

Minutes of the regular Board meeting of the Town of North Star, Minnesota, St. Louis County, held in the North Star Town Hall, on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Chair Mantay called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**Members Present:** Chair Gary Mantay, Supervisor Bob Anderson, Supervisor Rod Saline, Clerk Ellen Hanson, Treasurer Donna Elsbury, and Deputy Treasurer Ray Barnes.

**Others in Attendance:** There were no others present.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited by all.

**Approval of Agenda:** Chair Mantay presented the agenda. Supervisor Saline moved to accept it as presented, seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion carried unanimously.

**Open Forum:**

- There were no speakers.

**Approval of Board Minutes:** The Board of Supervisors meeting minutes of March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, were presented and reviewed. Supervisor Saline moved to approve the March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Board minutes as amended, seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion carried unanimously. Amended to remove under the Pledge of Allegiance "at the Budget/Levy meeting".

**Approval of Reorganization Minutes:** The Board of Supervisors Reorganization meeting minutes of March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, were presented and reviewed. Supervisor Saline moved to approve March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Reorganization minutes as presented, seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Reports:**

Treasurer Elsbury reported on the March Cash Control Statement and April Net Pay Account Distribution Report for approval.

Beginning Balance –03/01/2025-\$54,342.63

Total Receipts - \$2,571.23

Total Disbursements - \$4,737.28

Outstanding Checks - \$658.24

Total per Bank Statement –03/31/2025 - \$52,834.82

April Net Pay totaled \$1,749.28

- Treasurer Elsbury reported there was no need to transfer funds at this time. The disbursements do not exceed the balance in the account.
- Supervisor Saline motioned to approve the financial reports, seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion carried unanimously.
- The Certificate of Deposit (CD) expired in early April. If it were rolled over, the interest rate would be 1.9%. A new CD has an interest rate of over 4% for eight months. At the time of rollover, Treasurer Elsbury requested that the bank put the funds into the money market account. This amount was \$62,522.49. The total money market account is \$108,543.07.
- The Board discussed the purchase of a new CD or to keep the funds in the money market account. Supervisor Saline motioned to move \$62,522.49 to a new CD at the highest rate available and the best terms available, seconded by Chair Mantay. This motion carried unanimously.

**Clerk's Report:**

- Clerk Hanson presented the claims list. The April claims totaling \$2,963.14 were presented for approval. They were checks 9335-9337, and EFTs #040125 PERA \$167.44; 040225 AT&T \$152.92; 040325 Visa \$666.27; IRS \$1,175.36. Supervisor Saline motioned to approve the claims list, seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion carried unanimously.
- Minnesota Paid Leave will be effective January 1, 2026. The Board discussed the paid leave obligations; at this time, there was no need for action.

**Correspondence:**

- St. Louis County Association of Townships: Letter from Rep. Natalie Zeleznikar
- MAT: April 2025 Newsletter
- Victory Fund initiative agreement
- MAT Legislative Update & Advocacy Alert
- St. Louis County Association of Townships: March minutes
- MAT: Amazon Business Prime for townships
- MAT: Township fire contract survey
- MAT: Invitation to Braver Angels Workshops
- Minnesota Benefit Association Insurance options

**Recycling Report:**

- Supervisor Saline reported there was nothing new to report.

**Webpage/Communications Report:**

- Supervisor Saline reported that there were many emails exchanged in support of North Star broadband and Mediacom. An application was submitted on April 21 through the MN Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program. Mediacom recommended that the town apply to BEAD rather than the USDA Community Connect grant for several reasons, including financial. More information will be available toward the end of summer.

**Items for E-News:** Notice of burning restrictions; Fire Department news; and Pancake Breakfast notice.

**North Star Fire Department (NFD)/Fire Liaison:**

- There were 2 calls in March.
- The fire members had CPR training on April 15.
- Members participated in mass causality & live burn training.
- The Pancake breakfast will be on May 25 from 8 AM to noon.
- OSHA standards are changing and will require compliance from the department. The costs will be significant, and the department will be exploring grant options to cover some costs. The first step is to reactivate the SAM.GOV account.

**Maintenance/Buildings Report:**

- Supervisor Anderson talked about power washing the town hall. Supervisors Anderson and Saline will test the back wall to see if it improves the appearance of the building.
- Supervisor Anderson reported he had re-stained the sign at Northwoods Lane and has plans for other improvement projects.

