-dedicated by ASCE just prior to Bridgefest. The new plaque is on order and will be installed. Cleanup of the old one will be completed when the new one comes in.

\*Mike **motioned** to get boulders reinstalled at the Redridge Dam to block vehicles from going behind the dam where they don't belong. **2nd** by Marty. **Approved Unan.** See attached pictures of the completed job!

\*The remaining AARPA money has been received.

\*The township FOIA policy will be upgraded at the annual budget workshops in January.

\*The July Board of Review is being held at 3:30pm on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at the township hall (Just PRE's).

\*A new Redridge sign is needed and the Houghton County Road Commission has one on order with Stanton Township responsible for sign cost only.

\*Possible access for residence on Freda ruins parcel and owner has requested sewer hookup. Tabled until further notice. We are not against it but need more info.

\*There has been a request from the Copper Country Recycling Initiative to have a program for combined tire recycling with Adams Township. We could get on board if they want to do all of the leg work as we are not against the idea.

\*This per the road committee...The Houghton County Road Commission will NOT match our roads funds with their AARPA funds.

\*Freda Sewer Update per Jim Morin...He has capped the residence that needed it and the lift station is causing the electric bill to climb.

\*In the Copper Country Fire Fighters tournament last weekend the Liminga Fire Dept. Pct#1 lost a tie breaker to the Hancock Fire Dept. for 3rd place. The Liminga Fire Dept. would like to host the tournament at the breakers in 2023. Go for it!!

\*Toivola Fire Dept. Pct#2 reports that they are looking for a truck replacement and that they received a \$5,000 grant award!

\*The Agate Beach playground equipment project is coming along nicely!

\*Lori told the board that taxes go out this Friday.

**Public Comment Accepted.**

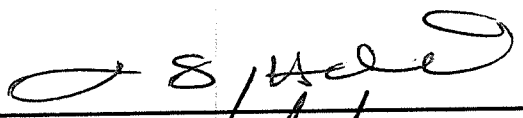
It was mentioned that the township could benefit from a social media page. It was also mentioned that the Freda Loop Trail needs to be reopened and that the DNR needs to be called and reminded of that. Marty **motioned** for the township supervisor to contact the DNR to get the Freda Loop Trail reopened. **2nd** by Mike.

**Approved Unan.**

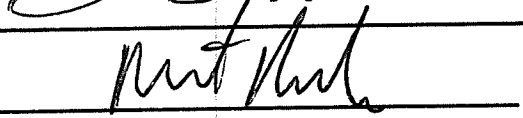
Lori **motioned** to have an Agate Beach rent collector for up to five hours a week. **2nd** by Kara. **Approved Unan.**

The board was invited to attend a fundraiser for the Guardians of the Ridge at the South Range Hall on July 31<sup>st</sup> from 2-6pm.

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

Submitted by: 

Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: 

Marty Rajala, Supervisor

**STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**AUGUST 3, 2022**

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

The monthly meeting of the Stanton Township board was called to order at 6:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Trustee/Mark Haataja, Trustee/Mike Pionke, Supervisor/Marty Rajala, Treasurer/Lori Anderson and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

Kara presented the July 6, 2022 monthly meeting minutes. Mike **motioned** to accept the meeting minutes as read. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

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

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

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**Guest comments:** Roy Britz told the board that there isn't any matching AARPA funds for the Redridge Dam from the County at this time.

**Freda Sewer:** Jim told the board that one of the pumps blades were replaced with new knives and is hoping the pump will do a better job henceforth. Jim will monitor this new pump once it is in place to see if it is doing a better job. There will be no action on the UPEA proposal until we see how the new knives work out. It was also noted that a homeowner with two connections to the sewer system will be charged accordingly. Jim also said the system is running fine & very efficiently and is in good shape and the new customer isn't using the system yet.

**N. Canal Park:** Park caretaker Don Juntunen has painted the gates to the park bright pink in hopes that it will prevent them from being hit by traffic again. Great idea Don!!

\*There was a township authorization email sent out to Traverse Engineering for applying for an EGLE permit for the Redridge Dam clean-out project.

\*Trustee Mike Pionke will continue to pursue social media for the township for better communication. Mike also asked the board if it is feasible for the Liminga Fire Dept. to host the

2023 Copper Country Fire Fighters Tournament out at the breakers (N. Canal Park). The board is ok with it and Mike will check out all aspects of having the tournament there.

\*Results from the State Primary Election yielded that the ballot referendum to create a township planning commission was not approved by voters.

\*The Board of Review held on July 19, 2022 was for errors only.

\*Board members are being encouraged to respond to Ken Vrana's survey questionnaire to help assist with updating the township recreation plan.

\*It has been suggested by a township resident to investigate putting a hydraulic generator on the Redridge Dam outlets to continuously generate power from the spilled water. Marty will contact UPPCO and Stan Vitton to discuss. On another note, does the township want to put any money towards the Redridge Dam? We will wait to see if we get any federal funds first. Marty will also check with John Paul Pietila of Traverse Engineering and Stan Vitton to see if we have received our FEMA money yet.

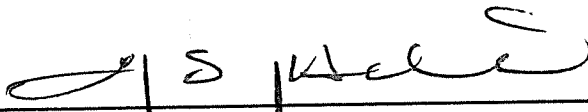
**Agate Beach Park:** The playground equipment has about 4-5 more hours until completion and they need to order sand to put beneath it when it is finished. This year's campground fee collection is nearing \$9,000! How fantastic is that??!!

\*Congratulations to Marty for his election win and remaining the supervisor for Stanton Township!

**Public Comment Accepted.**

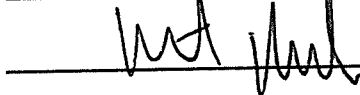
Mike motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:08PM. 2nd by Marty. Approved Unan.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_



Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_



Marty Rajala, Supervisor

## STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

### MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

#### @AGATE BEACH PAVILION

Supervisor/Marty Rajala called the monthly meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 6:00PM at the Agate Beach Pavilion with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marty Rajala, Trustee/Mike Pionke, Trustee/Mark Haataja and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

All present read over the August 3, 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes. Mark **motioned** to accept the Monthly Meeting Minutes as read. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

Lori read the Financial Statements. Marty **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 presented. **2nd** by Marty. **Approved Unan.** Next Lori **motioned** to transfer money from the Freda Sewer Receiving Acct. to the Freda Sewer O&M Acct. in the amount of \$10,000. **2nd** by Kara. **Approved Unan.** It was also noted that the bill from Dollar Bay Motorsports in the amount of \$124.75 should have come from the General Fund not the Liminga Fire Fund. Kara will make the correction.

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**Guest Comments:** Redridge Dam Grant Coordinator Ken Vrana gave the board an update on the recreation survey questionnaire he received from the board. Ken is in the process of updating our Recreation Plan and his vision for the future is to get federal funds for this project. Board input provided what they perceived as priorities and what community needs to focus on. There is great outdoor recreation opportunity due to a holding pattern in areas like Agate Beach Park & Campground, N. Canal Park, Boat Launch, Kenner Dome Ice Rink, Toivola Rec Center, Stanton Baseball Field, Heikkinen School and the Toivola Rec Center. We need to now poll the community to see what they see a need to focus on. We will do a mail survey as internet service is not good in precinct no. 2. We need to send the survey in future tax bills and Ken can get the voter rolls from the township office to do this.

**Social Media Update:** Nothing new to report.

**FEMA Update:** John Paul of Traverse Engineering has reported that he is submitting a request for reimbursement of structural repair for the Redridge Dam Project and a request for a time extension will be submitted for the FEMA projects overhead costs by November 10, 2022.

**Redridge Sign Update:** The Houghton County Road Commission has installed the sign and the township is responsible for the sign cost. It was also noted that the old culvert on the Redridge shore has been



removed. Uppco has been contacted concerning the hydraulic generator suggested for the Redridge Dam and they thought it was a great idea and are looking into it.

