

The Reorganization Board meeting of the Town of North Star, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the North Star Town Hall on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:25 pm.

**Board members present:** Supervisor Gary Mantay, Supervisor Bob Anderson, Clerk Ellen Hanson, Treasurer Donna Elsbury, and Deputy Treasurer Ray Barnes.

**Others in Attendance:** There were four others in attendance.

1. **Call to order the Reorganization meeting:** Clerk Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm.
2. **Nominations and Election of Town Chair and Vice-Chair**
  - Clerk Hanson asked for nominations for the town chair position. Supervisor Anderson nominated Gary Mantay, and he accepted. Hanson asked for nominations two more times. There were no other nominations. Hanson declared Gary Mantay as the 2026 board chair.
  - Clerk Hanson asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Chair Mantay nominated Bob Anderson, and he accepted. Hanson asked for nominations two more times. There were no other nominations. Hanson declared Supervisor Robert (Bob) Anderson as the 2026 vice-chair.
3. **Designate an official newspaper**
  - The official town newspaper is the Duluth News Tribune (DNT). Chair Mantay motioned to designate the DNT as the official newspaper and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion was carried unanimously.
4. **Designate posting places**
  - The official town posting places are Alden Lake Rd, Barrs Lake Rd, Northwoods Lane, the Recycling Center, and the Township website. Chair Mantay motioned to designate the posting places as Alden Lake Rd, Barrs Lake Rd, Northwoods Lane, Recycling Center, and website, and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion was carried unanimously.
5. **Designate a town bank**
  - National Bank of Commerce (NBC) is the town bank for checking accounts, money market account, and Certificates of Deposit (CDs). Supervisor Anderson motioned to keep NBC for the checking account, money market, and the CDs, and seconded by Chair Mantay. This motion was carried unanimously.
6. **Set Board meeting day and time**
  - Current meeting day and time is the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Clerk Hanson asked if the board would be agreeable to changing the meeting time to 6:00 pm. Supervisor Anderson motioned to keep the third Tuesday of the month and change the meeting time to 6:00 pm, and seconded by Chair Mantay. This motion was carried unanimously.
7. **Set compensation for town officers and employees**
  - The Board reviewed the wages worksheet and discussed wage increases for 2026. Supervisor Anderson motioned to increase the wages across the board by 5%, except the Supervisors

will stay the same as last year (\$189/meeting) and the Weed Inspector will stay at \$600 annually, and seconded by Chair Mantay. This motion was carried unanimously.

**8. Designate Supervisors' Areas of Responsibility and Staff**

- Buildings: Supervisor Bob Anderson
- Fire Department: Supervisor Gary Mantay
- Recycling Center: Supervisor Rod Saline
- Recycling Attendant: Bill Taft; Substitutes: Susan Forbragd and Jim Taft
- Roads: Supervisor Gary Mantay
- Clerk: Ellen Hanson
- Deputy Clerk: To be announced
- Treasurer: Donna Elsbury
- Deputy Treasurer: Ray Barnes
- Fire Chief: Mike Siers
- Custodian: Susan Forbragd
- Town Weed Inspector: Candidates are Tim Walters and Deb Pomroy. Chair Mantay motioned to appoint Deb Pomroy as the 2026 weed inspector and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Supervisor Anderson motioned to approve the supervisor liaison areas and staff positions as listed above and seconded by Chair Mantay. This motion was carried unanimously.

**9. Adjourn**

- a. Chair Mantay motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Hanson  
Clerk



Gary Mantay  
Board Chair