

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

JULY 5, 2023

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Marty Rajala called the meeting of the Stanton Township Board 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 June 7, 2023. Lori **motioned** to accept the meeting minutes as presented. **2nd** by Mark. **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. Mike **motioned** to pay all bills. **2nd** by Mark. **Approved Unan.**

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*It was brought to the township board members attention that it would be nice to have the Stanton Township veterans picture banners hanging from poles on the Canal Rd. in the township. It was suggested that UPPCO's power poles be utilized to hang the banners on. Mark will call UPPCO to ask permission to use the power poles. More info. on this matter will be gathered for discussion at the next board meeting in August.

*No FEMA funds have been issued to the township yet.

*The township attorney is still reviewing the easement question so there is nothing new to report.

*Stanton Township sent the signed agreement to the USACE/USCG property adjacent to the steel sheeting at the township park. Kara needs to pay them \$7,500. Marty will check how payment is made in Sigma and report back to Kara to pay.

*Meeting with KEDA on July 12th to discuss options and requirements of future RFP.

*The township can modify ordinance#3 and call it Ordinance 3A. The township attorney will check the revision over once it is complete. Marty will retype the revision to include the modifications and when done the revised ordinance will be published. Rules will be posted at the N. Canal Park.

*The board must vote on and pass the resolution to change the rates in the township Cemetery Ordinance. Mike made a motion to change the cemetery rates by resolution which Kara has typed up already. 2nd by Mark. **Approved Unan. Roll Call Vote: Rajala (YES) ANDERSON (YES) PIONKE (YES) HAATAJA (YES) HEINONEN (YES) RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

*The new fire rings were placed at the N. Canal Park. We will most likely need a few more but will wait to see how they hold up over the winter.

*Six signs were placed at the N. Canal Park for designated fire areas. The signs say to use designated fire rings or be fined \$500. The current ordinance will be updated to reflect this.

*The gate at N. Canal Park has been repaired by park caretaker Don Juntunen and is working just fine as of now. Thanks Don!

*Signage has been installed in multiple locations throughout the township.

*HoCo Road Commission car pool lot...nothing new to report.

*The HCRC has completed the borings on the Agate Beach Rd. The engineer will provide/suggest fix, as well as the estimated costs and HCRC participation amount.

*The well project at the Toivola Rec Center/Toivola Fire Dept. is near completion and the water line has been replaced. The Rec Center and the Fire Dept. will go 50-50 on a new pump if we replace the existing pipe.

*The 2nd Sparks Grant submission for the Agate Beach Boat Launch project was submittd on June 28th by Ken Vrana. Confidence in obtaining this grant is low due to a lower scoring potential on the application guidelines.

*Additional garbage cans were placed at the N. Canal Park during the FF Tournament and we will leave them there. We will leave the power on at the park for people using the pavilion. When park closes for the season, we will shut the power off.

*Agate Beach Park supposed violations have been resolved. Marty sent notice to the WUPHD to please start sending correspondence to the correct email addresses and physical address, not to mention getting the reports filled out correctly. The township never received the campground permit in the first place and they marked it as a violation when it wasn't displayed, even when the mistake was on their end. They also stated that we need life rings even though the township insurance underwriters have stated that life rings are optional. The health dept. inspectors have been told this. John Mattila is doing a great job as the park caretaker!!

*The July BOR Meeting will be held on the 18th at 3:00PM.

*Our bi-annual audit is going on right now and tax bills will be going out soon per Lori.

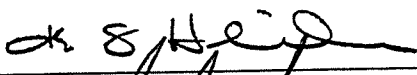
*The road committee reported that the dust control program is complete in the township and Mike will check with the road commission on why the bill is a lot lower than quoted. He will also check if all segments are done. It was also reported that the work on Rova and Larson Roads does not have an anticipated start date and may even be pushed off until next year.

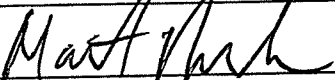
*Fire Dept. Pct#1 Liminga reported that the Copper Country Fire Fighters tournament held in Stanton Township at N. Canal Park went fine!

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

*Freda Sewer is going just fine and there is nothing new to report.

Kara motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:20PM. 2nd by Mike. Approved Unan.

Submitted by:  Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by:  Marty Rajala, Supervisor