**Freda Sewer Update:** Still waiting on pump parts for pump rebuild for the Freda sewer system. Operator Jim Morin reported that the system is functioning right on point.

**Roads Update:** The Houghton County Road Commission has started work on the Larson/Rova Rd. project and work is ongoing as time allows for it.

**Wind Turbine Update:** Marty is working on language for a Police Ordinance on wind turbines in the township and will have a draft ready for review & possible approval at the next board meeting in October.

**Plowing Update:** Lori motioned to place a **two week** notice on the township website that the township is accepting specific bids for plowing. 2nd by Kara. Approved Unan. Mike motioned to place the plowing bid ad in the Daily Mining Gazette for **3 days**. 2nd by Mark. Approved Unan. Roll Call Vote: 5 AYES 0 NAYS.

**Liminga Fire Dept. Pct#1 Update:** The dept. received a new grant worth \$70,000. The grant portion is \$67,000 and the dept. portion is \$3,000. The dept. used the grant to purchase 15 sets of pp equipment for fire fighters as it has been 16 years since they have purchased turn out gear. Congrats on the grant and the new equipment!!

**Toivola Fire Dept. Pct#2 Update:** The dept. has received a new grant worth \$10,000! The grant portion from the Portage Health Foundation is \$5,000 and the dept. portion is a \$5,000 match. The dept. will use the grant and match for turn out equipment for the dept. Congrats on the grant and the new equipment!!

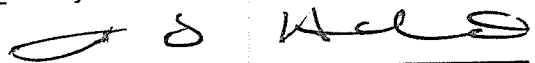
**Agate Beach Committee Update:** The committee would like to do some park repairs with the money received from camping this season. They will talk to Moyle & Superior Sand & Gravel and get quotes on gravel. The new playground equipment looks absolutely awesome!! Marty then motioned to have the committee spend what they see fit on repairs at Agate Beach Park and Campground. 2nd by Mike. Approved Unan. It was also noted that the playground equipment came in under budget and the pedestal grills have been cemented in. Nice job!! The picnic tables are supposed to come in this fall.

\*Lori said tax bills are due by next Wednesday, September 15, 2022!

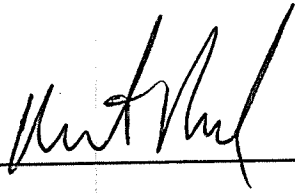
**Public Comment Accepted.**

Signs need to be ordered and posted in the Agate Beach Park stating, "Danger! Underwater Obstructions! No swimming!!" by the public boat launch and also signage by the beach that says, "No life guard on duty! Swim at your own risk!!" Or something to that effect.

Mark motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:26PM. 2nd by Lori. Approved Unan.

Submitted by:  Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marty Rajala', written over a horizontal line.

Marty Rajala, Supervisor

**STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**OCTOBER 5, 2022**  
**ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

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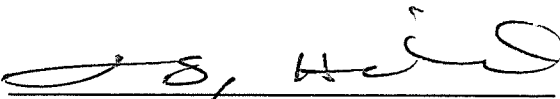
Mary Durocher (D)  
Lori Anderson (R)

Receiving Board:

Lori Anderson (R)  
Mary Durocher (D)

**Motion** to adjourn by Marty@5:40PM. **2nd** by Kara. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_



Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_



Lori Anderson, Treasurer

## **STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**OCTOBER 5, 2022**

### **MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Marty Rajala called the Monthly Meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 6:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Trustee/Mark Haataja, Trustee/Mike Pionke, Supervisor/Marty Rajala, Treasurer/Lori Anderson and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

**Meeting Minutes:** Mike motioned to accept the September 7, 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes as amended. 2nd by Mark. **Approved Unan.**

**Financial Statements:** After Lori read the financial statements, Mike motioned to transfer SIGMA money from the General Fund to the Liminga Fire Fund. 2nd by Kara. **Approved Unan.** Next Kara motioned to accept the financial statements as read. 2nd by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

**Bills:** After Kara presented bills to be paid, Lori motioned to pay Wall Street Construction \$2,000 per month until the bill is paid off, instead of in full. 2nd by Mike. **Approved Unan.** Lori motioned to approve the bills as amended. 2nd by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

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**Guest Comments:** Per Consultant Ken Vrana...The recreation plan survey Ken created needs to go out by the beginning of November as the results need to be back by the beginning of December. The board needs to review Ken's survey that they received via email. Areas in the survey that require funding need to be addressed as do issues that are of utmost importance. Lori motioned to pay Ken Vrana \$1,000 to do all that it entails to get the surveys out. 2nd by Marty. **Approved Unan.**

\*Request for reimbursement for the Dam Structural Repair Project is ongoing through JP Pietila of Traverse Engineering Svcs.

**Freda Sewer Update:** Marty told the board that the pump given to Will Dunstan for repairs is shot and that he recommends that Jim buy a new pump (spare) for back up. Lori motioned for Jim to buy a new pump for the Freda sewer system as needed. 2nd by Kara. **Approved Unan.** Jim told the board that the system is working just fine now, but last Sunday the whole system went down. He found a part and they sent it by next day air and he fixed it and the system was back in good shape. Hat's off to Jim! The new hook up is there but will not be in service until next summer.

**Roads Update:** Work is still ongoing on Larson and Rova Roads and there will be no cost to the township for ditching. The cost will come in the aggregate base if it needs to be added. We are still not sure if the County is going to allocate AARPA funds to us yet, but if they do it will be as a 50-50 match. We do need an estimate from the HCRC for aggregate.

**N. Canal Park Update:** Work is ongoing at the Park with DTMB. Signage remaining and Marty is requesting that the 22A "road" that was put there be restored back to a topsoil path.

**Wind Update:** The township is considering a Police Ordinance on commercial wind turbines in the township. The proposed ordinance must be sent to the township attorney for approval first so Marty will send it there for review as we need legal advice on it. We will consider adopting it at the November meeting pending approval. Mike motioned to send it to our township attorney for review. 2nd by Mark. **Approved Unan.**

**Plowing Bids Update:** Clerk Kara Heinonen opened all of the plowing bids that were due by 4:00PM today at the township hall and read the bids out loud. Brian Julio was the low bidder with a total bid of \$200 per time for all five locations. Lori motioned to hire Brian Julio to plow for the township for the fall/winter/spring of 2022-2023. 2nd by Marty. **Approved Unan.**

**Agate Beach Park & Campground Update:** There is another life throw ring on order, along with some more signs for the park. It was suggested by Hunter King at EGLE that a permanent boat launch is not the best idea for Agate Beach Park and that a temporary, seasonal dock might be a better option. He said there may be possible grant money in the MiWaters Program so Stanton Township Supervisor Marty Rajala is now set up in the MiGrants program for any upcoming rec grants that are out there. Mike will ride to township properties with Lori Burton (Risk Insurance Officer) to assess insurance needs. Kara will check if we have an employee handbook that Lori Burton wants to know if we have on hand.

\*There cannot be a trail system between the township boat launch property and Bayshore Rd property as proposed by a resident as it is against our Conservation Easement.

\*When is our N. Canal Park closure date? Not yet. Tabled until next meeting.

**Liminga Fire Dept. Update:** The dept. held two live burn classes at their burn building and they went very well.

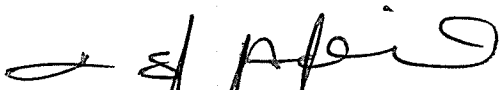
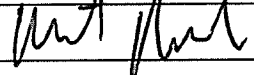
**Agate Beach Committee Update:** Nothing new to report.

