

North Star Township  
Regular Meeting  
January 10, 2022

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 7:30pm at the township hall. All members were present except Bill Smith. Supervisor John Hardman called the meeting to order.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the Ashley Fire Department including Fire Chief Brandon Slavik as well as representatives from the Village of Ashley were present to go over the Fire Department Budget and 10 -year budget plan with the Board and answer any questions.

- John Hardman moved to approve the minutes from the December meeting as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Nicole Whitmore. Motion carried.
- Brett Fidler moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented by Treasurer Nicole Whitmore. Second by John Hardman. Motion carried.
- Brett Fidler moved to pay the bills for the month as presented in the amounts of: \$3,720.46 for General Fund, \$1,879.27 for Sewer Maintenance, \$1,379.09 for Cemetery General, and \$14,720.25 for Fire Fund. Second by Nicole Whitmore. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- John Hardman moved to approve the Budget Amendments as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Brett Fidler. Motion carried.
- Heidi moved to adjourn. Second by John Hardman. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi Drowley, Clerk*

North Star Township  
Regular Meeting  
February 14, 2022

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 7:30pm at the township hall. All members were present except John Hardman and Nicole Whitmore. Clerk Heidi Drowley called the meeting to order.

- Bill Smith moved to approve the agenda. Second by Brett Fidler. Motion carried.
- Brett Fidler moved to approve the minutes from the January meeting as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.
- Heidi Drowley moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented prior to the meeting by Treasurer Nicole Whitmore. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.
- Brett Fidler moved to pay the bills for the month as presented in the amounts of: \$1,974.62 for General Fund, \$721.04 for Sewer Maintenance, \$2,829.36 for Cemetery General and \$879.04 for Road Fund. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Heidi Drowley moved to renew the Gratiot County Road Commission Maintenance Contract for 2022. Second by Brett Fidler. Motion carried.
- Heidi Drowley moved to approve a property split for Brandon Smith, Parcel #11-007-014-00, new parcel of 3.61 acres. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.
- Bill Smith moved to set the Budget Public Hearing for Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7:30pm. Second by Brett Fidler. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF REVIEW** will be:

**Monday, March 14** from **9AM – 3PM** and **Wednesday, March 16** from **3PM – 9PM**

- Bill Smith moved to adjourn. Second by Brett Fidler. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi Drowley, Clerk*

North Star Township  
Regular Meeting  
March 14, 2022

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 14, 2022 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 2022-2023 was presented and discussed. Heidi Drowley moved to close the Budget Public Hearing. Second by Brett Fidler. The Budget Public Hearing was closed. Supervisor called the regular meeting to order.

- Brett Fidler moved to approve the agenda. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to approve the minutes from the February meeting as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Brett Fidler. Motion carried.
- Heidi Drowley moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented by Treasurer Nicole Whitmore. Second by John Hardman. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to pay the bills for the month as presented in the amounts of: \$16,449.70 for General Fund, \$1,462.29 for Sewer Maintenance, and \$1,454.36 for Cemetery General. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- John Hardman moved to approve the North Star General Appropriations Act. General Fund Revenues are estimated at \$204,102 and Expenditures at \$120,149. Cemetery General Fund Revenues are estimated at \$27,125 and Expenditures at \$30,325. Fire and Rescue Revenues are estimated at \$82,500 and Expenditures at \$79,279. Sewer Operating Revenues are estimated at \$100,500 and Expenditures at \$56,310. Roads Fund Revenues are estimated at \$183,100 and Expenditures at \$160,187. Second by Bill Smith. Upon a roll call vote, the Act passed unanimously.
- John Hardman moved to approve Budget amendments as presented. Second by Nicole Whitmore. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to approve the 2022-2023 Ithaca Fire amounts of \$52,659 and Ithaca Rescue amount of \$10,896. Second by Brett Fidler. Motion carried.  
\*\*Note\*\* Ithaca will be covering two smaller sections once covered by Ashley.
- John Hardman moved to approve the 2022-2023 Ashley Fire and Rescue amount of \$10,000. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to approve purchasing two sets of Turnout Gear for the Ithaca Fire Department in 2022-2023. The cost is \$2,862 each/\$5,724 for both. Second by Heidi Drowley. Motion carried.
- Heidi Drowley moved to approve the following Gratiot County Road Commission contracts for 2022-2023:
  - Chloride contract for 3 full applications in the amount of \$46,324
  - Gravel contract for 9.91 miles of gravel in the amount of \$69,866
  - Chip & Fog Seal Bagley Rd (Washington Rd to dead end) \$24,480
  - Chip & Fog Seal Buchanan Rd (Blair Rd to Wisner Rd) \$16,000Second by John Hardman. Motion carried.
- After reviewing several mowing bids for the township and cemetery, Heidi Drowley made a motion to accept the bid from 42 North for a combined total of \$21,100 for 2022-2023. This bid includes mowing, trimming, spring & fall cleanups, and snow plowing of both properties. (\$15,500 for cemetery & \$5,600 for township hall & empty lot) Second by John Hardman. Motion carried.
- Jeremy McAllister will be doing foundations for us in the cemetery for 2022-2023. Heidi Drowley made a motion to set the foundation fee at .60 per square inch effective immediately. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to adjourn. Second by Bill Smith. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Heidi Drowley Clerk*

