

Stanton Township Board

June 04, 2025

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. Roll call was taken. Board members present: Trustee/Jim Heinonen, Trustee/Mark Haataja, Supervisor/Marty Rajala, Treasurer/Lori Anderson and Clerk/Tina Hatman.

All present read over the Meeting Minutes from May 07, 2025. Mark **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

The Board revisited the April 2025-March 2026 budget. Lori **motioned** to amend the April 2025-March 2026 budget item as mentioned. See attached for amendments. **2nd** by Marty. **Approved Unan.**

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

Tina presented the bills to be paid. Lori **motioned** to pay all the bills. **2nd** by Jim. **Approved Unan.**

Payments for the project to Barr Eng for Invoice #8, #9, #10 & #11 to be submitted in Q2 of 2025 in July 2025. Marty will send Barr the copied checks required for submission. Barr Eng will provide the submission package for reimbursement submittals.

JP at TES and Stan Vitton have finalized out the Redridge Dam FEMA project. The Township Invoice and other Docs were sent to them for the final submission. Stanton Township will be reimbursed approx. \$16,018 approx, of which \$2,640.00 is Township costs for FEMA Grant Admin.

More information was provided to MDNR for Hemlock Springs Park, per their request. Mr. Rebman, the superintendent at EB Holman Schools, has sent in a letter of support which will be submitted in September. The grant admin along with others looked at the property in person in May.

Marty submitted an application form for Par Plan Quote for Twp cyber insurance from Hannula Agency. We are waiting to hear back for a quote. Mark **motioned** to authorize up to \$2,000 to cover the cost of the cyber insurance. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

The blocked historic easement to Township property in Freda is still being worked on by the township Attorney. Jim Morin had the property surveyed and invited the board to look at the property. The board members that want to see the property will get a hold of Jim to see when it works to meet.

The cleanup efforts at North Canal Park are underway. There have been 2 new fire rings added on the right side. Don Juntunen was asking about the key to unlock the gate. There will be a need to clean the fire rings in the near future as they are getting full.

Tina put together a signup sheet for the North Canal Park Pavilion Reservations. She will send a pdf link to Kiira to add to the website, with responses sent to the clerk's email. All reservations will be shared with all board members by email, ensuring that the calendar does not get double booked. Tina will run the calendar.

Lori ordered an outhouse from A1 for the boat launch, it should arrive by June 4, today.

John Mattila and Mark working on reviewing the proposed rules for Agate Beach Park. Rules are currently posted at the beach side of the pavilion by the pay post. Waiting on John to see if there are any additional changes needed.

No response yet from the DNR on trail repairs on Freda grade. Marty made the request again to the DNR to extend the trail to the Redride dam, waiting for a response.

The Township Hall parking lot project is complete and looks good. Final pay request for this has been approved in tonight's bills to be paid. There is no written warranty. The washout areas are being worked on by Anderson Excavating, with ditching to divert snowmelt and water runoff away from the building and parking lot. The rock garden along the Township Hall will be removed and replaced with grass. \$300-\$400 worth of topsoil will be brought in for this project.

The well work at the Kenner Dome has not started, they have until November to complete this.

The BOR review will be on July 15th at 3pm for errors and emissions.

The upcoming election will be on August 5 with 4 items on the ballot.

Roads- The Canal Road Paving by Bacco Construction, from Coles Creek to the Township Hall is to start July 07, 2025, with completion date of July 18, 2025. The township is to cover 100% of the blowout areas. The ditched areas and the culverts replaced will be covered by HCRC.

The service agreement with HCRC was signed for \$41,903.90 for Dust Control. This includes the shared cost locations. The order has been placed with HCRC. Weather permitting, application is scheduled for the week of June 16, 2025. The signs can be pulled for use next year. Jim will look into the website form and update the response email to be sent to Jim's email address, for next year's dust control cost sharing orders from residents.

HMA shoulder paving on Houghton Canal Road, from Rocky Shores Road to the Stanton Township Hall, with SLFRF (AARPA) Funds (50% HCRC & 50% Stanton Township) is being done in conjunction with the HMA paving job that Houghton County Road Commission is completing on the Houghton Canal Road and billing would take place after the project is completed. The billing needs to be completed by December's board meeting to ensure it will be paid in time. HCRC estimates we should have about \$110,000 left after paving shoulders of the Canal Road, which will be used for Agg Base. Arctic Circle and Beacon Hill Road going towards Toivola, will both be graveled. Locations of Agg Base (Gravel) placement have been sent to

HCRC. No date given for the start of this work. Marty has a list of roads if anyone wants to see them.

The heavy duty brush mowing on North Canal Park Road and the Boat launch Road's was completed and looks acceptable. Waiting for an invoice to pay for this service from Blue Line Solutions.

The line painting quote/estimate from HCRC with a ballpark price of \$0.06/Ft. A brief list was given to HCRC with Major roads asked for painting. Estimate coming when segment length is determined and narrowed down which roads we want. Suggested roads are Canal Rd to North End, Liminga Rd, Freda Rd, Larson Rd, Coles Creek Rd, Larson Rd. Obenhoff Rd, South Superior Rd, North Superior Rd, Rahala Rd, and Harma Rd.

Board Member Comments: Jim mentioned that the EB Holman school is looking into making a Pickleball court at the school and was looking for help from the township. The township cannot legally donate money.

Lori mentioned that Toivola purchased a lawnmower from Abe Supply, which was approved for purchase in the last fiscal year. Mark said that the lawnmower on this side of Stanton is at Abe Supply for repairs.

Jim said that there were complaints about the ballfield parking area having low spots that should be fixed. It was mentioned that there have been kids driving on it and wrecking it. The schools have talked to their students about this.

Tina mentioned that there was once again a receipt missing from the Festival Foods charge account. This makes it difficult to find out what the charge is for and who made the charge. Tina will ask Anthony to talk to the fire department to remind them to turn in their receipts.

Stanton VFD- None

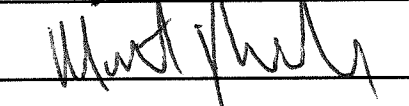
Toivola VFD- None

Freda Sewer- Marty asked Jim about an Auto Dialer System for the sewer. Jim said the current system blinks red when something is wrong, and he is notified if he misses it. Jim has it under control. No need to change it as of now.

Public Comment- Jim Morin wished Mary Durocher Happy Birthday. Followed by others also wishing her a Happy Birthday.

Marty **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm. **2nd** by Jim. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by:  Tina Hatman, Clerk

Approved by:  Marty Rajala, Supervisor

Amended budget changes - 06/04/2025

Stanton Township Funds - April 2025- March 2026

Code:

Title:

Change:

EXPENSE

Fire Fund Pct#2 Toivola

342 - O.C. Exp.

342-910

Insurance

\$7,410 up to \$8,896