It was brought to the attention of the board per Trustee Mark Haataja that the well at the Toivola Rec Center and Fire Hall is in violation as it is a pit well and needs to be fixed or replaced. Mark will contact a well driller for advice on this problem. Marty motioned to hire somebody to get the well up to health code standards, but if said person(s) fee is over \$4,000 the board will seek other bids on this project. 2nd by Mark. **Approved Unan.**

\*Kara told all present that the first round of absentee ballots went out today for the November 8, 2022 State General Election.

**Public Comment Accepted.**

Lori motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:53PM. 2nd by Kara. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by:   
Approved by: 

Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Marty Rajala, Supervisor

**STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2022**

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Marty Rajala called the Monthly Meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Stanton Township Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marty Rajala, Trustee/Mark Haataja and Clerk/Kara Heinonen. Trustee/Fire Chief/Mike Pionke was absent but arrived right before the meeting was adjourned as he was called out to a fire.

Kara presented the October 5, 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes. Lori **motioned** to accept the monthly meeting minutes as presented. **2nd** by Mark. **Approved Unan.**

Next Lori read the Financial Statements. Mark **motioned** to accept the Financial Statements as read. **2nd** by Kara. **Approved Unan.**

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

**Guest Comments:** Per Grants Consultant Ken Vrana...Ken needs board comments on what he is going to submit and will get this to board members as early as next week. The final rec plan will be submitted at the beginning of January 2023. He will get a voting list from Mary and a tax list from Lori to mail out his surveys.

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**Redridge Dam Update:** The final Redridge package was delivered to John Paul Pietila of Traverse Engineering Services for FEMA reimbursement. He is working on getting it finalized and submitted as soon as possible. In more Redridge Dam news, Ken Vrana & Stan Vitton are looking at MTU for a possible Hydro Power project in conjunction with a project at Redridge Dam but as of now, no results or funding has been approved. Mary did find out that Lyme Great Lakes owns the parcel adjacent to the actual dam and including the overflow area and across the road. An inquiry on this parcel has gotten no response so far so we will need to get more info. to progress.

**Roads Update:** The HCRC has suspended work on the Rova and Larson Roads for the winter and will resume in the spring of 2023. Review estimates from the HCRC Service Agreement needs to be amended to state that there will be placement of 10,200 tons of 23 Aggregate on Larson, Rova & N. Canal Park roads. It also needs to state that there will be placement paving on the Canal Road at multiple locations. Marty **motioned** that the board approve the service agreements from the HCRC as

**amended. 2nd by Kara. Approved Unan.** On another note, Brian is ordering new road signs to replace missing or broken signs.

**N. Canal Park Update:** Work at the park is suspended until spring of 2023 also. Signage and topsoil are the remaining items to be addressed. The park will close for the season on December 1, 2022. Marty will let caretaker Don Juntunen know and Lori will provide the locks for the gate.

**Draft Police Ordinance on Industrial Wind Turbines:** Our township attorney suggested that we NOT adopt the draft ordinance as is. The author is reviewing the ordinance for possible changes and possible second review our township attorney so no action will be taken for now.

**Agate Beach Park Update:** The throw ring and rope were delivered but will not be put out until spring. Four more signs stating, "No lifeguard on duty, swim at your own risk!" need to be ordered and posted at Agate Beach Park and at the N. Canal Park as well. The Agate Beach Park will close naturally on its own and there is no set closing date. On another note, camping rent collection has been exceptional this year and has reached \$18,000 and we can attribute that to the daily rate hike.

**Agate Beach Boat Launch Update:** There is a possibility for grant money through MiWaters or Spark Grant. John Paul of Traverse Eng. Svc. and grant consultant Ken Vrana are reviewing the requirements for the Spark Grant to update the boat launch. Marty **motioned** that we go forward with having Ken Vrana apply for the Sparks grant for the Agate Beach Boat Launch repairs. **2nd by Lori. Approved Unan.** The grant is 100% with no co-pay or match from the township. Ken will pursue this grant and John Paul will help with the submittal. Ken is now listed as a Grant Consultant in the MiGrant system for applying for MIDNR and other possible grants.

\*Mike met with the Insurance Risk Assessor for the township and he can present her suggestions the next time he is here.

\*\*Kara mentioned that she brought the laptop (E-Pollbook) for Pct#2 to Up & Running for updates & repairs. She also reminded all present that the State General Election is this Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The polls are open from 7am through 8pm so get out and vote!!

\*\*\*Marty **motioned** to approve the L-4029 presented by Lori. **2nd by Kara. Approved Unan.**

\*\*\*\*Lori **motioned** to remove all old names off current bank accounts and only have Lori Anderson, Kara Heinonen, Mary Durocher and Melissa Kangas's names on the current accounts. **2nd by Mark. Approved Unan.** Lori also mentioned that winter tax bills will go out on December 1, 2022.

**Freda Sewer Update:** Jim is working on the spare pump so it can be used for back up, otherwise there is nothing new to report.

**Liminga Fire Dept. Pct#1:** Nothing new to report.

**Toivola Fire Dept. Pct#2:** Nothing new to report.

**Agate Beach Committee Update:** Agate Beach Park needs a new dusk to dawn light. John will purchase one that is a LED. He also mentioned that he needs to clean sites with his bulldozer when he gets time and he will also research the saltwater problem with wells in that area.

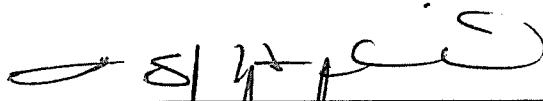
\*\*\*\*\*John and Mark are working on the problem concerning the shared well for the Toivola Rec Center and the Toivola Fire Dept. Pct#2.

**Public Comment Accepted.**

Trustee/Mike Pionke arrived at this point and told the board of his meeting with Lori Burton, the Insurance risk assessor for our township and what her suggestions were. He also told the board that he has not met with Vicki Dalsanto (the proposed township website coordinator) yet and that they will meet after the election is over.

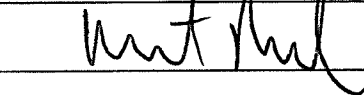
Lori motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:15PM. 2nd by Marty. Approved Unan.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_



Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_



Marty Rajala, Supervisor



**STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**DECEMBER 7, 2022**

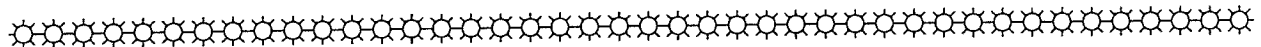
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Marty Rajala called the monthly meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 6:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Trustee/Mark Haataja, Trustee/Mike Pionke, Supervisor/Marty Rajala, Treasurer/Lori Anderson and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

Kara presented the November 2, 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes. Mike **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes as presented. **2nd** by Mark. **Approved Unan.**

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

Kara presented Bills to be paid, with two being added from the General Fund from County of Houghton (\$26.62/Treasurer Winter Tax Mailing) and from UP Sheds LLC (\$200/Moving Charge). Mike **motioned** to pay all bills as **amended.** **2nd** by Marty. **Approved Unan.**



**OLD BUSINESS**

**FEMA Update:** Per John Paul Pietila of Traverse Engineering...The FEMA reimbursement form has been sent out but he has no idea when we will receive the FEMA reimbursement money from the federal government. The permit was sent out in September of 2022 but staff shortages put everything behind. Hopefully the clean out permit will come in time to get the project started this summer.

\*Ken Vrana is still working on the survey mailing & finalizing the township rec plan. Hopefully the survey can go out by January 2023.

**Houghton County Road Commission Update:** Marty & Lori signed and submitted the service agreements to the HCRC for next year's road projects but there is not yet a date as to when these projects will begin. Also, we have received

nothing on the traffic counts as of yet from the HCRC that were done for paving justification.

\*We have received the NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY signs that we ordered for the parks and they will be put up in the spring.

