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, August 19<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 three additional attendees.

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 the agenda as presented, and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion carried unanimously.

## **Open Forum:**

• No public comments were made.

**Approval of Board Minutes:** The Board of Supervisors meeting minutes for July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, were presented and reviewed. Supervisor Anderson motioned to approve the July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Board minutes as presented, and seconded by Supervisor Saline. This motion carried unanimously.

#### **Financial Reports:**

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

Beginning Balance -07/01/2025-\$40,620.10

Total Receipts - \$65,815.16

Total Disbursements - \$4,413.45

Outstanding Checks - \$0

Total per Bank Statement -07/31/2025 - \$102,021.81

August's Net pay totaled \$1,645.62

- Treasurer Elsbury reported a necessary transfer of \$2,274.42 from the money market to the checking account to cover the monthly expenses. Supervisor Saline motioned to approve the transfer of \$2,274.42 from the money market account to the checking account, and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion carried unanimously.
- Supervisor Saline motioned to approve the financial reports, and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion carried unanimously.
- Treasurer Elsbury reported that the DNR Brimson Complex fire payment was received and is in the checking
  account. She recommended transferring \$12,000 from the checking account to the money market account to
  increase interest income. Supervisor Saline motioned to approve the transfer of \$12,000 from the checking
  account to the money market account, and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion carried unanimously.

## Clerk's Report:

- Clerk Hanson presented the claims list. The August claims totaled \$2,337.59 and were presented for approval. They were checks 9377-9380, and EFTs #080125 PERA \$129.74; 080225 AT&T \$152.92; 080325 Visa \$1,012.74. Supervisor Saline motioned to approve the claims list, and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion carried unanimously.
- She thanked Ray Barnes, head election judge, and the election judges for their assistance with the School District Primary Election. There were 15 voters.

## **Correspondence:**

- MAT August newsletter
- PERA Summer Newsletter
- MAT Help Stop Heavier Truck Legislation-sign letter
- DAT agenda-August 21 meeting and draft minutes
- MAT Clerk/Treasurer Online CTAS Training-Sept. 4

- MAT Legislative & Research Committee notice of fall meeting on Sept. 12
- MAT District 10 Meeting Notice on August 28
- Township Legal Seminar on October 25
- St. Louis County township application for roads
- Duluth Township Newsletter, July 2025
- Thank you note for NNO from Mary West

# **Recycling Report:**

Supervisor Saline reported there was nothing new to report. Resource Renew (new name for WLSSD) continues
to prepare for attendant training. He had a conversation with the grant representative about next year's grant
process.

## Webpage/Communications Report:

• Jan Keough will be working on the E-news during the last week of August, according to Supervisor Saline. Items should go directly to her.

**Items for E-News:** Adopt-A-Highway; new brush pile lot to open, locking 4-drawer cabinet, trim around fire numbers, NNO, and ask for someone to help write grants for the fire department.

**Broadband:** Supervisor Saline reported that they continue to work with the Office of Broadband. News about the application is expected soon. There will be a video call next week with Mediacom.

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

- Chief Siers reported there were 2 calls in July. To date, there have been 14 calls.
- An estimate to switch to LED lights on the big truck was too expensive. They will continue to look at other options.
- Three members attended a multi-day wilderness training in Ely.
- SAM.gov is inactive. Clerk Hanson will look into activating the account.
- They are looking for someone to assist with grant writing.
- Brush is growing around fire numbers, and it is recommended that the property owners trim around their numbers.

#### **Maintenance/Buildings Report:**

- Supervisor Anderson reported that there is only one key for the safe. He will purchase two keys for the safe and also for the recycling center.
- There are ceiling lights out in the town hall. Chair Mantay motioned to hire Kent Hoffman from Night Electric, seconded by Supervisor Saline. This motion carried unanimously.
- A request was made to replace the damaged ceiling tiles in the bathroom. Supervisor Anderson will work on it.

## **Roads Report:**

• Chair Mantay reported that he is looking for a person to grade the roads.

#### **Other Meetings:**

• Supervisor Saline reported on the National Night Out (NNO) event. It was very successful with many people attending. The lifeline helicopter was a hit. There were many compliments on the food and root beer.

#### **Old Business:**

- Weed Inspection Report: Supervisor Saline asked informational questions about the current report that was submitted. Ray Barnes stated he has experience in reporting and gave a summary of reporting and mapping to the state and county. Supervisor Saline will talk with Tim Walters, who submitted the current report.
- Adopt-A-Highway update: There will be information in the next e-news.

#### **New Business:**

• Garbage pick-up: Hartel's provides the service gratis.

