

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

July 1, 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 June 4, 2024. Lori **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes. **2nd** by Marty. **Approved Unan.**

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

Mary presented Bills to be paid. Marty **motioned** to pay all the bills. **2nd** Mike. **Approved Unan.**

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Mary set up a new email for the Clerk Stantontwpclerk@gmail.com is now being used.

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

Marty will be signing a service agreement with Barr Engineering for the Phase #0 and possibly #1-4 of MDSO Grant for \$278,500. He also sent the service agreement to the Attorney for their input. Comments from the attorney's state that the service contract favors Barr Engineering. They have no suggestions to offer on making any changes.

JP @ TES and Stan Vitton will final out the FEMA project. The EGLE cleanout permit attained by TES for the FEMA project can be used for the Dam project according to Stan. Stan believes this EGLE permit work can also be billed to the MDSO project and the administration fees will be paid. A deposit for \$59,075.00 was received from FEMA.

The Federal Community Funding Project Grant for road work in Stanton Twp, was submitted, and was selected by US Rep Jack Bergman. It now goes to the Appropriations Committee for approval and funding. Marty is discussing with HCRC to see who would administer this project. It is a possibility that this may be contracted out to a consultant (UPEA or TES) to allow for a 2025 or 2026 project completion.

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

No quotes from MMRA, a new insurance carrier, were received. The Agent is off until mid July.

KEDA has requested a walk-through of the North Canal Park on July 22nd. Mike, Lori and/or Mark will meet with them on site.

The light pole installation at the Boat Launch has not been completed. Bay Electric is having problems getting the poles. Marty is hoping for an August 15th completion date.

The pickleball lines at the Kenner Dome were placed on the 2nd court. The nets were found. Naomi Mason has been doing some cleaning at the Oskar Dome and will continue doing it.

The Board of Review will meet on July 16, 2024 at 3:00 pm.

There was no further discussion on the fundraising proposal for the Redridge Dam as Ken Vrana was not present. Lori will set up a separate checking account for the funds that are raised.

There is a possibility that the Freda Loop Snowmobile Trail will be rerouted to the Messner Rd. The trail will end at Messner Rd, which is private property. 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 will follow up with Mark Korkko of the Molpus Group.

Marty did not have time to finish the specs for the paving of the Hall parking lot. He did give a rough estimate of about \$82,000. Mark **motioned** to put the paving of the parking lot out for bids. 2nd by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Marty could not give a timeline when he would get the specs finished. Lori **motioned** to have UP Engineers write up the specs for under \$10,000 by the next meeting. 2nd by Mark. **Approved by** a 3-2 vote. Ayes Lori, Mike and Mary. Nays Marty and Mark.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mark presented 3 bids for the painting at the OskarDome. After a discussion was held, Mark **motioned** to have Wall Street construction paint the OskarDome for \$3250.00. 2nd by Marty. **Approved Unan.**

Lori stated that for the audit, she needs to know if anything was purchased for more than \$3000. Mike will check on the price for the washer/dryer that Fire Department purchased and if they purchased anything else.

Lori reported that tax bills will go in the mail on Tuesday.

Mary gave the Board expense sheets to be filled out by them for their phone and internet reimbursement.

ROAD COMMITTEE:

Mike rode along with the County one day as the dust control was being applied. The County applied the other areas on several different days. One request was missed due to a measuring error.

STANTON VFD—Per Mike: Stanton along with the Adams Fire Department, held a joint training using fog in the training building.

TOIVOLA VFD-- Nothing reported

FREDA SEEWER—Jim reported that even with all the rain the system is running well.

PUBLIC COMMENT—Brian Mason addressed the board.

Marty motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 pm. 2nd by Mike. Approved Unan.

Submitted by: Mary Durocher Mary Durocher, Clerk

Approved by: Marty Rajala Marty Rajala, Supervisor