\*Lori had two keys made for the lock on the gate for N. Canal Park and she will give them to Don Juntunen. The contractor for the EGLE Project installed the signs at the N. Canal Park and it officially closed for the season on December 1, 2022.

**Sparks Grant Update:** Ken Vrana has applied for a Sparks Grant for the Agate Beach Park boat launch and he needs a PR5750 Site Control form. Marty **motioned** to have Traverse Engineering Services design the project for the Agate Beach boat launch if we get the Sparks Grant. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.** Lori **motioned** with a **2nd** by Mike to support the resolution for the Sparks Grant for the Agate Beach Park Boat & Kayak Launch. **Roll Call Vote: 5 AYES 0 NAYS.** **Approved Unan. by: Haataja, Pionke, Rajala, Anderson & Heinonen.**

**Road Sign Update:** Brian Riutta will be placing an order for road signs soon so if anybody has any additions to his list, get them to him asap.

\*Per Marty...Lyme Great Lakes says they do not own the parcel of land adjacent to the dam parcel so he will be contacting Weyerhaeuser/Escanaba Paper to see if they own it.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Next the board was asked to approve a resolution for support of the project at Agate Beach SPARKS Grant proposal. Lori **motioned** with a **2nd** by Mike to support the resolution for the Sparks Grant for the Agate Beach Park Boat & Kayak Launch. **Roll Call Vote: 5 AYES 0 NAYS.** **Approved Unan. by: Haataja, Pionke, Rajala, Anderson & Heinonen.**

**Freda Mill Site Easement Update:** There is a question of easement from the Freda Mill Site for easement to the Stanton Township parcel. Historically there has always been access to this site. We need to find written legal easement papers for this. A certain landowner's lawyers are working on this. Shall the township board bring the circumstances to our lawyer to see what their take is on this matter? Mike **motioned** to consult the township lawyer to explain the

situation and see if he thinks we have prescriptive (implied) easement to our township property. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.** Marty will consult the lawyer.

**Dam Safety:** There was a Redridge Dam project meeting on Nov. 9, 2022 with USFWS. Dam safety funding has become available. A pre-proposal for dam risk reduction grant program was drafted and submitted to the Dam Safety Section of EGLE on Monday, December 5, 2022. The final selection of funding pre-proposals deadline is December 19, 2022. Ken Vrana & Stan Vitton are our acting partners in this process and they would possibly work on drafting scope and preliminary plans if the dam safety funding is approved. In the future, we will need a resolution of support and board approval of funding share of 10% but only if the project is selected.

**BOR Update:** Upcoming BOR Meeting is on December 13, 2022@3:00PM.

**Monthly Board Meeting Schedule for 2023:** The monthly board meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00PM.

**Budget Workshop Meetings for 2023:** The budget workshops will be held on January 5<sup>th</sup> and January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM at the Stanton Township offices.

**Annual Budget Hearing:** The annual budget hearing will be held on February 1, 2022@5:30PM with the regular township board meeting to start upon conclusion of the budget hearing.

\*Kara mentioned that she had received a FOIA from Teresa Kariniemi but had filed for an extension pending the results of the County Board of Commissioner's meeting on the same subject.

\*Taxes went out in the mail per Lori.

**Road Committee Meeting:** The next road committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023@6:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall.

**Liminga Fire Dept. Pct#1 Update:** Per Fire Chief Mike Pionke...The dept. purchased two new American flags. He also mentioned that so far this year they had 73 Medical Service Runs, 16 non-EMS calls (Fires, etc.) for a total of 89 calls this year. They also had one member pass away.

\*Mike told the board that he had signed up for Par Plan Risk Management Services and had a sample handbook printed for the township. He also met with Vicki Dal Santo concerning township website updating and social media.

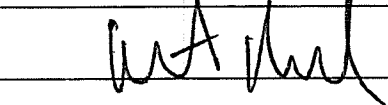
The board read Vicki's proposal for social media. It included Vicki handling the twitter feed & website. All agreed with the proposal.

**Freda Sewer Update:** Per operator Jim Morin...he ordered new screens, along with a new pump for a spare.

**Public Comment Accepted.**

Marty **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:40PM. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved**  
**Unan.**

Submitted by:  Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by:  Marty Rajala, Supervisor

**STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**JANUARY 4, 2023**

**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

**@STANTON TOWNSHIP HALL**

Supervisor/Marty Rajala called the monthly meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 6:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marty Rajala, Trustee/Mike Pionke, Trustee/Mark Haataja and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

All present read over the December 7, 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes. Mike **motioned** to accept the monthly meeting minutes as read. **2nd** by Marty. **Approved Unan.**

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

Kara presented Bills to be paid, with several bills being added from the General Fund. Marty **motioned** to pay all bills as **amended**. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

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**OLD BUSINESS**

No permit yet from EGLE per John Paul. No FEMA funds yet either. Ken Vrana is still working on the mail survey for the rec plan and is awaiting board members feedback so he can get them in the mail. The SPARKS Grant application was submitted in the amount of \$203,000 for the Agate Beach Boat/Kayak launch but no word if we are selected yet. There has been no contact yet with Weyerhaeuser on the adjacent Redridge Dam property parcel. Boulders need to be moved to the gate of N. Canal Park in the springtime and Don Juntunen will assist with the five stone boulders supplied by a contractor that Marty will get to haul the boulders out there. The township attorney has a conflict of interest and cannot

represent the township with the access that is being blocked to township property. Marty has contacted a few other attorneys but hasn't gotten any results yet. The Michigan Dam Safety office has accepted our preliminary grant application for the Redridge Timber Crib Dam Rehabilitation and invited Stanton Township to submit a full application which is due by January 31, 2023. Stan Vitton may possibly help us with the application. Marty **motioned** to approve the township board resolution authorizing the 10% (\$80,000) cost sharing needed to rehabilitate the dam to modify/rehabilitate the timber crib dam which is the actual regulated structure. **2nd** by Mark. **Approved Unan.** The items from the December 13, 2022 BOR Meeting have been resolved. The FOIA request Kara received for an election recount has been dismissed. Marty spoke with Joe Foster who heads the MTU survey program and he is working with students on possibly developing a mapping system for the township assessing department to use. No action on the Stanton Township social media account by Vicky Delsanto so far.

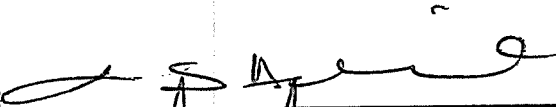
### **NEW BUSINESS**

Marty **motioned** to hire Milun Ek as the Kenner Dome Rink Attendant to help Don Juntunen for the winter months. The hourly wage will be \$15/Hour with a \$900 cap for the remaining season. **2nd** by Kara. **Approved Unan.** The board is taking suggestions for more SPARKS grant projects that have to do with outdoor recreation as there is still substantial funding available. It was suggested that Mike look into camping at the N. Canal Park. He will talk to Ken Vrana about it. We will table this until next month and come back with ideas. The walking trail suggestion has been vetoed. We will be seeing a Poverty Guideline Resolution at next months board meeting. FEMA money SHOULD be coming in 2023. The road committee set the date of February 15, 2023 at 6:00PM for their next meeting and Kara will post it on the website.

**Freda Sewer Update:** Per Operator Jim Morin...The system is working very well! The screen/basket was put in in November to filter debris. Jim got his old pump back but he needs another for back up. He will get some prices before he decides which one to purchase.

**Public Comment Accepted.**

Marty motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:23PM. 2nd by Kara. Approved  
Unan.

Submitted by:  Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by:  Marty Rajala, Supervisor

**STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**JANUARY 5, 2023**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Marty Rajala called the Budget Workshop Meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 5:30PM at the Stanton Township Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Trustee/Mike Pionke, Supervisor/Marty Rajala, Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Trustee/Mark Haataja and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

First up was the Road Fund Budget and after discussion and consideration the budget was completed and ready for the Budget Hearing.

