

**STANFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2011**

1. **Call to Order:** The Stanford Township meeting was called to order by Supervisor Loren Daudt at 7:05 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Present were Supervisors Loren Daudt, and Dave Moritz, Maintenance Employee Kevin Springer, Treasurer Brenda Springer and Clerk Barb Vogtlin. Wayne Anderson was excused.
3. **Adopt Agenda:** Motion by Dave to adopt the Township agenda. Loren seconded the motion and approved the motion.
4. **Approve Minutes:** Motion by Dave to approve the January 3, 2011 Township minutes. Loren seconded the motion and approved the motion.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Brenda read the Treasurer's Report as follows: Balance as of January 1, 2011 \$279,240.97; Receipts \$52.00; Interest \$23.23; leaving a balance of \$279,316.20; Disbursements \$11,058.73; ending balance as of January 31, 2011 \$268,257.47. Village Bank Money Market Account \$202,165.18; interest \$153.15; ending balance \$202,318.33. Motion by Dave to approve the Treasurer's Report. Loren seconded the motion and approved the motion.
6. **Meeting Open to Public:** Dennis Jannusch had a question regarding Green Acres on his property. Loren stated that Mr. Jannusch would have to contact Isanti County regarding that issue, or he can attend the Board of Appeal meeting on April 13, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Stanford Town Hall. The Isanti County Assessor will be here to advise anyone that may have questions regarding their property taxes.
Dale Stoeckel, 8252 269th Avenue, questioned his taxes going up. He stated that on three of his parcels the tax went up 27% for Township Taxes. He asked what can be done to lower taxes in the Township, he asked why can't we cut back. Treasurer Brenda Springer stated the budget has not increased in the last two years. She stated as far as cutting back on budget items, you have to be careful because of the State cutbacks. Dale also questioned what the Board members got paid. Loren stated they get \$70.00 a meeting and they also get \$70.00 plus mileage if they have to attend a meeting at Isanti County. Dale also questioned how much Kevin got paid. Brenda stated it is \$3200.00 per month with no health benefits. This pay is the same as Bradford Township, Livonia Township will be changing this summer and other surrounding Townships.
Ralph Hiller, 8585 269th Avenue, asked why JoAnn Whittlef and Deanna Bahr went through the safe. Loren stated to re-organize it. Deanna Bahr stated they went through all the paperwork and re-organized it because you couldn't find anything. Ralph stated he checked with other Townships and they don't do that, if someone is looking for something they just have to dig for it until they find it. Ralph also asked why it is always the same election judges. He stated there are other people in the township that maybe would like to make some money too. Clerk Barb Vogtlin stated anyone can be an election judge but you have to contact the County.

7. Items to be added:

- a. Plowing Shared Roads – Spencer Brook: Stanford Township takes care of 277th & Ventre Drive in trade for Spencer Brook doing Jarvis Court. Spencer Brook would now like Stanford to do 277th off of Nacre and they will do the Blue Lake Access road off of Tiger Street.
 - b. Sirens: Loren stated there is a meeting tomorrow morning (February 8, 2011) at 9:00 am with Connexus Energy to discuss the location of the siren. Kevin stated he would also be at that meeting.
- 8. Election Judges:** Motion by Dave to appoint JoAnn Whittlef, LaVonne Springer and Ted Erickson as Election Judges for the Annual Township Election on March 8, 2011. Loren seconded and approved the motion.

9. Budget: The Board reviewed the budget and the changes are as follows:

General Fund:	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Election Judges	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
Legal Fees	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00
Health Ins.	\$2,500.00	0.00
Building/Grounds	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00
Fire Protection -	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00
Overall Levy for the General Fund is \$205,800.00		

Road & Bridge Fund:	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Refund/Driveway Permit	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Grader Wages	\$28,000.00	\$38,400.00
Equipment Rental	\$4,500.00	\$3,500.00
Maintenance/Parts	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00
Fuel	\$7,000.00	\$6,000.00
Overall Levy for the Road & Bridge Fund is \$306,400.00		

Total Levy for 2012 is \$512,200.00. Motion by Dave to approve the Levy changes and to present this to the voters on the Annual Meeting March 8, 2011. Loren seconded and approved the motion.

10. Miscellaneous: None.

11. Payment of Claims: Motion by Dave to pay the claims. Loren seconded and approved the motion.

12. Adjournment: Motion by Dave to adjourn the Township meeting at 8:04 pm. Loren seconded and approved the motion.

Barbara A. Vogtlin
Clerk