

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, March 17th, 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 five 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 Saline moved to accept the agenda as presented, and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion was carried unanimously.

Open Forum: There were no speakers.

Approval of Board Minutes: The Board of Supervisors' meeting minutes for February 17th, 2026, were presented and reviewed. Supervisor Saline motioned to approve the February 17th, 2026, Board minutes as presented, and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion was carried unanimously.

Approval of Board Minutes: The Board of Supervisors' Board of Audit meeting minutes for February 24th, 2026, were presented and reviewed. Supervisor Saline motioned to approve the February 24th, 2026, Board of Audit minutes as presented, and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion was carried unanimously.

Approval of Board Minutes: The Board of Supervisors' Budget/Levy meeting minutes for February 24th, 2026, were presented and reviewed. Supervisor Saline motioned to approve the February 24th, 2026, Board Budget/Levy minutes as presented, and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion was carried unanimously.

Approval of Board Minutes: The Board of Supervisors' Canvass meeting minutes for March 10th, 2026, were presented and reviewed. Supervisor Saline motioned to approve the March 10th, 2026, Board of Canvass minutes as presented, and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion was carried unanimously.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer Elsbury reported on the February Cash Control Statement and the March Net Pay.

Beginning Balance—02/01/2026—\$105,736.13

Total Receipts - \$2,252.64

Total Disbursements - \$3,955.60

Outstanding Checks - \$1,224.00

Total per Bank Statement—February 28, 2026 - \$105,257.17

March's net pay totaled \$3,568.30

- Treasurer Elsbury reported a necessary transfer of \$9,000 from the money market to the checking account to cover the monthly expenses. Supervisor Mantay motioned to approve the transfer of \$9,000 from the money market account to the checking account and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Supervisor Saline motioned to approve the financial reports and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion was carried unanimously.

Clerk's Report:

- Clerk Hanson presented the claims list. The March claims totaled \$3,643.50 and were presented for approval. They were checks 9463-9464; and EFTs #030126 PERA \$350.79; 030226 AT&T \$154.92; 030326 Visa \$860.38; 030426 Visa \$1,477.41. Supervisor Saline motioned to approve the claims list and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Update on Adopt-a-Highway: The county continues to work on the new website. Check back in May for an update.

Correspondence:

- MAT: February 2026 newsletter and Spring short courses list: Blackbear Casino on April 3

- Duluth Township newsletter, March 2026
- St. Louis Zoning ordinance amendments hearing April 14
- Duluth Area Townships (DAT) agenda and minutes

Recycling Report:

- According to Supervisor Saline, the grant application and annual report have been submitted to Resource Renew.

Webpage/Communications Report:

- Supervisor Saline talked about improvements that will be forthcoming on the website.

Items for E-News: Supervisor Saline will send new items to Jan Keough in March for the April news.

Broadband: Supervisor Saline indicated that Mediacom is in the process of securing the necessary permits for fiber optic installation.

North Star Fire Department (NFD) /Fire Liaison:

- A television has recently been installed in the town hall.

Maintenance/Buildings Report:

- Supervisor Anderson reported there was nothing new to report.

Roads Report:

- Chair Mantay has indicated that progress is ongoing concerning the guardrail matter.

Other Meetings: There were no other meetings in February.

Unfinished Business:

- MATIT Property Appraisal: Regarding the MATIT property appraisal report, Clerk Hanson has indicated that MATIT will assume coverage expenses in the event of a depreciated valuation. The board agreed to accept their recommendation for the town hall; however, they requested that the valuation of the recycling center be reduced to \$50,000. Hanson will clarify with MATIT if the resolution is necessary.
- Clerk Hanson indicated she is the authorized representative for SAM.gov. However, to continue the entity's renewal, she must submit documents verifying the entity's existence. The list of required documents was discussed, and where to find them. Further investigation is necessary to acquire the paperwork.

New Business:

- April 21st board meeting change: Two of the three supervisors will not be present on April 21st; therefore, the meeting will have to be changed to another date. Supervisor Anderson motioned to change the April meeting to the 28th and seconded by Supervisor Saline. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Schedule the reorganization meeting: Supervisor Anderson motioned to set the reorganization meeting for April 28th after the Board meeting, and seconded by Supervisor Saline Anderson. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Fire Truck loan payoff: Clerk Hanson stated the loan's payoff date is December 1st, 2029. The town could save about \$4,662 in interest if it's paid off before December 1st, 2026. No action was taken.
- The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization (LBAE) meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12th, from 5 to 6 pm.