The second budget the board worked on was the Sewer Fund Budget. After discussion the budget was completed and ready for the Budget Hearing.

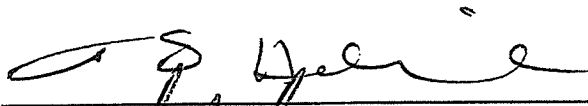
The next budget was the Liminga Fire Fund Pct#1 Budget and the board to went over each line item with board member and Fire Chief, Mike Pionke. Mike told the board he would take the proposed budget home to look over and would present a final draft budget at the next budget workshop meeting on January 18, 2023.

The Toivola Fire Fund Pct#2 Budget was next and the budget was discussed and completed for the Budget Hearing.

Last of all was the General Fund Budget. The board completed the income side of the budget but left the expense side of the budget for the next budget workshop.

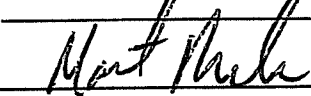
Mark **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:51PM. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_



Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_



Marty Rajala, Supervisor



**STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**JANUARY 18, 2023**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Marty Rajala called the Budget Workshop Meeting to order at 5:34PM at the Stanton Township Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Trustee/Mike Pionke, Supervisor/Marty Rajala, Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Trustee/Mark Haataja and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

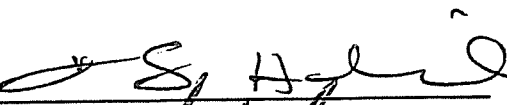
Trustee Mike Pionke turned his draft budget over for approval. The board approved it and Kara made the required changes in the computer and the budget was finalized and ready to be approved at the Budget Hearing.

The board began discussion of the expense side of the General Fund Budget as the income side was completed at the budget workshop on January 5, 2023. The board went over expenses line by line and came away with a satisfactory budget. Some notable changes are as follows:

Mark **motioned** to **adopt** the Resolution of Authorization – Local Unit of Government Match that Marty presented to the board. **2nd** by Marty. **Approved** on a **Roll Call Vote: 4 AYES (HAATAJA, RAJALA, PIONKE, HEINONEN) 1 NAY (ANDERSON)**. Kara **motioned** to give all employees and board members (with the exception of Assistant Assessor and Deputy Clerk Mary Derocher, as she gets a raise of \$22/Hour for both of her positions) the same cost-of-living raise of 8.7% given to social security recipients for 2023. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.** by a **Roll Call Vote: 5 AYES 0 NAYS**. All salary changes are effective immediately and retroactive to January 1, 2023. Township Election workers were raised to \$20/Hour with the Election Chairpersons raised to \$22/Hour.

The budget is now ready to be approved at the Budget Hearing.

Mark **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:35PM. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by:  Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by:  Marty Rajala, Supervisor

## **STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

### **MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Trustee Mark Haataja called the Monthly Meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 5:58PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Trustee/Mark Haataja, Trustee/Mike Pionke, Treasurer/Lori Anderson and Clerk/Kara Heinonen. Supervisor/Marty Rajala was not in attendance.

#### **Meeting Minutes**

Lori **motioned** to accept the January 4, 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes as **amended**. **2nd** by Mark. **Approved Unan.** Lori **motioned** to accept the January 5, 2023 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes as read. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.** Mike **motioned** to accept the January 18, 2023 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes as read. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

#### **Financial Statements**

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

#### **Bills**

Kara presented bills to be paid. Lori **motioned** to approve all bills. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

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\*Mark **motioned** to **adopt** the 2023 Stanton Township Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test. **2nd** by Kara. **Approved** on a **Roll Call Vote: 4 AYES 0 NAYS.**

We have received the permit from EGLE for the final FEMA funded Redridge Dam cleanout. Traverse Engineering has started working on project plans and specs and they will hopefully be completed this year. Stan Vitton will submit the Time Extension to Tiffany Vetter for this project.

There has been no deposit of FEMA funds owed to Stanton Township yet but the reimbursement forms have been submitted.

Ken Vrana is still working on survey mailing for the township rec plan. There is no word yet on the previously submitted SPARKS Grant for the Agate Beach boat & kayak launch.

Assistant Assessor Mary Durocher told the board that there has been no taxes paid on the parcel of land adjacent to the Redridge Dam parcel owned by the township. She suggested that the township do a title search. Lori **motioned** for Supervisor Marty Rajala to do the title search on the property through the Houghton County Register of Deeds. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

Milun Ek has filled out the proper paperwork for his new job at the Kenner Dome.

Marty spoke with attorney Phil Toutant regarding the blocked easement to township property and the attorney is in agreement with the township that the existing easement is prescriptive and will finish reviewing the information as sent. He will also send a cease and desist letter with removal of blockages to the owner as soon as all information is reviewed.

Stan has submitted a Full Grant Application to EGLE and the Michigan Dam Safety Office for review and approval. There is no actual design or cost breakdown as of yet. We will discuss having Stan and company work on a design for Stanton Township and the preliminary estimate is \$2,900,000. Ten percent sharing of this was approved by updated resolution at the public budget workshop meeting held at the township on January 18, 2023.

The Houghton County Road Commission will plow the banks back at the Redridge shoulder/parking lot for parking for recreational users.

No action yet on the proposed township social media account by Vicki Delsanto.

Marty held a discussion with KEDA Director Jeff Ratcliffe regarding submission of an RFP for operation of the N. Canal Park, but the board will wait until results of the public survey are in before going down this avenue.

Lori mentioned that property taxes are due this month.

A Road Committee Meeting will be held on February 15, 2023@6:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall.

The Toivola Fire Dept. Pct#2 is looking to replace some air tanks, radios and turn-out gear with extended grant money, but said money will not arrive until March of this year.

Jim found a pump for the Freda Sewer from Milan Supply Company and it is on order. The pump will take a few months to come in. Word has it that the Painesdale prison has sold so Jim will check out some pumps over there also.

Lori will talk to a realtor about putting the Redridge Dam for sale.

**Public Comment Accepted.**

It was mentioned that Ken Vrana should try to get the survey posted on the township website. It was also mentioned that we should have new media coordinator Vicky Delsanto put the Cemetery Ordinance on the township website. Toivola Cemetery Sexton John Mattila mentioned that the township should look into purchasing more land to expand the cemetery as they are running out of room on the current parcel. Lori **motioned** that the township pursue the purchase of additional land for the Toivola Cemetery. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

Mary told the board that the 2023 March Board of Review Meeting dates are as follows:

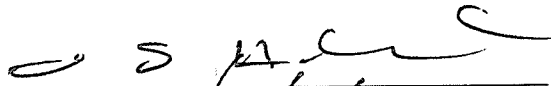
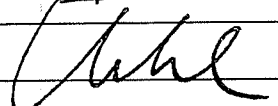
Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 3:00PM Organizational Meeting (no petitions will be heard at this meeting)

Monday, March 13, 2023 from 3:00PM – 9:00PM

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 from 9:00AM – 3:00PM

Kara told the board that there will be an election held on May 2, 2023 for the Road Millage.

Mike **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 6:31PM. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by:  Kara Heinonen, Clerk  
Approved by:  Mark Haataja, Trustee

## **STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**MARCH 1, 2023**

### **MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Marty Rajala called the Monthly Meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 6:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Supervisor/Marty Rajala, Trustee/Mark Haataja, Trustee/Mike Pionke, Treasurer/Lori Anderson and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

#### **Meeting Minutes**

Lori **motioned** to accept the February 1, 2023 Budget Meeting Minutes as read. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.** Lori **motioned** to accept the February 1, 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes as read. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

#### **Financial Statements**

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

#### **Bills**

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

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Traverse Engineering is still working on the project plans and specs for the final Redridge Dam project. Hopefully they can be completed by the May/June letting. The project is slated to start in late July or early August of this year.

