

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, January 20th, 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: All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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

Open Forum:

- Mr. Dillon thanked the board for their service.

Approval of Board Minutes: The Board of Supervisors' meeting minutes for December 16th, 2025, were presented and reviewed. Supervisor Saline motioned to approve the December 16th, 2025, Board minutes as presented, and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion was carried unanimously.

Financial Reports:

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

Beginning Balance–12/01/2025–\$86,020.18

Total Receipts - \$28,802.66

Total Disbursements - \$3,450.61

Outstanding Checks - \$355.00

Total per Bank Statement–December 31, 2025 - \$111,727.23

January's net pay totaled \$1,669.12

- Treasurer Elsbury reported a necessary transfer of \$2,000 from the money market to the checking account to cover the monthly expenses. Supervisor Saline motioned to approve the transfer of \$2,000 from the money market account to the checking account and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Supervisor Anderson motioned to approve the financial reports and seconded by Supervisor Saline. This motion was carried unanimously.
- The building fund has a deficit of \$2,168.38. Supervisor Saline motioned to transfer \$5,000 out of the general fund to the building fund and seconded by Supervisor Anderson.

Clerk's Report:

- Clerk Hanson presented the claims list. The January claims totaled \$4,916.06 and were presented for approval. They were checks 9436-9441, and EFTs #010126 PERA \$151.55; 010226 AT&T \$154.92; 010326 Visa \$1,061.71; 010426 IRS \$1,116.29; 010526 MN Dept. of Revenue \$811.63. Supervisor Saline motioned to approve the claims list and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion was carried unanimously.
- MATIT property appraisal report update: Clerk Hanson presented the board with additional quotes without replacement values from MATIT. Supervisor Anderson will reach out to a local insurance agent to obtain a property quote, which will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Update on Adopt-a-Highway: Due to the county's new website being unavailable, new road applications are currently not being accepted. They anticipate it will be operational in February 2026.

Correspondence:

- MAT: January 2026 newsletter
- Duluth Township January 2026 newsletter
- IRS increased mileage rate to 72.5, effective January 2026
- Paul McDonald, 4th District County Commissioner: Happy New Year
- SLC: St. Louis County hazard mitigation plan commencing work to update the plan

- MAT: Notice for Township Day at the Capitol, March 2nd, 2026
- SLC: Notice of public hearing on February 5th to review zoning ordinance 62 amendments
- SLC: Annual weed report due by January 31st, 2026

Recycling Report:

- Supervisor Saline had contact with Resource Renew on the grant. The information is not available at this time.

Webpage/Communications Report:

- Clerk Hanson will meet with Daisy Wallace to discuss website management.

Items for E-News: Supervisor Saline will send new items to Jan Keough.

Broadband: Supervisor Saline stated Minnesota was awarded federal broadband funds. Obtaining the permits is the next step. North Star is at the top of Mediacom's list and likely to begin work on fiber optic lines in the spring. There will be 38.1 miles of lines in three townships.

North Star Fire Department (NFD) /Fire Liaison:

- Fire Chief Siers documented two calls in December: one medical call and one fire call.
- The fire department had 30 calls in 2025; 20 were EMS and 10 were fire calls.
- Brush piles are burned.

Maintenance/Buildings Report:

- Supervisor Anderson reported that two remote temperature alarms for the furnace had been installed.
- A section of the gutter has detached from the building.

Roads Report:

- Chair Mantay reported a guard rail was hit by a vehicle and damaged. The estimated cost to repair is \$19,500 for a new railing. He is waiting for the deputy to respond.

Other Meetings:

- Supervisor Saline and Clerk Hanson attended the January 15th DAT meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- There was no unfinished business to discuss.

New Business:

- Clerk Hanson presented the certified election judge list for approval. Supervisor Saline motioned to approve the list and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Candidate filing for Supervisor was Gary Mantay.
- The Board of Audit and Budget/Levy meetings will be held on February 24th at 6 pm.
- The Reorganization meeting will take place after the March 17th board meeting.
- Supervisor Saline may move in the spring.

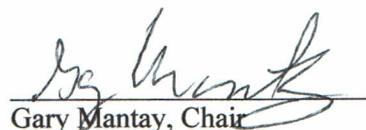
Adjourn:

- Supervisor Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm and seconded by Supervisor Saline. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Hanson, Clerk