North Star Township  
Regular Meeting  
April 11, 2022

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7:30pm at the township hall. All members were present. Supervisor John Hardman called the meeting to order.

- Brett Fidler moved to approve the agenda. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

42 North Outdoor Services, our contracted mowers Mike & Scott, attended our meeting to introduce themselves to the Board and answer any questions. Danielle Wolfe attended our meeting as well to see if there were plans to continue clean-up of the village of North Star.

- John Hardman moved to approve the minutes from the March meeting as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Brett Fidler. Motion carried.
- Heidi Drowley moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented by Treasurer Nicole Whitmore. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.
- Brett Fidler moved to pay the bills for the month as presented in the amounts of: \$4,342.95 for General Fund (including two additional bills: 1) MAGNET donation 2) Dumpster – 10 yd), \$393.64 for Sewer Maintenance, \$3,274.99 for Cemetery General and \$24,466.25 for Fire Fund. Second by John Hardman. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- John Hardman offered a resolution to add Fulton and New Haven Townships to the GESA. Second by Bill Smith. Upon a roll call vote, the resolution passed unanimously.
- Heidi Drowley offered a resolution to set our Regular Monthly Board Meetings on the second Monday of the month at 7:30PM for fiscal year 2022-2023. Second by John Hardman. Upon a roll call vote, the resolution passed unanimously.
- Heidi Drowley offered a resolution to place a ballot proposal on the August Primary ballot for the Road Improvement Millage Renewal. Second by John Hardman. Upon a roll call vote, the resolution passed unanimously.
- Heidi Drowley offered a resolution to increase fees associated with the cemetery due to increasing maintenance and grave digging costs. Second by John Hardman. Upon a roll call vote, the resolution passed unanimously. The new fees will be posted on website.
- The following statement was reviewed by the North Star Township Board and unanimously supported:

“It has been communicated with us that North Star Township, Gratiot County is being considered for a utility scale solar project. Since our county has an ordinance that allows for solar development, we will support the project as it is a legal land use in the state of Michigan. This support depends on DTE meeting the requirements of our county solar ordinance.”
- Brett Fidler moved to renew the following contracts for fiscal year 2022-2023:
  - Sewer Maintenance contract with Jason Akers
  - Assessor contract with John Hardman – Oath given
  - Hall Caretaker contract with Stephanie Lamey - With adjustment
  - Grave Digging & Foundation contracts with Jeremy McAllister
  - Brady Cemetery mowing contract with Grant ReevesSecond by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

**Spring Clean-up** is set for **Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 11am**. Postcards will be sent.

- John Hardman moved to adjourn. Second by Heidi Drowley. Meeting adjourned.  
*Respectfully submitted, Heidi Drowley, Clerk*

North Star Township  
Regular Meeting  
May 9, 2022

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:30pm at the township hall. Members present were: John Hardman, Heidi Drowley & Bill Smith. Supervisor John Hardman called the meeting to order.

- Heidi Drowley moved to approve the agenda. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

County Commissioner George Bailey was present at our meeting to update the Board on what the County was going to do with the ARPA monies they received. A large portion will be allocated to area entities to help with various projects. He also updated the board on the re-districting and how it will affect our township.