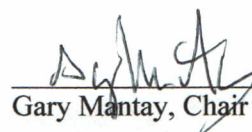
Adjourn:

- Supervisor Saline motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Hanson, Clerk



Gary Mantay, Chair

For the Period : 3/1/2026 To 3/31/2026

Name of Fund	Beginning Balance	Total Receipts	Total Disbursed	Ending Balance	Less Deposits In Transit	Plus Outstanding Checks	Total Per Bank Statement
General Fund	\$26,707.50	\$2,048.96	\$3,806.61	\$24,949.85	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$24,974.85
Road and Bridge	\$19,375.52	\$0.00	\$375.00	\$19,000.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,000.52
Fire EMS	\$43,619.79	\$0.00	\$2,166.28	\$41,453.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41,453.51
Fire Donations	\$10,432.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,432.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,432.48
Building	\$631.78	\$0.00	\$489.56	\$142.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$142.22
Recycling	\$3,266.10	\$0.00	\$374.35	\$2,891.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,891.75
Total	\$104,033.17	\$2,048.96	\$7,211.80	\$98,870.33	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$98,895.33

Gary Mantay

Gary A Mantay Chair, Town Supervisor

4-28-26

Date

Robert Gerald Anderson

Robert Gerald Anderson Town Supervisor

4-28-26

Date

Rodney Saline Town Supervisor

Date

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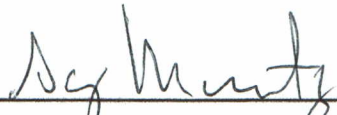
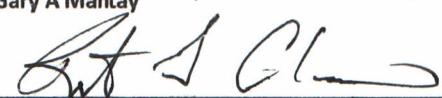
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04/28/2026	PERA	DCP & retirement disbursements	040126	\$191.51			
					100-41110-121-	Council/Town Board	\$15.75
					100-41110-126-	Council/Town Board	\$15.75
					100-41401-121-	Clerk	\$43.40
					100-41401-126-	Clerk	\$37.61
					100-41510-121-	Treasurer	\$42.32
					100-41510-126-	Treasurer	\$36.68
04/28/2026	AT&T Mobility	Account:287308565673: WIFI service for town hall	040226	\$154.92			
					100-41901-322-	Other General Government	\$154.92
04/28/2026	VISA Business	March 2026 Charges	040326	\$1,989.12			
					205-42205-381-	Recycling	\$10.00
					204-41940-381-	General Government Buildings and Plant	\$126.85
					100-41901-206-	Other General Government	\$21.76
					100-41901-240-	Other General Government	\$1,498.98
					100-41940-383-	General Government Buildings and Plant	\$500.57
					100-41901-240-	Other General Government	(\$169.04)
04/28/2026	Internal Revenue Service	Q1 2026 941 Tax return (41-1511135)	040426	\$1,398.40			
					100-41110-124-	Council/Town Board	\$37.45
					100-41110-125-	Council/Town Board	\$37.45
					100-41401-119-	Clerk	\$120.00
					100-41401-122-	Clerk	\$143.55
					100-41401-123-	Clerk	\$143.55
					100-41401-124-	Clerk	\$33.57
					100-41401-125-	Clerk	\$33.57
					100-41510-119-	Treasurer	\$150.00
					100-41510-122-	Treasurer	\$107.70
					100-41510-123-	Treasurer	\$107.70
					100-41510-124-	Treasurer	\$25.19
					100-41510-125-	Treasurer	\$25.19
					204-41940-122-	General Government Buildings and Plant	\$14.07
					204-41940-123-	General Government Buildings and Plant	\$14.07

