

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

AUGUST 2, 2023

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 5, 2023 monthly meeting minutes. Lori **motioned** to accept the meeting minutes as read. **2nd** by Marty. **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, with one being added from the General Fund for Tim's Excavating & Skid Steer Service, LLC. in the amount of \$300 for concrete removal at the Liminga Cemetery. Lori **motioned** to pay all bills as amended. **2nd** by Mark. **Approved Unan.**

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The township has received the FEMA reimbursement in the amount of \$159,502.50. John Paul Pietila of Traverse Engineering needs a copy of our contract with John Coponen Construction, LLC. as documentation is needed for reimbursement to the township for the outstanding balance owed to us from FEMA.

There is nothing new to report from our attorney on the easement question on the Township owned parcel in Freda.

Kara will pay by check the FAO, USAED, Detroit Army Corps of Engineers lease agreement for N. Canal Park. The lease has not been signed yet as we are waiting to hear back from the Hannula Agency for liability coverage documentation.

The meeting with KEDA about a private operator at the N. Canal Park on July 12, 2023 left us with a few items to be forwarded to KEDA, which are a property description, etc. Mark will fill these out and send them in.

Marty is still working on the revamping of Ordinance #3.

The new rock fire rings seem to be working well at N. Canal Park but people are still making fires ON the beach so next year we will place more rings there next summer.

Traverse Engineering...John Paul will give an estimate on the parcel survey and Mary has provided the property description.

No news on the proposed purchase of the HCRC owned lot across the road from the township hall.

HCRC has completed the borings of Agate Beach Road. The engineer suggested an estimated project cost to fix the road at \$525,000 (township paid) and \$0 paid by the HCRC.

The well project is complete at the Toivola Rec Center/Toivola Fire Hall.

In an update on township military banners...they can be hung in the veteran's park in Houghton.

There is a need for the board to discuss current litigation on the Freda easement, but to do this the board will discuss in a closed meeting so Marty **motioned** to discuss current litigation on the Freda easement in a closed meeting immediately following the current board meeting. **2nd** by Mark. **Approved on a Roll Call Vote: 5 AYES 0 NAYS.**

The Canal Rd. is not on the list of county roads to be paved as of today. No update on the presumed start date for Larson and Rova roads.

Trustee Mike Pionke called the HCRC on the bill (underbilled) discrepancy for the calcium chloride application on township roads. The road commission said that the township does not owe anything.

Mike told the board that the Liminga Fire Dept. Pct#1 had their well fixed and it is as good as new!

The Toivola Fire Dept. Pct#2 had nothing new to report.

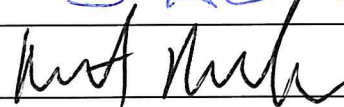
The Freda sewer system is running very well! Jim has only spent \$8 on a part for the John Deere riding lawn mower purchased for the sewer system eight years ago and has done all the repairs on the mower himself. Thanks Jim!!

John Paul will be putting an ad in the paper for bids on the underwater debris removal at the Redridge Dam. The pre-bid meeting will take place on August 22nd or 23rd and the bids will have to be in by September 5, 2023 at 1:00PM. John Paul will open and read the bids at the township hall at the 1:00PM deadline. The bid work will begin in early October. John Paul has permits for us but he will send us copies after he meets with Stan Vitton. How to clean the debris out is a question John Paul has for Stan. John Paul and Stan will submit administrative costs after the project is finished.

Public Comment Accepted.

Mark motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:42PM. 2nd by Lori. Approved Unan.

Submitted by:  Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by:  Marty Rajala, Supervisor