- John Hardman moved to approve the minutes from the April 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 Bill Smith. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to pay the bills for the month as presented in the amounts of: \$5,479.80 for General Fund, \$2,069.89 for Sewer Maintenance, \$3,695.71 for Cemetery General and \$879.04 for Roads. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Heidi Drowley moved to hire Yeo & Yeo for consulting services on year end balances for fiscal year 3/31/2022 for a fee of \$1,500 to \$2,000 as well as preparing the annual Form F-65 for a fee of \$700. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to hire Fox Sealcoating to clean, fill cracks, apply sealer, and re-stripe the township hall parking lot for an estimated cost of \$3,211.56. Second by Heidi Drowley. Motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding the storage building at the cemetery. It is leaking and needs to be replaced. We would like to replace it with a metal roof. We will get some estimates prior to next month's meeting. The smaller storage shed will be torn down as it is not needed and is in poor condition.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Heidi Drowley Clerk*

North Star Township  
Regular Meeting  
June 13, 2022

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 7:30pm at the township hall. Members present were: Heidi Drowley, Nicole Whitmore & Bill Smith. Clerk Heidi Drowley called the meeting to order.

- The Pledge of Allegiance

VISITORS:

County Commissioner George Bailey was present at our meeting to share with the Board a spreadsheet of what the County was going to do with the ARPA monies they received and the breakdown of how they shared their monies with other townships. Brett Baublitz, candidate for County Commissioner, District 5, was also present to share with the board and answer any questions. Several other guests were present.

- Bill Smith moved to approve the minutes from the May meeting as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Nicole. 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.
- Heidi Drowley moved to pay the bills for the month as presented in the amounts of: \$28,607.51 for General Fund, \$906.57 for Sewer Maintenance, \$4,570.91 for Cemetery General and \$15,441.19 for Roads. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Heidi Drowley moved to accept Brett Fidler's resignation from the Board as he will be moving to the Upper Peninsula. Second by Nicole Whitmore. Motion carried.
- Heidi Drowley offered a resolution to appoint Danielle Wolfe as Trustee to finish out the remainder of this term. The Oath of Office was given. Second by Bill Smith. Upon a roll call vote, the resolution passed unanimously.
- Two quotes came back to put a metal roof on the storage building at the cemetery. One was for \$13,500 and the other for \$12,500 from G.R. Roofing. Bill Smith made a motion to accept the bid from G.R. Roofing and give them a check for ½ of the cost to start the project as required. Second by Heidi Drowley. Motion carried.
- Nicole Whitmore moved to adjourn. Second by Bill Smith. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Heidi Drowley Clerk*

North Star Township  
Regular Meeting  
July 11, 2022

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 7:30pm at the township hall. Members present were: Heidi Drowley, Nicole Whitmore, Danielle Wolfe & Bill Smith. Clerk Heidi Drowley called the meeting to order.

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

VISITORS:

County Commissioner George Bailey was present at our meeting.

- Nicole Whitmore 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 Bill Smith. Motion carried.
- Bill Smith moved to pay the bills for the month as presented in the amounts of: \$5,505.77 for General Fund, \$1,806.51 for Sewer Maintenance, \$2,420.91 for Cemetery General and \$18,388.75 for Fire Fund. Second by Nicole Whitmore. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bill Smith moved to approve the Budget Amendments presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Nicole Whitmore. Motion carried.
- Heidi Drowley moved to adjourn. Second by Bill Smith. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Heidi Drowley Clerk*

North Star Township  
Regular Meeting  
August 8, 2022

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 7:30pm at the township hall. All members were present except Bill Smith. Supervisor John Hardman called the meeting to order

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

VISITORS:

County Commissioner George Bailey was present at our meeting.

- John Hardman moved to approve the minutes from the July meeting as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Heidi Drowley. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented by Treasurer Nicole Whitmore prior to the board meeting. Second by Heidi Drowley. Motion carried.
- Nicole Whitmore moved to pay the bills for the month as presented in the amounts of: \$4,031.00 for General Fund, \$2,420.72 for Sewer Maintenance, \$2,570.91 for Cemetery General and \$40,800.23 for Road Fund. Second by John Hardman. Motion carried.
- Heidi Drowley moved to pay the following bills prior to our next board meeting:
  1. Advanced Glass \$345 (hall door repair)
  2. G.R. Roofing \$6,250 (2<sup>nd</sup> half of payment to replace church roof @ cemetery)
  3. Jeremy McAllister up to \$4,000 (foundations @ cemetery)

Second by John Hardman. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- John Hardman moved to amend the Road Budget to allow for a 4<sup>th</sup> application of chloride (\$15,441.20) as well as 2 miles (double application of gravel) on Johnson Road (\$14,100) Second by Heidi Drowley. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to adjourn. Second by Nicole Whitmore. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Heidi Drowley Clerk*



North Star Township  
Regular Meeting  
September 12, 2022

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022 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 Heidi Drowley. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to approve the minutes from the August 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 John Hardman. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to pay the bills for the month as presented in the amounts of: \$20,391.49 for General Fund, \$907.40 for Sewer Maintenance, \$5,700.11 for Cemetery General and \$115,406.69 for Road Fund. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Heidi Drowley moved to approve an application to combine Parcels #11-017-004-00 and #11-017-004-05 submitted by Dennis & Maria Page. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to approve the Budget Amendments as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.
- Heidi Drowley moved to adjourn. Second by John Hardman. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Heidi Drowley Clerk*

North Star Township  
Regular Meeting  
October 10, 2022

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 10, 2022 at 7:30pm at the township hall. All members were present except. Supervisor John Hardman called the meeting to order.

