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, July 21st, at 6:00 pm. Chair Mantay called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Others in attendance: There were two 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 motioned to accept the agenda as presented and seconded by Supervisor Mantay. This motion was carried unanimously.

Open Forum: There were no speakers.

Approval of Board Minutes: The Board of Supervisors' meeting minutes for June 16th, 2026, were presented and reviewed. Supervisor Anderson motioned to approve the June 16th, 2026, Board minutes as presented and seconded by Supervisor Mantay. This motion was carried unanimously.

Financial Reports:
Treasurer Elsbury reported on the June Cash Control Statement and the July Net Pay.
Beginning Balance–06/01/2026-$86,096.75
Total Receipts - $512.96
Total Disbursements - $4,658.11
Outstanding Checks - $1,237.50
Total per Bank Statement–June 30, 2026 - $83,189.10
July's net pay totaled $1,573.93

- Treasurer Elsbury reported a necessary transfer of $12,272.08 from the money market to the checking account to cover the monthly expenses. Supervisor Mantay motioned to approve the transfer of $12,272.08 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 Mantay. This motion was carried unanimously.

Clerk's Report:

- Clerk Hanson presented the claims list. The July claims totaled $10,786.04 and were presented for approval. The checks were 9515-9519 and EFTs #070126 PERA $158.21; 070226 AT&T $154.92; 070326 Visa $614.15; 070426 IRS $1,262.99; 070526 MN Dept. of Revenue $209.18; 070626 MN Paid Leave $44.75. Supervisor Anderson motioned to approve the claims list and seconded by Supervisor Mantay. This motion was carried unanimously.
- She attended the Chain of Custody training given by St. Louis County Elections Department. They emphasized that election equipment has to be kept in a locked room/cabinet where there is limited access.
- Clerk Hanson and Head Judge Ray Barnes attended the Head Election Judge training on July 16th in Duluth.
- The recycling center was open on July 4th. Under MN State Statute 645.44, subd.5, "No public business shall be transacted on any holiday, except in cases of necessity…". It is imperative that the recycling attendant understands this statute and is not permitted to work on any federal holiday.

Correspondence:

- MAT: July 2026 newsletter
- MAT: Notice of District 10 meeting, August 27th
- Advertising video promotion for website
- Request for public records from the Fire Department
- Asphalt plant relocation
- Neighborhood Night Out update

- Waste Management: Recycling collection day is changing from Friday to Wednesday, starting July 13th
- MN State Demographer: 2025 Population & Household Estimates: population is 195; household estimate is 89
- Duluth Township July Newsletter

Recycling Report:
- Supervisor Anderson reported that all is going well at the recycling center.

Webpage/Communications Report:
- The website is functioning correctly.

Items for E-News: E-news items to Jan Keough by mid to late July.

Broadband: Due to the state's delayed contract signings until October, Supervisor Mantay expects Mediacom to start laying fiber-optic cable next spring.

North Star Fire Department (NFD) /Fire Liaison:
- Chief Siers reported three medical calls and a structure fire.
- The department has placed an order for the acquisition of new hoses.
- They continue to have joint training with surrounding townships.

Maintenance/Buildings Report:
- According to Supervisor Anderson, everything is in order with the buildings.

Roads Report:
- Chair Mantay indicated he has been working with Progressive Insurance Company to resolve the guardrail claim. He obtained a quote from H&R Construction Company to replace the railing for $19,538.96. Progressive offered a settlement of $17,987.14. Since the quote from H&R is older, Supervisor Mantay will confirm with them that the price is still valid and speak with Progressive again.
- Rory Blazevic will mow the township ditches.

Other Meetings: There were no other meetings.

Unfinished Business:
- Adopt-a-Highway update: As of July 20th, the county continues to work on the new website.

New Business:
- Board Supervisor vacancy: Clerk Hanson reported that Kent Hoffman submitted a letter of interest. Chair Mantay motioned to approve Kent Hoffman as the new supervisor, fulfilling Rod Saline's term, and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. This motion was carried unanimously. Clerk Hanson will initiate contact with him to discuss the matter.
- Town Hall Rental Policy & Application: Clerk Hanson presented a rental policy and application for board discussion. She will make the changes and post the documents on the website.