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					204-41940-124-	General Government Buildings and Plant	\$3.30
					204-41940-125-	General Government Buildings and Plant	\$3.30
					205-42205-122-	Recycling	\$53.33
					205-42205-123-	Recycling	\$53.33
					205-42205-124-	Recycling	\$12.48
					205-42205-125-	Recycling	\$12.48
					100-41110-122-	Council/Town Board	\$58.59
					100-41110-123-	Council/Town Board	\$58.59
					100-41110-119-	Council/Town Board	\$150.00
					100-41110-112-	Council/Town Board	(\$0.06)
04/28/2026	MN Dept of Revenue	2025 MN State Tax withholding 1st Q	040526	\$240.81			
					100-41110-119-	Council/Town Board	\$37.86
					100-41401-119-	Clerk	\$172.95
					100-41510-119-	Treasurer	\$30.00
04/28/2026	Minnesota Unemployment Insurance	Paid leave premiums for 1st Q 2026	040626	\$50.96			
					100-41901-137-	Other General Government	\$50.96
04/28/2026	Gray's Home and Yard Services, LLC	Inv.2055:March snow removal (1 Briar Lake Rd, 3 town hall)	9472	\$365.00			
					204-41901-390-	Other General Government	\$168.00
					201-41901-390-	Other General Government	\$125.00
					205-41901-390-	Other General Government	\$72.00
04/28/2026	St Louis County Public Works	Inv.312136:2nd half snowplowing 2025/26 (West Briar Lake Dr & East Briar Lake Dr.)	9473	\$1,139.50			
					201-43122-301-	Unpaved Streets	\$602.00
					201-43122-301-	Unpaved Streets	\$537.50
04/28/2026	St Louis Co Auditor	488-0010-03355:2026 Waste Assessment	9474	\$54.00			
					100-41901-303-	Other General Government	\$54.00

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04/28/2026	St Louis Co Auditor	Inv.IN-00012767:2026 TINT Proposed Tax notice prep and delivery	9475	\$92.40	100-41901-303-	Other General Government	\$92.40
04/28/2026	Daisy Wallace	Inv.12600402195: Website adminstration for March 2026	9476	\$50.00	100-41901-303-	Other General Government	\$50.00
Total For Selected Claims				\$5,726.62			\$5,726.60

 Gary A Mantay Chair, Town Supervisor	4-28-26 Date
 Robert Gerald Anderson Town Supervisor	4-28-25 Date
Rodney Saline Town Supervisor	Date

MARCH 2026

**RECEIPTS
PLUS INTEREST**

100 GENERAL	\$2,048.96
201 ROAD	\$0.00
202 FIRE	\$0.00
203 FIRE DONATIONS	\$0.00
204 BUILDING	\$0.00
205 RECYCLING	\$0.00
TOTAL	<u>\$2,048.96</u>

INTEREST

\$29.54
\$0.00
\$0.00
\$0.00
\$0.00
\$0.00
<u>\$29.54</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

100 GENERAL	\$3,806.61
201 ROAD	\$375.00
202 FIRE	\$2,166.28
203 FIRE DONATIONS	\$0.00
204 BUILDING	\$489.56
205 RECYCLING	\$374.35
TOTAL	<u>\$7,211.80</u>

**BUDGET
BALANCES**

\$31,920.83
\$6,750.00
\$21,983.64
\$10,432.48
\$7,413.57
\$3,266.10

**ANNUAL
BUDGET**

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

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

100 GENERAL	\$24,949.85
201 ROAD	\$19,000.52
202 FIRE	\$41,453.51
203 FIRE DONATIONS	\$10,432.48
204 BUILDING	\$142.22
205 RECYCLING	\$2,891.75
TOTAL	<u>\$98,870.33</u>

**CHECKING
ACCOUNT**

\$4,292.80

RESOLUTION 2026-02
North Star Township, St. Louis County, MN

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREED VALUE COVERAGE

WHEREAS, the town board has received information concerning the value of property owned by the town; and

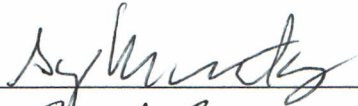
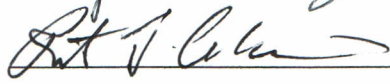
WHEREAS, the town board understands that the agreed value is the maximum amount of insurance proceeds the town will receive, even if the property is completely destroyed; and

WHEREAS, the town board further understands that these proceeds may not be sufficient to replace the property if the damage or destruction to it exceeds the agreed value; and

WHEREAS, the town board has weighed the political and economic issues involved in assuming more risk in order to reduce the amount of insurance premiums the town must pay; and

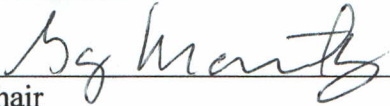
WHEREAS, the town board has determined that it desires to insure that property for the agreed value set

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of North Star Township, St. Louis County, Minnesota approves obtaining agreed value coverage from the Minnesota Association of Townships Insurance Trust.

Supervisor 
Supervisor 
Supervisor _____

Adopted this 28th day of April 2026.

BY THE BOARD


Town Chair

Attest: 
Town Clerk