

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

JUNE 4, 2024

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. Board members present: Trustee/Mike Pionke, Supervisor/Marty Rajala, Treasurer/Lori Anderson and Clerk/Mary Durocher. Trustee/ Mark Haataja came before the meeting closed.

All present read over the Special Meeting Minutes from May 6, 2024. Mike **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes as read. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

All present read over the Special Meeting Minutes from May 16 ,2024. Mike **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes as read. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

All present read over the Meeting Minutes from May 01, 2024. Mike **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

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

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

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Ken Vrana introduced Dr. Tim Scarlett, a local historical archaeologist from MTU. Dr. Scarlett is interested in helping with the dam project. Ken Vrana discussed the possibilities of some fund-raising proposals. Following a discussion, Marty **motioned** to establish a fund-raising initiative for the Redridge Dam project. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

Marty explained that Mary Durocher will serve as Township Clerk, until a Clerk is elected at the November election. Tina Hatman will serve as the Deputy Clerk. Mary will not participate in the pension plan that is offered to the Board members.

Mary is working on setting up a Township Clerk's email.

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

Marty signed a service agreement with Barr Engineering for the Phase # 0 and possibly #1-4 of the MDSO Grant for \$278,500. He also sent the service agreement to the Attorney for their input.

The boundary survey work previously completed by TES is an allowable expense toward the dam survey for GLFC/FWS lamprey barriers as was previously discussed. This will be reimbursed when the funds are received.

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.

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. More documentation was requested and sent on May 23rd.

Mike received an update on our Liability Policy naming USACE as insured from the Hannula Agency for the Boat Launch area. The NCP area that we lease, was also added. No quotes from MMRA, a new insurance carrier, were received.

After a discussion Lori **motioned** to spend \$450.00 for a ¼ page advertisement in the Trade publication, that KEDA suggested. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

The light pole installation at the Boat Launch has not been completed.

The pickleball lines at the Kenner Dome will be taped next week by Mark and Marty. Marty will find who borrowed the nets and see that they are returned. Mylan Ek will be doing some maintenance.

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

BOARD COMMENTS

Lori said that DesignType will be printing our summer tax bills. From John Mattila, she stated that 4 new windows were installed at Agate Beach, trees were removed and the new picnic tables are out. John would like a weed wacker for Toivola. Lori would like to get a new vacuum and a good mop & bucket for the Hall. Lori **motioned** to allow John and Lori to purchase them. **2nd** by Marty. **Approved Unan.**

Lori **motioned** to have Rukkala's do the audit for the Township. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.** Lori will sign the contract.

Lori submitted a proposal for the pavement of the parking lot from Portage Lake Construction. Test holes were dug. Marty thinks the sub base is unsuitable for paving. Marty will write up

specs for a modification of the proposal to pave the parking lot and get them to Lori. He feels there should be several competitive bids for the job. Lori will get other bids.

Mary reported that they found grubs at the ballfield. The field has been sprayed.

Mike asked if we had some one who was doing the lawns this year.

ROAD COMMITTEE:

Mike signed the contract for dust control. Mike has the list with the locations and the shared payment schedule. The flags to mark the located dust areas are outside the Town Hall. The cost to the Township from the Road fund will be approximately \$70,046.27. The income to be collected from residents for the 50/50 match will be \$2940. The exact date has not been set. Mike will ride along with the County except on Monday. Lori or Mark will ride along with the county on Monday.

A discussion took place on what to do with the current service agreement that is in place for HMA to make repairs on Canal Road from Liminga Road to the end of the Canal. If the CFP grant comes through, it may be possible for HCRC to use the funds for aggregate placement on other township roads.

STANTON VFD—Per Mike the Pancake Breakfast went well. 2 people completed the Medical First Responders Training.

TOIVOLA VFD-- Nothing reported

FREDA SEEWER—Jim reported this spring was very unusual and the system handled it well. There will be a new customer on the system soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT—Vince Kanthak addressed the Board.

Mike motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. 2nd by Marty. Approved Uana.

Submitted by: Mary Durocher Mary Durocher, Clerk

Approved by: Marty Rajala Marty Rajala, Supervisor