Adjourn:
- Supervisor Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm and seconded by Supervisor Mantay. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ellen Hanson, Clerk

Gary Mantay

Gary Mantay, Chair

For the Period : 7/1/2026 To 7/31/2026

Name of Fund	Beginning Balance	Total Receipts	Total Disbursed	Ending Balance	Less Deposits In Transit	Plus Outstanding Checks	Total Per Bank Statement
General Fund	$16,301.83	$25,438.18	$4,451.30	$37,288.71	$0.00	$1,493.65	$38,782.36
Road and Bridge	$16,373.52	$5,067.26	$0.00	$21,440.78	$0.00	$0.00	$21,440.78
Fire EMS	$36,159.99	$16,121.42	$2,145.15	$50,136.26	$0.00	$0.00	$50,136.26
Fire Donations	$12,728.48	$0.00	$3,109.76	$9,618.72	$0.00	$0.00	$9,618.72
Building	($1,398.00)	$6,156.80	$2,040.21	$2,718.59	$0.00	$36.32	$2,754.91
Recycling	$1,785.78	$0.00	$613.55	$1,172.23	$0.00	$131.30	$1,303.53
Total	**$81,951.60**	**$52,783.66**	**$12,359.97**	**$122,375.29**	**$0.00**	**$1,661.27**	**$124,036.56**

Gary A Mantay — Chair, Town Supervisor — Date: 8-18-26

Robert Gerald Anderson — Town Supervisor — Date: 8-18-26

~~Rodney Saline~~ — Town Supervisor — Date: 8/18/26

Date Range : **7/22/2026 To 8/18/2026**

Date	Vendor	Description	Claim #	Total	Account #	Account Name	Detail
08/18/2026	PERA	DCP & retirement disbursements	080126	$195.71			
					100-41110-121-	Council/Town Board	$9.45
					100-41110-126-	Council/Town Board	$9.45
					100-41401-121-	Clerk	$55.73
					100-41401-126-	Clerk	$48.30
					100-41510-121-	Treasurer	$33.79
					100-41510-126-	Treasurer	$38.99
08/18/2026	AT&T Mobility	Account:287308565673: WIFI service for town hall	080226	$154.92			
					100-41901-322-	Other General Government	$154.92
08/18/2026	VISA Business	July 2026 Charges	080326	$153.79			
					205-42205-381-	Recycling	$10.00
					204-41940-381-	General Government Buildings and Plant	$106.25
					100-41901-206-	Other General Government	$21.76
					202-42202-243-	Fire	$15.78
08/18/2026	Daisy Wallace	Inv.1260802203: Website adminstration for July 2026	9537	$25.00			
					100-41901-303-	Other General Government	$25.00
08/18/2026	Raymond Barnes	Mileage 17 mi. @ $0.76 elections	9538	$12.92			
					100-41410-332-	Elections	$12.92
08/18/2026	Sue Forbragd	Reimbursement for cleaning supplies, step stool and magnify glass	9539	$77.65			
					204-41940-223-	General Government Buildings and Plant	$77.65
08/18/2026	Rodney Saline	Reimbursement for Neighborhood Night Out	9540	$348.30			
					100-41901-810-	Other General Government	$348.30

Date Range : 7/22/2026 To 8/18/2026

Date	Vendor	Description	Claim #	Total	Account #	Account Name	Detail
Total For Selected Claims				$968.29			$968.29

Gary A Mantay — Chair, Town Supervisor — 8-18-26
Date

Robert Gerald Anderson — Town Supervisor — 8-18-25
Date

~~Rodney Saline~~ Kent H S... — Town Supervisor — 8/18/26
Date

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RECEIPTS PLUS INTEREST		INTEREST
100 GENERAL	$25,438.18	$46.47
201 ROAD	$5,067.26	$0.00
202 FIRE	$16,121.42	$0.00
203 FIRE DONATIONS	$0.00	$0.00
204 BUILDING	$6,156.80	$0.00
205 RECYCLING	$0.00	$0.00
TOTAL	**$52,783.66**	**$46.47**

DISBURSEMENTS		BUDGET BALANCES	ANNUAL BUDGET
100 GENERAL	$4,451.30	$18,329.19	$40,824.34
201 ROAD	$0.00	$4,123.00	$8,500.00
202 FIRE	$2,145.15	$14,544.97	$25,265.00
203 FIRE DONATIONS	$3,109.76	$9,618.72	
204 BUILDING	$2,040.21	$3,833.14	$10,150.00
205 RECYCLING	$613.55	$1,172.23	
TOTAL	**$12,359.97**		

FUND BALANCES		CHECKING ACCOUNT
100 GENERAL	$37,288.71	$3,413.00
201 ROAD	$21,440.78	
202 FIRE	$50,136.26	
203 FIRE DONATIONS	$9,618.72	
204 BUILDING	$2,718.59	
205 RECYCLING	$1,172.23	
TOTAL	**$122,375.29**	