**Roads Report:**

- Chair Mantay reported the grader found there were frost boils that made it difficult to grade. He will continue to grade after the road conditions improve.

**Other Meetings:**

- No other meetings were reported.

**Old Business:**

- The Victory Fund Initiative agreement was signed by Chair Mantay and Clerk Hanson. The agreement provides free CPR training, Mental health training, and Substance Abuse Emergency training on the condition that the township provides the training space.
- Notice of the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization (LBAE) meeting: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13, from 5-6 PM at the town hall.

**New Business:**



- Neighborhood Night Out (NNO): Supervisor Saline reported that the town will participate in NNO this year. He intends to begin planning this event soon.
- Supervisor Saline will put in a new planter box and plants around the flag pole.

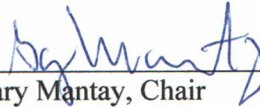
**Adjourn:**

- Supervisor Saline motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM, seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Hanson, Clerk



Gary Mantay, Chair

Minutes of the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting of the Town of North Star, Minnesota, St. Louis County, held in the North Star Town Hall, on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. Chair Mantay called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**Members Present:** Chair Gary Mantay, Supervisor Bob Anderson, Supervisor Rod Saline, Clerk Ellen Hanson,

**Others in Attendance:** There were three others present and two assessors (Olivia Kopecky and Ben Olson).

488-0070-00080 Plante Cheryl: Land value: \$89,700; Building value: \$249,000; Total value: \$338,700. The appellant stated her home has no improvements and is not worth the assessment amount. Assessor Kopecky asked questions about the condition of her home and outside buildings. Based on the responses, there was a recommendation from Assessor Kopecky to reduce the property value to \$318,600 due to the incorrectly valued pole building as a garage. Supervisor Saline motioned to reduce the property value on 488-0070-00080 to \$318,600, seconded by Supervisor Mantay. This motion carried unanimously.

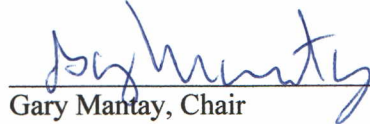
**Adjourn:**

- Supervisor Saline motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 PM, seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Hanson, Clerk



Gary Mantay, Chair



### Record of Appeals to 2025 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization

City/Town: **TOWN OF NORTH STAR**

Total EMV:  
Total Value Change  
Percentage Change:

62,968,900
-20,200
-0.03%

Opening Date:   
Reconvene Date:   
2nd Reconvene:   
Appeals:

05/13/25	
Bd Changes:	1

Clerk email: [clerknorthstar@gmail.com](mailto:clerknorthstar@gmail.com)

Form entry done by: Olivia Kopecky

Meeting is open book

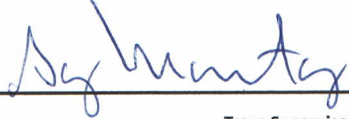
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Appeal Number	Parcel Number xxx-xxxx-xxxx	Property Owner		Present Assessment							Board Action							Explanation for Change		EMV change
				Rec	Class	HS	Land	Bldg	Total	New Imp	Rec	Class	HS	Land	Bldg	Total	New Imp			
1	488-0070-00080	Name	PLANTE CHERYL	1	201	1	89,700	249,000	338,700	0	1	201	1	89,700	228,800	318,500	-20,200	Pole Building was incorrectly valued as a garage.	Apr Init	
		Taxpayer	PLANTE CHERYL												0	OJK				
		Appeal Code	7566 BARRS LAKE RD DULUTH MN 55803												0	Clerical change?				
		P-Proner													0					
					Total:		89,700	249,000	338,700	0	NC?		Total:	89,700	228,800	318,500	0	Disposition Code	1-Board Action	
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For the Period : 4/1/2025 To 4/30/2025

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Total Disbursed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Less Deposits In Transit</u>	<u>Plus Outstanding Checks</u>	<u>Total Per Bank Statement</u>
General Fund	\$16,866.27	\$62,558.06	\$2,728.17	\$76,696.16	\$0.00	\$1,391.90	\$78,088.06
Road and Bridge	\$15,421.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,421.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,421.35
Fire EMS	\$15,523.57	\$0.00	\$1,086.75	\$14,436.82	\$0.00	\$585.00	\$15,021.82
Fire Donations	\$7,203.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,203.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,203.57
Building	(\$5,366.45)	\$0.00	\$239.29	(\$5,605.74)	\$0.00	\$34.91	(\$5,570.83)
Recycling	\$2,528.27	\$0.00	\$658.20	\$1,870.07	\$0.00	\$538.62	\$2,408.69
ARPA Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$52,176.58</b>	<b>\$62,558.06</b>	<b>\$4,712.41</b>	<b>\$110,022.23</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,550.43</b>	<b>\$112,572.66</b>

