

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

AUGUST 7, 2024

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

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

All present read over the Meeting Minutes from July 1, 2024. Lori **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes as amended. **2nd** by Marty. **Approved Unan.**

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

Mary presented Bills to be paid. An additional \$1000 to the baseball budget for maintenance and an additional \$1500 for Kara's consulting were approved as amendments to the budget Lori **motioned** to pay all the bills. **2nd** Marty Approved **Unan.**

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Mary stated that Shane Sullivan suggests that we each keep the email that we are using. It would be of no benefit to change all the Township emails at this time. It was agreed to keep things the way they are now.

There has been no word from the Township Attorney regarding the purchase of property near the Redridge Dam.

Marty will be signing a work order with Barr Engineering for prework on Phase #0. No action can be taken until they hear from the Dam Safety Office. There have been multiple meetings and discussions of the administration and funding collection and distribution process. There maybe a shortfall in funding due to SHPO concerns and environmental phases.

JP @ TES and Stan Vitton will final out the FEMA project. The Administration costs have not been billed to the Township. The Township cannot bill FEMA until we get the costs. On August 6, Stan Vitton was given a copy of our 2023 Audit to be used for possible payment for TES and his bill.

The Federal Community Funding Project Grant for road work in Stanton Twp has made it through the Appropriation Committee. It now goes to a full budget hearing to be held sometime between August2024 and March of 2025. Discussion is ongoing with HCRC as to who will

administer the project. They have started some preliminary work since the budget has been cut and the final scope will need to be modified. This is a possible 2026 project completion.

There has been no word from the Township Attorney on the blocked historical easement

KEDA has requested another walk-through of the North Canal Park on August 12th to review the park and the complete site with possible interested parties. Mike, Lori and/or Mark will meet with them on site. Marty feels there are some interested parties.

The light pole installation at the Boat Launch has not been completed. The poles are scheduled to come in this week, if they do, they will be installed by Friday, August 9th.

The pickleball lines at the Kenner Dome were placed on the 2nd court and some building maintenance has been done by Brian & Naomi Mason. Wall Street Construction has completed painting the exterior of the building. More sand for the volleyball court and a new net is needed. Mark will look into a new net for up to \$800.

There was nothing new to discuss on the fundraising proposal for the Redridge Dam as Ken Vrana was not present. Funds raised can only be used for necessary and required work to complete the dam removal, not for any other projects.

The DNR says they do not own the Old North Spur ROW. Marty has requested a possible access to the ROW from the Molpus Group, but has not heard from them. Mike has talked to Mark Korkko. He no longer works for Molpus. For now, the Freda Loop Snowmobile Trail will remain as it is.

UPEA wants to get the paving of the parking lot project done this year. Tim Purdy suggests getting the award done, putting gravel in the parking lot, letting it settle and pave it in spring. We may not be able to get paving done this fall. In spring we would get a better price and a better product Marty motioned to have UPEA do the oversight of the project and inspection of the parking lot. Mary 2nd. Approved Unan. Mike will check with Anthony about the hole by the Fire Department.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mark stated that the painting at the Oskar Dome is complete.

Mary reported that the election went well.

ROAD COMMITTEE:

Marty said the road committee monies have to be committed by the end of this year, December 24. They will have a meeting after the September meeting at Agate Beach.

STANTON VFD—Per Mike: The drying racks that were purchased with a grant are being used. The First Responder have been busy. They have done mutual aid with Chassell.

TOIVOLA VFD-- Nothing reported

FREDA SEEWER—Jim reported that the new resident is almost completely hooked up. He would like to schedule having the tanks pumped out. Mark motioned to have the septic tanks at the Township Office pumped also. Lori 2nd. Approved Unan. Mark will contact A-1 to pump out the septic tank at the Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT—

It was reported that the pickleball court is very slippery. Marty will use a leaf blower to remove some of the dust, to make it safer.

It was reported that there is some damage to the post at the boat dock ramp.

Lori motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. 2nd by Marty. Approved Unan.

Submitted by: Mary Durocher Mary Durocher, Clerk

Approved by: Marty Rajala Marty Rajala, Supervisor