There has been no deposit yet of FEMA funds owed to Stanton Township yet and there has been no response from FEMA fund liaison Tiffany Vetter yet either.

Ken Vrana told the board that the first installment of surveys have been sent out. The questionnaires are confidential (only Ken will view them) as no names are listed on them, just numbers. The board will not see the surveys. We need a 35% response generated to generalize the survey, and Ken will send out reminders to the non-responders to get them filled out and sent in. If we get a 40 – 50% response, we can confidently say the township has spoken. A notice to remind people to respond to the surveys will be posted on the township website. If anyone hears feedback on the surveys, Ken would like to know what that feedback is.

The Agate Beach boat launch Sparks Grant application did not make the cut in the first round of projects. Our application will be re-submitted with changes in round two of the grant submission. The DNR should get back to the township with their recommendations before we re-submit the application so we will do nothing until we hear from them.

No news from attorney Phil Toutant regarding the blocked easement township property. Marty will follow up with him asap.

The Full Grant Application was submitted to EGLE and the Michigan Dam Safety Office for review and approval on January 31, 2023. The selection for this grant will be in March sometime. Ken Vrana will set up a Go Fund Me Site to help the township pay our share if we end up getting the grant. The township is also hoping for 10% from the Fish & Wildlife Service.

We are looking for a new website coordinator if anybody knows of anyone who is interested. We will table this until the next meeting to see if anyone comes up with a candidate.

The new pump for the Freda Sewer was delivered to the Liminga Fire Hall for Jim to pick up.

Nothing new to report from the Toivola Fire Dept. Pct#2.

John Mattila is submitting a grant application for 20K to remove and replace the concrete floor at the Toivola Rec Center ice rink. The total cost of the project is estimated at 55K. The Toivola Rec Fund will fund 10K of the project and John is asking the township to contribute 25K. A decision on whether the township will go forward with the grant if awarded was tabled until the April board meeting. Mark will talk to Adams Township to see if they want to contribute money as their residents use the rink more frequently than the Stanton Township residents. Bohemia Township will decide at their board meeting if they are going to contribute also.

According to Fire Chief Mike Pionke, the Liminga Fire Dept. Pct#1 installed new fire alarms in the township hall that will alert the department if the hall is on fire. Mike has an app downloaded to his cell phone that will send him an alert for carbon monoxide, smoke or fire at the hall. They have installed around 58 of these in resident's homes already and there are more available at the hall. These same alarms for the hearing impaired will be available at the Fire Hall in May.

Lori closed out taxes today so now all taxes must be paid at the Houghton County Treasurer's office.

The public Road Committee meetings were held on February 15th & 22nd respectively. The committee agreed to finish multiple projects with the HCRC & AARPA funds. There is no agreement yet on paving the Agate Beach Road as the HCRC has soil borings to complete and has not narrowed down the actual costs for this project. The paver that the HCRC bought is only for short sections, not whole roads. Mike **motioned** to continue the 50/50 cost sharing with township residents that want to pay for dust control on their roads. **2nd** by Marty. **Approved Unan.** Marty will send Mike a list of roads to go over before the April board meeting. It was noted that the width is variable on a road for dust control but there must be a minimum length. If residents go through the township for dust control, they will get the minimum rate. If they go through the county they will pay the government rate. So far there are no new road projects slated for this year. When we receive the borings and core samples from the HCRC from the Agate Beach Road, the board will decide if they want to take on the paving project. The estimate should be back by June or July and the Road Committee will meet again when they receive it. So far there's no word from the HCRC on the Agate Beach Road counter.

Lori and Kara met with the new owner of Municipal Retirement Systems via a telephone conference to discuss the township's current pension plan and what changes need to be implemented.

The Freda Sewer is working good according to Sanitation Engineer Jim Morin. The spring-like weather we had been having increased the gallons by 28,000, but the sewer handled it just fine.

The Board of Review meetings are next week. The Organizational Meeting may have to be moved to 5:30PM per Mary.

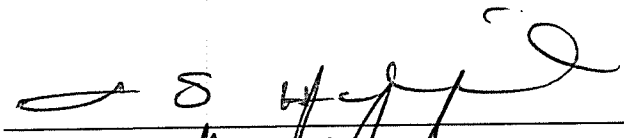
The old (obsolete) electric meter at the Limina Fire Hall needs to be removed.

#### **Public Comment Accepted.**

It was mentioned that Graverat Crossing Road bridge is unsafe. What can the township do about it? The Stanton Township First Responder's or the Liminga Fire Dept. will not use the bridge if it is unsafe. The township cannot fix it as it is a private road. The fire dept. would try to get personnel and a small engine across it if there were an emergency or a fire on the other side of the bridge. The bridge can handle passenger vehicles but heavy vehicles might be its demise. The board will take no action on this subject.

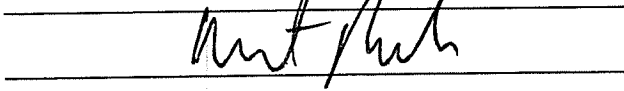
Lori **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:10PM. **2nd** by Marty. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by:

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Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Marty Rajala', written over a horizontal line.

Marty Rajala, Supervisor

**STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**April 5, 2023**  
**ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

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

Marty **motioned** to approve the appointment of Election Inspectors for the May 2, 2023 Consolidated 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) (SPLIT SHIFT) (AM)  
Helen Hurn (R) (SPLIT SHIFT) (AM)  
Mike Macino (R) (SPLIT SHIFT) (AM)  
Karen Hext (R) (SPLIT SHIFT) (AM)  
Barbara Wakeham (R) (SPLIT SHIFT) (PM)  
Jean Hoskin (D) (SPLIT SHIFT) (PM)  
Christina Hatman (R) (SPLIT SHIFT) (PM)  
Kim Henshaw (R) (SPLIT SHIFT) (PM)

Precinct #2@Toivola Rec. Center:

Andy Imbrunnone (R) (CHAIRPERSON) (ALL DAY)  
Becky Hoekstra (D) (ALL DAY)  
Faye Hirvi (R) (SPLIT SHIFT) (AM)  
Diane Mattila (R) (ALL DAY)  
Tab Maki (D) (ALL DAY)  
Garry Hoekstra (D) (SPLIT SHIFT) (PM)  
John Mattila (R) (ALL DAY)

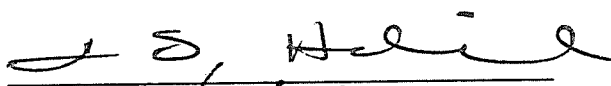
Alternates:

Mary Durocher (D)  
Lori Anderson (R)


Receiving Board:

Lori Anderson (R)  
Mary Durocher (D)

**Motion** to adjourn by Kara@5:40PM. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: 

Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: 

Lori Anderson, Treasurer



## STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

APRIL 5, 2023

### MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Marty Rajala called the monthly meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 6:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Trustee/Mike Pionke, Supervisor/Marty Rajala, Treasurer/Lori Anderson and Clerk/Kara Heinonen. Trustee/Mark Haataja was not in attendance.

All present read over the Monthly Meeting Minutes from April 5, 2023. Lori **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes as read. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

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

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

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\*The final Redridge Dam Project will have a May letting and July/August start.

\*TES is on track for an April letting for the final Redridge Dam project.

\*No deposit to the township for FEMA funds yet.

\*Per Ken Vrana...we have a 40% return rate on the rec surveys so far so results ARE coming in.

\*An attorney fee agreement with Phil Toutant was signed and submitted regarding the easement to township property.

\*Marty asked the board where the township ordinances are located at the hall and if they are on a list. Mike has a list of them.