  
 Gary A Mantay  
 Town Supervisor

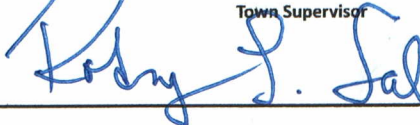
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 Robert Gerald Anderson  
 Town Supervisor

Date

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 Rodney L. Saline  
 Chair, Town Supervisor

Date

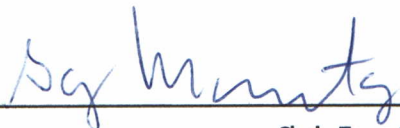

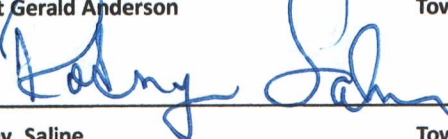
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Date Range : 4/30/2025 To 5/20/2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Claim #</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Detail</u>
05/20/2025	PERA	DCP & retirement disbursements	050125	\$192.29			
					100-41110-121-	Council/Town Board	\$18.90
					100-41110-126-	Council/Town Board	\$18.90
					100-41401-121-	Clerk	\$38.19
					100-41401-126-	Clerk	\$33.10
					100-41510-121-	Treasurer	\$44.57
					100-41510-126-	Treasurer	\$38.63
05/20/2025	AT&T Mobility	Account:287308565673: WIFI service for town hall	050225	\$152.92			
					100-41901-322-	Other General Government	\$152.92
05/20/2025	VISA Business	April 2024 Charges	050325	\$99.00			
					205-42205-381-	Recycling	\$10.00
					204-41940-381-	General Government Buildings and Plant	\$67.24
05/20/2025	MATIT	Inv.J1378CLC25:CLC Insurance (7/1/25-6/30/25)	9345	\$4,044.00	100-41901-206-	Other General Government	\$21.76
05/20/2025	St Louis County Public Works	Inv.297902:2nd half snowplowing 2024/25	9346	\$1,139.50			
05/20/2025	Robert Anderson	Reimbursement for building maint. supplies	9347	\$112.36			
					201-43122-301-	Unpaved Streets	\$1,139.50
05/20/2025	Lake Superior College	Inv.1293579:Live Fire Training (4/29/25)	9348	\$750.00			
					204-41940-810-	General Government Buildings and Plant	\$112.36
05/20/2025	Lake Superior College	Inv.1293579:Live Fire Training (4/29/25)	9348	\$750.00			
					202-42202-310-	Fire	\$750.00

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Total For Selected Claims				\$6,490.07			\$6,490.07

		
Gary A Mantay	Chair, Town Supervisor	5-20-25
		Date
		
Robert Gerald Anderson	Town Supervisor	5-20-25
		Date
		
Rodney Saline	Town Supervisor	5/20/25
		Date



**APRIL 2025**

**RECEIPTS  
PLUS INTEREST**

100 GENERAL	\$62,558.06
201 ROAD	\$0.00
202 FIRE	\$0.00
203 FIRE DONATIONS	\$0.00
204 BUILDING	\$0.00
205 RECYCLING	\$0.00
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**TOTAL** **\$62,558.06**

**INTEREST**

\$35.57
\$0.00
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**\$35.57**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

100 GENERAL	\$2,728.17
201 ROAD	\$0.00
202 FIRE	\$1,086.75
203 FIRE DONATIONS	\$0.00
204 BUILDING	\$239.29
205 RECYCLING	\$658.20
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,712.41</b>

**BUDGET  
BALANCES**

\$18,598.95
\$8,200.00
\$20,829.49
\$7,203.57
\$6,845.02
\$1,870.07

**ANNUAL  
BUDGET**

\$31,047.00
\$8,200.00
\$25,265.00
\$10,596.00

**FUND BALANCES**

100 GENERAL	\$76,696.16
201 ROAD	\$15,421.35
202 FIRE	\$14,436.82
203 FIRE DONATIONS	\$7,203.57
204 BUILDING	-\$5,605.74
205 RECYCLING	\$1,870.07
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$110,022.23</b>

**CHECKING  
ACCOUNT**

\$1,443.59
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