

North Star Township
Regular Meeting

January 12, 2026

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 7:30pm at the township hall. All members were present. Supervisor John Hardman called the meeting to order.

- Bill Smith moved to approve the agenda. Second by Nicole Whitmore. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

County Commissioner George Bailey, Mark Rich, Beck Flint, Diana Marble, and Mr. & Mrs. Roger Kimmel were present at our meeting. Topics of discussion included County news, Sewer, and concerns with 209 S. Main.

- John Hardman moved to approve the minutes from the December meeting as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.
- Bill Smith moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented by Treasurer Nicole Whitmore prior to the board meeting. Second by Heidi Drowley. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to pay the bills for January as presented in the amounts of: \$4,708.33 for General Fund, \$1,861.47 for Sewer Maintenance and \$1,800 for Cemetery General. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- John Hardman moved to approve a M.A.G.N.E.T. donation of \$1,000 instead of \$888 as budgeted. Second by Heidi Drowley. Motion carried.
- Nicole moved to approve the budget amendments as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley with the addition of the increase in the MAGNET donation. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to adjourn. Second by Heidi Drowley. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Drowley, Clerk*

North Star Township
Regular Meeting

February 9, 2026

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 7:30pm at the township hall. Danielle Wolfe and Bill Smith were absent. Supervisor John Hardman called the meeting to order.

- Heidi Drowley moved to approve the agenda. Second by Nicole Whitmore. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

County Commissioner George Bailey, Mark Rich, and Beck Flint were present at our meeting.

- John Hardman moved to approve the minutes from the January meeting as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Nicole Whitmore. Motion carried.
- Heidi Drowley moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented by Treasurer Nicole Whitmore prior to the board meeting. Second by John Hardman. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to pay the bills for February as presented in the amounts of: \$2,471.38 for General Fund, \$2,237.75 for Sewer Maintenance, \$36.03 for Cemetery General and \$879.04 for Roads. Second by Nicole Whitmore. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

BOARD OF REVIEW

Monday, March 9 from 9AM – 3PM and Wednesday, March 11 from 3PM – 9PM

- Heidi Drowley moved to set the Budget Public Hearing for Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7:30pm. Second by Nicole Whitmore. Motion carried.
- Heidi Drowley offered a Poverty Exemption Guideline Resolution for 2026. Second by John Hardman. Upon a roll call vote, the Resolution passed unanimously.
- Heidi Drowley moved to renew the Gratiot County Road Commission Maintenance Contract for 2026. Second by John Hardman. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to adjourn. Second by Heidi Drowley. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Drowley, Clerk*

North Star Township
Regular Meeting
March 9, 2026

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 6, 2026 at 7:30pm at the township hall. All members were present. Supervisor John Hardman called the Budget Hearing to order. The proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 was presented and discussed. Motion by Bill Smith to close the Budget Public Hearing. Second by Danielle Wolfe. The Budget Public Hearing was closed. Supervisor called the regular meeting to order.

- Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Bill Smith moved to approve the agenda. Second by Heidi Drowley. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

County Commissioner George Bailey, Mark Rich and Beck Flint were present at our meeting.

- John Hardman moved to approve the minutes from the February meeting as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented by Treasurer Nicole Whitmore prior to the meeting. Second by Heidi Drowley. Motion carried.
- Bill Smith moved to pay the bills for the month as presented in the amounts of: \$21,782.57 for General Fund, \$997.97 for Sewer Maintenance, and \$1,300 for Cemetery. Second by John Hardman. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- John Hardman moved to approve the North Star General Appropriations Act. General Fund Revenues are estimated at \$395,999 and Expenditures at \$197,275. Cemetery General Fund Revenues are estimated at \$31,000 and Expenditures at \$31,000. Sewer Operating Revenues are estimated at \$110,937 and Expenditures at \$48,288. Road Fund Revenues are estimated at \$174,785 and Expenditures at \$171,368. Second by Bill Smith. Upon a roll call vote, the Act passed unanimously.
- John Hardman moved to approve Budget amendments as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

DISCUSSIONS:

John Hardman purchased the property at 109 W. Gratiot (the blue burnt out house by the post office) for \$5,000. He offered the property to the Township; if we want to buy it from him and maintain the property. He has no use for the property other than taking a step toward cleaning up the blight. We will look into this and discuss further at our next meeting.

- John Hardman moved to adjourn. Second by Heidi Drowley. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Heidi Drowley Clerk

North Star Township
Regular Meeting
April 13, 2026

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:30pm at the township hall. All members were present except Heidi Drowley. Supervisor John Hardman called the meeting to order.

- Bill Smith moved to approve the agenda. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

County Commissioner George Bailey was present at our meeting.

- John Hardman moved to approve the minutes from the March meeting as presented prior to the meeting by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Nicole Whitmore. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented by Treasurer Nicole Whitmore. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to pay the bills for the month as presented prior to the meeting by Clerk Heidi Drowley in the amounts of: \$4,555.05 for General Fund, \$1,415.82 for Sewer Maintenance and \$879.04 for Roads. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nicole Whitmore moved to renew the following contracts for fiscal year 2026-2027:
 - Hall Caretaker contract with Stephanie Lamey
 - Assessor contract with John Hardman
 - Grave Digging & Foundation contracts with Jeremy McAllister
 - Mowing contract with Mid-Michigan Turf Pros
 - Mowing contract with Grant Reeves for Brady Cemetery (*increase to \$55 per mow – not to exceed 10 mows for the season*)
 - Snow Plowing/Landscape contract with Wilson Lawncare & SnowplowingSecond by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.
- John Hardman offered a resolution to keep our Regular Monthly Board Meetings on the second Monday of the month at 7:30PM for fiscal year 2026-2027. Second by Bill Smith. Upon a roll call vote, the resolution passed unanimously.
- John Hardman moved to approve the following Gratiot County Road Commission contracts for 2026-2027:
 - Chloride contract for 3 full applications plus a 4th application for only those roads that need it in the amount of \$71,085, but it will should be less than that
 - Grave contract for 5 miles in the amount of \$49,320Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

