

Stanton Township Board

May 07, 2025

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Marty Rajala called the monthly meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 6:00PM at the Toivola Rec Center 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 April 02, 2025. Lori **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes. **2nd** by Mark. **Approved Unan.**

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

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

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

Payments for the project to Barr Eng Invoice #9 (4/11) & 10 (5/06) approved to be paid today in the bills to be paid. Invoices beyond #8 to be submitted in Q2 of 2025 in July 2025. Barr Eng provided the submission package for reimbursement submittals.

Payments for Admin billing from JP @ TES (\$7715.00) and Stan Vitton (\$5663.00) to final out FEMA project was discussed. Marty **motioned** to recoup the remainder of Admin costs for Stanton Twp to approve an invoice to FEMA from the Township, along with other admin billing. This amount will be approx. \$2640.00 = \$16,018 which is the amount of the FEMA Admin Grant. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Marty received an application process from Rep. Bergmans office for CFP grant resubmission for FY 2026. Ken Vrana resubmitted it on April 23, 2025. An increase is possible in the recommended award amount from Rep. Bergmans office over the last year's recommended amount of \$2,000,000. Congressman Bergmans will resubmit the project for FY 2026. Sail Invoice was approved for payment and final OHM Invoice will be sent once they receive more information on the Hemlock Springs, which includes full details for construction of the bridge.

Keranen Well Service, Inc. is scheduled to work on the well at the Kenner Dome.

A quote for Township for cyber insurance from Hannula Agency was discussed. The approximate cost would be \$1253 - \$1650 for \$100,000 in coverage with \$2500 deductible, and

around \$1,774 for \$1,000,000 in coverage. Marty said he will fill out the application form for an exact quote. It was decided to table this until the next meeting.

More fire rings at the North Canal Park are needed, it was decided to use \$1,200 from the Maintenance Fund to have more added at the park.

A discussion to review proposed rules for Agate Beach Park. John Mattila will be asked to get a list of rules and create an ordinance for next month's meeting. This will then need to get approved by the park committee. Marty will respond to John with what is needed. If an ordinance is made, it will need to be announced in the newspaper.

No news from DNR on trail repairs on Freda grade, other than they are working on it.

Board Comments- Lori motioned to hire Rukkila for the upcoming audit for the township this year. 2nd by Marty. Approved Unan.

Lori mentioned the need for mowing at the Township Hall, Fire Departments, and Redridge. She will ask Ashley Pennila first.

Lori attended the 3 hour fraud seminar at Finlandia and also the county jail presentation that was held at the Courthouse.

Tina mentioned that Mike Pionke had been charged for a 1 year renewal Zoom prescription, which he is asking to be reimbursed for. Lori motioned to approve the reimbursement of \$159.90 to Mike Pionke for the Zoom renewal fee. 2nd by Marty. Approved Unan.

Tina mentioned that there will be an election on August 5, 2025.

Tina said that someone had called the township and would like to reserve the pavilion at the North Canal Park for a wedding. It was discussed and decided to have a sign up sheet at the Township Hall for reservations for the pavilion. There will be a \$100/half day and \$200/full day charge for reserving the North Canal Park pavilion, with a clean up after yourself policy in place.

Tina mentioned a public notice she received in regards to an emergency authorization for the removal of a failed culvert and installation of a new 75 ft x 3 ft metal culvert at Larson Road at Obenhoff Creek.

Roads- A quote from Bacco Construction for Canal Road blowouts repairs for \$26,678.50 Mark motioned to approve the Bacco Construction quote for \$26,678.50. 2nd by Jim. Approved Unan.

Trustees Heinonen and Haataja have finalized the 100% of the Township funded Dust Control list. The dust control order needs to be placed by May 12, 2025 with the HCRC. Trustee Haataja placed signs advertising the program again in multiple locations throughout the Township. Weather permitting, application is scheduled for the Week of June 16, 2025. After a brief discussion it was decided to change the Agate Beach Road to 24 ft of oil up from 12 ft. Jim

motioned to approve the Agate Beach Road to 24 ft of oil. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**
There are checks coming in for the 50/50 cost sharing.