VISITORS:

Mike & Sheila Rademacher from Pine River Township & John Gingrich were guests at our meeting. John would like us check with the Gratiot County Road Commission and ask them to sweep the streets of North Star (the 4 corners). It has been a long time since it has been done. The Rademacher's were in attendance for the DTE Solar Presentation.

- Heidi Drowley moved to approve the agenda. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

DTE SOLAR PRESENTATION

Theresa Hannath, DTE site manager, along with two other DTE representatives gave the Board a high- level Solar overview of the project they would like to put in North Star Township – 200 acres. Currently the project is in the evaluation phase, but if approved, construction could potentially start in 2023. Following the DTE presentation, they allowed a time for questions.

- Bill Smith moved to approve the minutes from the September 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 the month as presented in the amounts of: \$2,645.88 for General Fund, \$429.15 for Sewer Maintenance, \$2,720.94 for Cemetery General and \$18,388.75 for Fire Fund. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Heidi Drowley moved to approve a petition to from Kenneth & Sharon Hayes to annex their property to the City of Ithaca. Second by John Hardman. Motion carried.
- Bill Smith moved to approve the Budget Amendments as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by John Hardman. Motion carried.
- Heidi Drowley moved to adjourn. Second by John Hardman. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Heidi Drowley Clerk*

North Star Township  
Regular Meeting  
November 14, 2022

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 7:30pm at the township hall. All members were present except Danielle Wolfe. Supervisor John Hardman called the meeting to order.

VISITORS:

County Commissioner George Bailey was present at our meeting. He gave us a brief update on County activities.

- Bill Smith moved to approve the agenda. Second by John Hardman. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to approve the minutes from the October 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 Bill Smith. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to pay the bills for the month as presented in the amounts of: \$9,116 for General Fund, \$1,521.45 for Sewer Maintenance, \$4,350.73 for Cemetery General and \$16,320.23 for Road Fund. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- John Hardman moved to approve a property split for Parcel #11-028-001-10 on Dean Rd. submitted by Ardis Miller. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.
  
- John Hardman moved to adjourn. Second by Heidi Drowley. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi Drowley Clerk*

North Star Township  
Regular Meeting  
December 12, 2022

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 12, 2022 at 7:30pm at the township hall. All members were present except John Hardman. Clerk Heidi Drowley called the meeting to order.

VISITORS:

County Commissioner George Bailey was present at our meeting as well as Lori and Kolton Moon.

- Bill Smith moved to approve the agenda. Second by Nicole Whitmore. Motion carried.
- Bill Smith moved to approve the minutes from the November meeting as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Nicole Whitmore. 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.
- Nicole Whitmore moved to pay the bills for the month as presented in the amounts of: \$16,416.19 for General Fund, \$321.08 for Sewer Maintenance and \$2,821.53 for Cemetery General Fund. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Lori & Kolton Moon are in the process of buying the house at 210 E Gratiot St as well as two parcels surrounding the house, but are requesting that a portion of Butler Street (which was never constructed and runs through the property) be abandoned and vacated. Bill Smith made a motion to abandon and vacate Butler Street from the south line of Gratiot Street southeast to the south line of Lot 2 Block 5 and the south line of Lot 10 Block 5. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.
- Heidi Drowley made a motion to appoint Ben Eckelbarger, Kathy Densmore, and Richard McPherson to be Board of Review Members for the next 2 years. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding Invoice Cloud. They are charging us \$125 per month, regardless of whether the program is available or unavailable in the website. During the Summer tax season, only a handful of residents took advantage of the on-line payment option. There is a fee involved that residents have to pay to use this service, this may be a deterrent. The board agreed to re-evaluate following the Winter tax season to see how many residents pay on-line.

- Nicole Whitmore moved to approve the Budget Amendments as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.
- Heidi Drowley moved to adjourn. Second by Bill Smith. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Heidi Drowley Clerk*