\*The full Dam grant application was submitted but no word on selection yet. Marty met with Stan, Ken and Senator Ed McBroom on March 14 regarding funding and getting an earmark in the legislation for the Redridge Dam. Legislation is currently at a standstill and hasn't been reintroduced but Senator

McBroom supports the project and will do whatever he can in the future with regard to the Redridge Dam Project.

\*No suggestions on a Media Coordinator for the township yet but Lori has a lead on somebody and will pursue it.

\*Marty had a discussion with Jeff Ratcliffe of KEDA regarding submission of an RFP for private operation of N. Canal Park but the board will wait until the survey results are in before heading down that road.

\*John Mattila did not submit an app to the PHF for the Toivola Rec Center floor project as there was no funding commitment from the township. The township is waiting to hear if Bohemia township is going to donate some money before they commit to this project.

\*Does anybody have any suggestions for township signage? A Redridge Dam parking site sign and a Private Property sign placed at the property boundary were suggested. Marty will order the signs and when they come in he will ask Brian to install them. Also, does Redridge Dam have any posted rules on site? A "Park Here" sign will be ordered and installed at the Redridge Dam parking lot.

\*At the BOR meetings in March there were multiple issues that were resolved and some tax correction items will go forward to the July 2023 BOR meeting for implementation.

\*Mary and Marty both ordered new township computers from Up & Running for their respective departments but they are not in yet. The computers will come with virus protection installed on them.

\*The car pool lot across from the township hall parking lot is owned by the County but they are not going to plow it anymore. Marty is meeting with the HCRC soon and the township will look into buying this lot and cost sharing the expense with the schools that use it.

\*Marty mentioned that Mark wants to talk about getting an electronic message board for the township, but as he is not present today, this will be tabled until the next board meeting in May.

\*Agate Beach Park Caretaker Lenny Luoma is having surgery and is resigning from his duties at the park. He suggested hiring the Naasko boys to take over his duties at the park and his Toivola Cemetery lawnmowing. Lori **motioned** to hire the Naasko boys as the Agate Beach Park caretakers and for lawnmowing at the Toivola Cemetery. **2nd** by Marty. **Approve Unan.**

\*N. Canal Park will be opened up whenever it is all dried up and more gravel will be added to the road.

\*Mike is reviewing the minutes from the Road Committee Meetings in February of 2023. When he is finished, he will give them to Kara. The committee agreed to finish multiple projects with the HCRC & AARPA funds. Dust control will happen again this spring/summer with minor modifications and shared costs will be offered again. It is suggested that owners view the township website after it is updated for cost estimates. The website will be updated when we receive the update from the HCRC. Also, there is no agreement yet on paving the Agate Beach road as the HCRC has soil borings to complete and has not narrowed down the actual costs for this project. Marty will meet with the HCRC engineer to decide which areas need patch paving and aggregate replacement.

\*Per Liminga Fire Dept. Pct#1 Chief Mike Pionke...The 2023 Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 7am – 12pm. The annual Copper Country Fire Fighters Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2023. The Liminga Fire Dept. Pct#1 will be hosting the tournament at the N. Canal Park breakers and they will be setting up for it on Friday, June 23rd. The fireman requested to have temporary camping at the park for that weekend as departments come from near and far. Mike will check with the health dept. if he needs to pull a temporary permit for camping for that particular weekend.

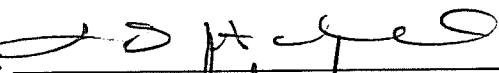
\*Per Toivola Fire Dept. Pct#2 Chief Gary Hoekstra...The dept. will be hosting their annual Roadside Clean Up/Hotdog lunch/brunch as soon as the snow melts. The annual Johannus celebration at Agate Beach Park is the same day as the firemen's tournament here at N. Canal Park.

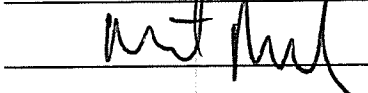
\*Freda sewer has nothing new to report.

### **Public Comment Accepted.**

It was reported that some registered voters in Stanton Township did not receive a survey in the mail. It was mentioned that the meeting minutes have disappeared from the website so Kara will address this issue. Amended paper rule and regulation signs are needed at the Agate Beach Park on the bulletin board at the pavilion.

\*Lori **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 6:49pm. **2nd** by Kara. **Approve Unan.**

Submitted by:  Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by:  Marty Rajala, Supervisor

**STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**MAY 2, 2023**

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Marty Rajala called the monthly meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 6:00PM at the Toivola Recreation Center with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Trustee/Mike Pionke, Trustee/Mark Haataja, Supervisor/Marty Rajala, Treasurer/Lori Anderson and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

All present read over the Monthly Meeting Minutes from April 5, 2023. Lori **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes as read. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

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

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

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\*Mike gave Lori a check (Federal Grant Money) to deposit in the Liminga Fire Fund.

\*The survey results are in from Ken Vrana. The board members all got a copy of the preliminary results and if they have questions or comments they can send them to Ken. There was a 42% return rate on the surveys and that means we can be confident in the survey results. The final results will be posted on the Stanton Township website. Ken told the board that there were a lot of negative comments on the North Canal Park, specifically the beach, which included safety issues like burning pallets and drug paraphernalia. The DNR does own the stamp sands that make up the Canal Park beach. The board will first review the survey results before considering privatizing the N. Canal Park. Ken said there are two more grant proposals for the North Canal Park and would we like him to pursue those? The board agreed not to pursue them yet. Ken also told the board that the DNR has commented on the Agate Beach Park boat launch grant application and the grant application will be resubmitted according to those comments.

\*TES is on track for June letting for the final Dam project and the project will start in July or August.

\*There is still no deposit of FEMA funds due to Stanton Township and we are not sure what the hold up is.

\*Township attorney Phil Toutant sent a letter to the owner regarding the blocked easement to township property.

\*There is no word yet on selection for the Redridge Dam grant application that was submitted on January 31, 2023 but Stan met with the US Fish & Wildlife Service on site and was verbally informed that there could be more financial participation on the project but there has been no commitment as of yet.

\*The search for a social media coordinator has met with success as Lori found a person who wants the job. Kara **motioned** to hire Kiira Niska at the rate of \$15 per hour as the township's Social Media Coordinator. **2nd** by Marty. **Approved** **Unan.** We have previous guidelines for her to follow and we must get them to her.

\*The Toivola Recreation Center floor project is currently on hold and we may submit a future PHF grant application when the chance comes up again.

\*There is a need for multiple signs to be installed throughout the township. John Mattila will install the signs needed for Agate Beach Park and various roads on the south end and Brian will install the signs for N. Canal Park and the various road signs needed on the north end. Marty and Mark will install the signs for the Redridge site and maybe Stan will help with establishing the township property line there.

\*The Houghton County and Stanton Township millages both passed at the May 2, 2023 election.

\*Next the board discussed purchasing of the car pool lot across from the township hall and the Liminga fire hall. Mike **motioned** to buy the lot if the Houghton County Road Commission accepts our offer to purchase it. **2nd** by Lori. The board **Approved** the motion **Unanimously** on a **Roll Call Vote of 5 AYES 0 NAYS.**

\*The Road Committee is working on areas of HMA paving for the HCRC, as well as approximate aggregate surface area breakdown. Mike gave Kara a copy of the road committee meeting minutes from the last two meetings as requested. The Dust Control program submittals have to be finalized by May 19, 2023 as we need to submit the areas needed to the HCRC by May 24, 2023. We also have to have our service agreement with them signed by the same date. There is no future date yet as to when the Agate Beach road boring will be done.