Road Service agreement with HCRC with HMA shoulder paving being done this year on Canal Rd from Rocky Shores Rd to the Township Hall. HCRC estimates we should have about \$110,000 left after paving shoulders of the Canal Rd. The agg base at the following suggested locations to be sent to HCRC for the final list are, McKilligan Rd. (1320' swampy, low area, ditching), NC Park Hill (800' through low area to the P Lot), Niemi Rd (500', minor ditching at the end), Last 800' of Firehall Rd (minor ditching), Marttila Rd (1000' to 4 way), Assumma Rd (first 500-1000', N Tear Lk Rd (1000')), 1000' of Beacon Hill/Toivola Rd and possibly Red Barn Rd and Lakeview Rd. Marty **motioned** to approve to use the Harpa funds for these locations. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Heavy Duty mowing on NCP Road and the Boat Launch Road as brush is starting to creep into roadside and plug up ditches and will impact the road. A quote from Blue Line for \$1,625.00 was discussed. Lori **motioned** to approve the quote from Blue Line for \$1,625. **2nd** by Tina. **Approved Unan.**

Marty mentioned that the Canal Road Paving by Bacco Const from Coles Creek to the Township Hall is to start July 07, 2025, with completion date of July 18, 2025.

Wuebben Construction to continue grading and pave Township Hall Parking lot in the next couple of weeks, with line painting and restoration the week after for completion.

The board discussed putting an additional Road Millage. It was decided to table this for now.

A line painting quote/estimate from HCRC was discussed. Ballpark price of \$0.06/Ft for line painting (quote from HCRC, with HCRC supposed to supply mileage listings). Roads mentioned were, Liminga to Frieda, Coles Creek Road, Larson Road, Canal Road, Rahula Road, and South Superior Road. Estimate coming when segment length is determined and narrowed down which roads. Lori **motioned** to approve for the list of roads as stated and to add \$15,000 to the 930-Repairs and Maint. budget, in the Road Fund. **2nd** by Marty. **Approved Unan.**

Marty requested clarification of AT&T letter of "Metro Act ROW Extension" for signature. It will be signed and sent back.

Stanton VFD- None

Toivola VFD- The Roadside Cleanup will be held on May 17th and is usually finished by 10am, which is then followed by hotdogs and potluck for lunch for the volunteers.

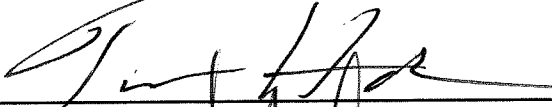
Freda Sewer- None

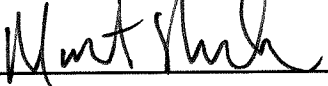
Public Comment- Arctic Circle has no gravel and is a dirt road with washouts and is in need of ditches. Marty and Mark will check out the area after the board meeting. It needs to be determined if this is a county road. Also, the Arctic Circle sign has been lost/stolen and needs to be replaced. There is also a Stanton Township sign missing on Misery Bay Road.

Everything turned into AMAR. Waiting for a response.

Jeffers will be paying the A1 Toilet bill for this summer season at the Ballfield.

Marty **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by:  Tina Hatman, Clerk

Approved by:  Marty Rajala, Supervisor

Amended budget changes - 05/07/2025

Stanton Township Funds - April 2025- March 2026

Code:	Title:	Change:
<u>INCOME</u>		
<u>General Fund</u>		
600 Charges for Services		
671	Other misc. revenue	\$221,990 moved to 699 (CD-Moved to Range Bank from SNB)

EXPENSE

<u>General Fund</u>		
247 Board of Review		
247-704	BOR meeting	\$150 up to \$1,000
265 Building and Grounds		
265-802	Contractual Services	\$105,000 down to \$90,000
		*\$15,000 from 265-802 budget move to new acct 758-802 Hemlock Springs budget
		**\$9,404 from 265-802 expense move to new acct 758-802 Hemlock Springs expense
265-970 (Make Inactive)	Township Property Purchase	\$35,000 down to \$0
		***\$35,000 from 265-970 budget move to new acct 758-970 Hemlock Springs budget

NEW ACCOUNT

758 Hemlock Springs		
758-802	Contractual Services	*\$15,000
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758-970	Township Property Purchase	***\$35,000
758-977	Capital Outlay	\$1,000

Road Fund

444 Public Works		
930	Repairs & Maint.	\$187,900 up to \$202,900