SPRING CLEANUP DAY
June 6th from 8am – 11am

- John Hardman moved to adjourn. Second by Nicole Whitmore. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Whitmore, Treasurer

North Star Township
Regular Meeting
May 11, 2026

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 7:30pm at the township hall. All members were present except Nicole Whitmore. Supervisor John Hardman called the meeting to order.

- Bill Smith moved to approve the agenda. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

County Commissioner George Bailey, Beck Flint, Mary Kenney and Doug Huss Sr. were present at our meeting. Topics of discussion included County news, Sewer, and Cemetery.

- John Hardman moved to approve the minutes from the April meeting as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.
- Bill Smith moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented by Treasurer Nicole Whitmore prior to the board meeting. Second by John Hardman. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to pay the bills for May as presented in the amounts of: \$5,856.02 for General Fund, \$2,634.78 for Sewer Maintenance, \$1,750 for Cemetery General and \$17,771.08 for Roads. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bill Smith offered a PA 116 Pre-existing Structure Resolution for #29-1792-123151. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Upon a roll call vote, the Resolution passed unanimously.
- John Hardman moved to approve the budget amendment as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.
- John Hardman offered Resolution #05-11-26-1 adopting the 2026 Gratiot Countywide Master Plan as North Star Township's Master Plan. Second by Bill Smith. Upon a roll call vote, the Resolution passed unanimously.
- Heidi Drowley moved to hire Yeo & Yeo for their consulting services for a fee of \$2,000 - \$3,325 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.

DISCUSSIONS:

It is North Star Township Board's intent to consider purchasing real property for blight elimination currently owned by Supervisor John Hardman who purchased it via quitclaim deed for that public purpose.

- Heidi Drowley moved to work with Township counsel to provide for the potential purchase of 109 W. Gratiot St. following their guidance to conform to Michigan law and to accept Supervisor John Hardman recusing himself from all deliberation and voting on this matter. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

Clerk Heidi Drowley will be appointing Amy Bray as her deputy clerk following the death of her current deputy clerk, Vera Vander Hart.

- John Hardman moved to adjourn. Second by Heidi Drowley. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Drowley, Clerk*

North Star Township
Regular Meeting
June 8, 2026

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 8, 2026 at 7:30pm at the township hall. All members were present. Supervisor John Hardman called the meeting to order.

- Bill Smith moved to approve the agenda. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

County Commissioners George Bailey and Dave Owens were present at our meeting.

- John Hardman moved to approve the minutes from the May meeting as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.
- Bill Smith moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented by Treasurer Nicole Whitmore prior to the board meeting. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to pay the bills for June as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley in the amounts of: \$31,351.71 for General Fund, \$1,023.27 for Sewer Maintenance and \$7,579.20 for Cemetery General. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Heidi Drowley offered a Resolution Approving Reimbursement and Property Transfer Memorialization for 109 W. Gratiot St. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Upon a roll call vote, the Resolution passed with all in favor except John Hardman who abstained from the vote.
- John Hardman moved to approve the budget amendment as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.
- Bids were reviewed for demolition of the house on 109 W. Gratiot St.
 - Merchant Excavating \$13,920
 - Price's Construction \$13,793
 - Butcher Excavating \$15,00

Heidi Drowley moved to accept the bid from Merchant Excavating for \$13,920. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

- Heidi Drowley moved to hire Michigan Floor Care to strip and wax the hall floor for \$1,600. Second by John Hardman. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to adjourn. Second by Heidi Drowley. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Drowley, Clerk*

North Star Township
Regular Meeting
July 13, 2026

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 16, 2026 at 7:30pm at the township hall. All members were present except Nicole Whitmore. Supervisor John Hardman called the meeting to order.

- Bill Smith moved to approve the agenda. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

County Commissioner George Bailey, Beck Flint, Doug Huss, Kasey Zehner from Greater Gratiot, John Gingrich, Genevea Delong, Chris Bellinger, and Olivia Wolfe were present at our meeting. Topics of discussion included County news, Campers with occupancy, blight, cleanup of North Star.

- John Hardman moved to approve the minutes from the June meeting as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.
- Heidi Drowley moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented by Treasurer Nicole Whitmore prior to the board meeting. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.
- Bill Smith moved to pay the bills for July as presented in the amounts of: \$19,501.67 for General Fund, \$980 for Sewer Maintenance, \$3,900 for Cemetery General and \$66,983.72 for Roads. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- John Hardman moved to approve the budget amendment as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

DISCUSSIONS:

- The Ashley Library Board has informed us that they need a representative from North Star Township. Their current member has resigned. They would prefer someone from the Ashley School District.
- MDOT has met with the Gratiot County Road Commission and assessed the Buchanan Road Railroad Crossing and deemed it necessary to install gates and lights at that crossing. MDOT will cover the cost 100%. Installation is expected within 2 years.
- John Hardman moved to adjourn. Second by Heidi Drowley. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Drowley, Clerk*