# Adjourn:

• Supervisor Saline motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM, and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Hanson, Clerk

For the Period:

8/1/2025 To 8/31/2025

					Less	Plus	<u>Total</u>
Name of Fund	Beginning	Total	<u>Total</u>	Ending	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	Per Bank
	Balance	Receipts	<b>Disbursed</b>	<u>Balance</u>	In Transit	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Statement</u>
General Fund	\$25,643.53	\$7,820.86	\$1,921.70	\$31,542.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,542.69
Road and Bridge	\$18,025.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,025.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,025.87
Fire EMS	\$50,136.28	\$0.00	\$881.86	\$49,254.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,254.42
Fire Donations	\$10,175.57	\$500.00	\$344.09	\$10,331.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,331.48
Building	(\$2,846.16)	\$0.00	\$520.12	(\$3,366.28)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,366.28
Recycling	\$886.72	\$0.00	\$315.44	\$571.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$571.28
ARPA Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$102,021.81	\$8,320.86	\$3,983.21	\$106,359.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$106,359.46

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Date Range:

8/20/2025 To 9/16/2025

<u>Date</u> 09/16/2025	<u>Vendor</u> PERA	<u>Description</u> DCP & retirement disbursements	Claim # 090125	<u>Total</u> \$141.65	Account #	Account Name	Detail
					100-41110-121- 100-41110-126- 100-41401-121- 100-41401-126- 100-41510-121- 100-41510-126-	Council/Town Board Council/Town Board Clerk Clerk Treasurer Treasurer	\$9.45 \$9.45 \$33.95 \$29.42 \$31.81 \$27.57
09/16/2025	AT&T Mobility	Account:287308565673: WIFI service for town hall	090225	\$152.92			
09/16/2025	VISA Business	August 2024 Charges	090325	\$149.00	100-41901-322-	Other General Government	\$152.92
				ÿ143.00	205-42205-381- 204-41940-381- 100-41901-206- 202-42202-205-	Recycling General Government Buildings and Plant Other General Government Fire	\$10.00 \$99.83 \$21.76 \$17.41
09/16/2025	Phil's Garage Door Service	Inv.60736:Maintenance and repair of Fire Hall doors	9388	\$610.00			<b>V</b> 271741
					202-41940-221-	General Government Buildings and Plant	\$610.00
09/16/2025	Donna Elsbury	Reimbursement for keys for the safe	9389	\$20.00			
					100-41940-204-	General Government Buildings and Plant	\$20.00
09/16/2025	Minnesota Association of Township	Inv.20250916:MAT annual dues	9390	\$333.68			
					100-41110-308-	Council/Town Board	\$333.68

Date Range:

8/20/2025 To 9/16/2025

Date

Vendor

Description

Claim #

**Total** 

Account #

**Account Name** 

Detail

**Total For Selected Claims** 

\$1,407.25

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**Gary A Mantay** 

Chair, Town Supervisor

Robert Gerald Anderson

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Rodney Saline

**Town Supervisor** 

Date

Date Range:

8/20/2025 To 9/16/2025

<u>Date</u> 09/16/2025

**Vendor** 

Michael Siers

<u>Description</u> Reimbursement for Fire

Claim # 9391 <u>Total</u> \$299.00 Account #

**Account Name** 

**Detail** 

Dept. t-shirts

202-42202-242-

Fire

\$299.00

**Total For Selected Claims** 

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100 GENERAL	\$7,820.86	\$26.64	
201 ROAD	\$0.00	\$0.00	
202 FIRE	\$0.00	\$0.00	
203 FIRE DONATIONS	\$500.00	\$0.00	
204 BUILDING	\$0.00	\$0.00	
205 RECYCLING	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL	\$8,320.86	\$26.64	
		BUDGET	ANNUAL
DISBURSEMENTS		BALANCES	BUDGET
100 GENERAL	\$1,921.70	\$8,814.44	\$31,047.00
201 ROAD	\$0.00	\$5,860.50	\$8,200.00
202 FIRE	\$881.86	\$16,866.32	\$25,265.00
203 FIRE DONATIONS	\$344.09	\$10,331.48	
204 BUILDING	\$520.12	\$2,696.18	\$10,596.00
205 RECYCLING	\$315.44	\$571.28	
TOTAL	\$3,983.21		
		CHECKING	
FUND BALANCES		ACCOUNT	
100 GENERAL	\$31,542.69	\$3,364.42	
201 ROAD	\$18,025.87	\$5,504.42	
202 FIRE	\$49,254.42		
203 FIRE DONATIONS	\$10,331.48		
204 BUILDING	-\$3,366.28		
205 RECYCLING	\$571.28		
TOTAL	\$106,359.46		