\*Liminga Fire Dept. Pct#1 update per Fire Chief Mike Pionke...He received a letter from SNB regarding their firehall loan which is due in full on June 8, 2023 in the amount of \$89,359.31. The fire department members will have to vote on whether to pay it in full or apply for an extension. Mike will let us know what the outcome of the vote is. He will work with the Thrun Law Firm PC to get the proper documentation (5 years@5% Fixed Rate) should they vote to extend. Mike also asked the board if the firemen can camp at N. Canal Park just during the Annual Copper Country Fire Fighters Tournament that is being held at the breakers on Saturday, June 24, 2023. The board gave their approval as long as they get the permits they need to do this. He also reminded those present at the meeting that the Liminga Fire Dept. Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on May 13, 2023 from 7am to Noon and that long time member and former Chief of the fire dept, Ozzie Koski, passed away.

\*Kara mentioned that the May 2, 2023 State Consolidated Election went really well!

\*Toivola Fire Dept. Pct#2 Chief Gary Hoekstra told the board that the dept. received the DNR Grant that they applied for and he reminded all present that the dept. is holding their Annual Roadside Clean Up/Hot Dog Lunch-Brunch will be held on May 20, 2023 and all are welcome!

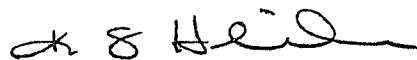
\*A report from sewer Operator Jim Morin was read by Marty and it said that the 2<sup>nd</sup> spring melt had high flow rates and the system is running 5x as hard as it should be with the rainy, wet spring we are having.

### **Public Comment Accepted.**

The well pump was replaced at the Liminga fire hall. Paperwork was given to the board concerning roads. Water samples were submitted from Agate Beach Park and when they come back the park will officially open. It was mentioned that the Agate Beach Park Ordinance should be updated. The "Swim at Your Own Risk" and "No Lifeguard on Duty" signs have been posted at Agate Beach. We need to find another local township park/campground and compare how they run it to how we run ours.

Lori **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 6:59PM. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_



Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_



Lori Anderson, Treasurer

**STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**JUNE 7, 2023**

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Marty Rajala called the monthly meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 6:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Trustee/Mark Haataja, Trustee/Mike Pionke, Supervisor/Marty Rajala, Treasurer/Lori Anderson and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

All present read over the May 7, 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes held at the Toivola Rec Center. Lori **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes as read. **2nd** by Mark. **Approved Unan.**

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

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

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\*Receipts for Festival Foods store charges must have a printed name and signature of the person charging on the receipt and it must be noted on the receipt what entity the charges are for. The charge receipts must be submitted to the clerk by the last day of the month by whoever charged items or fuel at the store.

\*Ken Vrana will publish the results and analysis of the township recreation survey on the DNR website once all results are in. This should be done by the end of July. The board will be asked to complete another survey from Ken also. The board approval of the final draft of the township rec plan, and the public hearing for that plan, is projected for early October 2023. As soon as the board accepts the final draft, that and the township rec survey will be placed on the township website without comments.

\*The Spark Grant is being revamped for the 2nd round of awards for the Agate Beach Boat Launch project and if it doesn't make the cut in the 2nd round, we will resubmit for the 3rd round!

\*There has still been no deposit of FEMA funds to the township and no response from the township's contacts either.

\*The township attorney is still reviewing the easement question on the Freda parcel. He should have a suggested course of action soon. The township rec survey showed that the easement access to this parcel is desired.

\*The Redridge Dam Grant application was not selected for this round of funding. The application will be resubmitted for the next round. The township is also working with the USFWS/GLFC on getting a feasibility study completed at the Redridge Dam. The study would present options for correcting the Dam issue to benefit both the township and to provide a lamprey barrier. This would be 100% funded by the USFWS/GLFC. We are not sure if this grant can be used for matching 90/10 participation by the MDSO but Stant will check into it.

\*Mike **motioned** to get the property lease agreement renewed at the cost of \$7,500 for 25 years with the USACE/USCG. The property is adjacent to the steel sheeting at N. Canal Park. **2nd** by Marty. **Approved Unan.**

\*The board next discussed privatizing the township parks for better management and overnight camping. It was agreed that the Agate Beach Park Committee be allowed to keep operating the Agate Beach Campground for the time being. KEDA would be able to give the township a proposal on how to proceed with this as we need guidance on how to improve operations at the N. Canal Park. The **motion** was made by Marty to get in contact with KEDA to develop an RFP (private operation request only) at N. Canal Park. **2nd** by Mark. **Approved Unan.**

\*It was also asked if new Agate Beach Park Caretaker John Mattila is happy in his new position? Lori will check with him.

\*Does the board want to update the current park ordinance? Yes, it was agreed that we want to update the ordinance. Marty **motioned** to update the current park ordinance, post park rule board and add 6 new fire rings designated for beach fires at the N. Canal Park. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.** It was suggested that the fire rings be made out of rock and be 8' in diameter and we will hire someone to make these.



\*The HCRC approved the sale of the HCRC owned car pool lot to Stanton Township. The Houghton County attorney is researching the transfer of ownership right now. The township will add this property to the plowing properties for next winter.

\*Signage has been installed in multiple locations throughout the township. Mary is printing a property description and sketch of the township parcel in Redridge to forward to TES for stakeout of the property lines and corners. Property lines need to be verified before sign placement by Marty and Mark. The signs were requested by the adjacent property owner and John Paul of TES needs a cost to find that line. He will give us a cost estimate when he figures it out.

\*The well work at the Toivola Rec Hall is in progress.

\*Kiira Niska is the new social media and website coordinator and is here at the meeting this evening and she will sign a position agreement. A big welcome to Kiira!

\*The township needs to amend the current Cemetery Ordinance and Kara will check with MTA on how to go about it legally.

\*The Road Committee submitted segments to the HCRC for Dust Control (per Mike) and the Township's share is \$63,573 and the County share is \$63,579. The location flags are at the township hall and some will be sent to Toivola also. Dust control start date is slated for June 12th and Mike did sign the service agreement with the HCRC. No date set yet for the Agate Beach Road boring to develop cost estimate on Agate Beach Road.

\*Next Mike gave the board a Liminga Fire Dept. update. Mike elected to retire from being Stanton Township Volunteer Fire Dept. Chief and Anthony Lampinen was elected to be the new Fire Chief. Tom Durocher was elected be the 1st Chief. Jay Makela was elected to be the 2nd Chief. Todd Markham was elected to be the Training Officer and Randy Arens was elected to be the Captain of Equipment. The pancake breakfast went well! The department is losing long time member Jon Stone. He is stepping down as he is moving. The board wants to thank Mike for all of his years of service as Fire Chief. He went above and beyond what was expected of him!! Mike also told the board that the Liminga Fire Dept. Pct#1 wants to refinance their current building loan. To do this the dept. needs to 1.) adopt a resolution 2.) Addendum signed by either the Township Supervisor, Clerk or Treasurer 3.)

Certificate of Execution signed by the same township official who signed the addendum and then said document must be notarized by a notary republic  
4.) Qualified Exempt Tax Designation Certificate signed by Township official.

Lori motioned, 2nd by Marty to adopt and sign the resolution. Approved on a Roll Call Vote: 5 AYES 0 NAYS.

\*It was suggested that the shed be moved from the Liminga Cemetery to the Township Hall/Limina Fire Hall to store the township mower in. It will be checked out to see if it is something the township wants to move or get rid of.

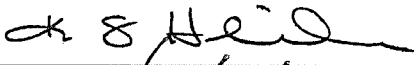
\*Toivola Fire Dept. Pct#2 has nothing new to report.


\*Freda Sewer report by Operator Jim Morin...the system is working better than the system was designed to do! Thanks again to Jim for all of his hard work running the Freda sewer system!!

\*Public Comment Accepted.

There was a discussion of who owns the stamp sands and what their role is in enforcing park rules regarding beach fires. We first want to get our rule board and ordinance updated so need for enforcement is clear.

Marty motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40PM. 2nd by Lori. Approved Unan.

Submitted by:  Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by:  Lori Anderson, Treasurer