Gary Mantay, Chair

Date Range : 1/21/2026 To 2/17/2026

| <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> |
|-------------|------------------------------------|--|----------------|--------------|------------------|--|---------------|
| 02/17/2026 | PERA | DCP & retirement disbursements | 020126 | \$155.54 | | | |
| | | | | | 100-41110-121- | Council/Town Board | \$9.45 |
| | | | | | 100-41110-126- | Council/Town Board | \$9.45 |
| | | | | | 100-41401-121- | Clerk | \$36.07 |
| | | | | | 100-41401-126- | Clerk | \$31.26 |
| | | | | | 100-41510-121- | Treasurer | \$37.13 |
| | | | | | 100-41510-126- | Treasurer | \$32.18 |
| 02/17/2026 | AT&T Mobility | Account:287308565673: WIFI service for town hall | 020226 | \$154.92 | | | |
| | | | | | 100-41901-322- | Other General Government | \$154.92 |
| 02/17/2026 | VISA Business | January 2026 Charges | 020326 | \$922.09 | | | |
| | | | | | 205-42205-381- | Recycling | \$10.00 |
| | | | | | 204-41940-381- | General Government Buildings and Plant | \$143.04 |
| | | | | | 100-41901-206- | Other General Government | \$21.76 |
| | | | | | 204-41940-383- | General Government Buildings and Plant | \$676.25 |
| | | | | | 202-42202-212- | Fire | \$71.04 |
| 02/17/2026 | Daisy Wallace | Inv.1260204191: Website administration for Jan. 2026 | 9449 | \$12.50 | | | |
| | | | | | 100-41901-303- | Other General Government | \$12.50 |
| 02/17/2026 | Rory Blazevic | Inv.001:Ditch mowing East & West Briar Lake Rd | 9450 | \$500.00 | | | |
| | | | | | 201-43122-411- | Unpaved Streets | \$500.00 |
| 02/17/2026 | Emergency Services Marketing Corp. | Iamresponding2024 Telephone Call Cost | 9451 | \$314.00 | | | |
| | | | | | 202-42202-203- | Fire | \$314.00 |
| 02/17/2026 | Gray's Home and Yard Services, LLC | Inv.1942:January snow removal (2 Briar Lake Rd, 2 town hall) | 9452 | \$410.00 | | | |
| | | | | | 204-41901-390- | Other General Government | \$160.00 |
| | | | | | 201-41901-390- | Other General Government | \$250.00 |

JANUARY 2026

**RECEIPTS
PLUS INTEREST**

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| 100 GENERAL | \$184.50 |
| 201 ROAD | \$36.39 |
| 202 FIRE | \$112.12 |
| 203 FIRE DONATIONS | \$0.00 |
| 204 BUILDING | \$47.03 |
| 205 RECYCLING | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL | \$380.04 |

INTEREST

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|--|----------------|
| | \$44.76 |
| | \$0.00 |
| | \$0.00 |
| | \$0.00 |
| | \$0.00 |
| | \$0.00 |
| | \$44.76 |

DISBURSEMENTS

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| 100 GENERAL | \$3,579.79 |
| 201 ROAD | \$625.00 |
| 202 FIRE | \$730.04 |
| 203 FIRE DONATIONS | \$0.00 |
| 204 BUILDING | \$1,197.77 |
| 205 RECYCLING | \$454.58 |
| TOTAL | \$6,587.18 |

**BUDGET
BALANCES**

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|-------------|
| \$37,244.55 |
| \$7,875.00 |
| \$24,534.96 |
| \$10,432.48 |
| \$8,952.23 |
| \$3,520.45 |

**ANNUAL
BUDGET**

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|-------------|
| \$40,824.34 |
| \$8,500.00 |
| \$25,265.00 |
| |
| \$10,150.00 |

**FUND BALANCES
(NOT INCLUDING
INVESTMENT
FUNDS)**

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 100 GENERAL | \$28,187.31 |
| 201 ROAD | \$17,410.18 |
| 202 FIRE | \$43,933.79 |
| 203 FIRE DONATIONS | \$10,432.48 |
| 204 BUILDING | \$1,680.88 |
| 205 RECYCLING | \$3,520.45 |
| TOTAL | \$105,165.09 |

INCLUDES FUND
BALANCE
TRANSFER FROM
GENERAL FUND TO
BUILDING FUND

**CHECKING
ACCOUNT**

\$1,389.16

TOWN OF NORTH STAR
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION #2026-01

APPOINTING THE 2026 ABSENTEE BALLOT BOARD

Whereas, Minnesota Statutes Section 203B.121, subd.1 requires the town board, as the governing body of the town, to appoint a ballot board to process all absentee ballots returned to the town clerk for the town election scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 10th, 2026; and

Whereas, the ballot board must consist of election judges trained in the handling of absentee ballots, or staff trained as election judges; and

Whereas, even though only two members are required to meet whenever an absentee ballot needs to be processed, the ballot board must consist of at least the same number of members as the minimum number of required election judges for the town election, which pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 204B.22 has been determined to be three (3) for the March 2026 election for the Town of North Star; and

Whereas, the Town Board for the Town of North Star has appointed its election judges for the March 2026 election as required by Minnesota Statutes Section 204B.21;

Now, Therefore Let It Be Resolved: that the Town Board for the Town of North Star hereby appoints the following election judges to serve as the ballot board required to perform all duties required in the processing of the absentee ballots required under Minnesota Statutes Section 203B.121 and all other applicable statutes and rules:

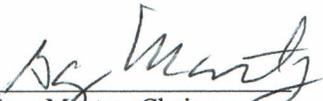
Ray Barnes
Ellen Hanson
Susan Forbragd
William Taft Jr.

Be It Further Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of North Star hereby authorizes any member of the ballot board to be compensated as required by Minnesota Statutes Section 203B.121, when said member performs any required duty of the ballot board.

Adopted by the North Star Board of Supervisors, February 17th, 2026

Signed by:

Attested to by:


Gary Mantay, Chairperson


Ellen Hanson, Town Clerk