

North Star Township
Regular Meeting
January 13, 2025

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7:30pm at the township hall. All members were present except Danielle Wolfe. Supervisor John Hardman called the meeting to order.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

County Commissioner George Bailey was present at our meeting and updated the Board on County news.

- John Hardman moved to approve the minutes from the December meeting as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley with additions. 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 John Hardman. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to pay the bills for January as presented in the amounts of: \$3,972.46 for General Fund, \$1,312.95 for Sewer Maintenance, \$600 for Cemetery General and \$879.04 for Roads. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- John Hardman moved to approve making a payment to Beebe Renewable Energy as part of the MTT litigation settlement. Official amount is unknown at this time until entered into our system, but payment is due by January 20th. Second by Heidi Drowley. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to approve a M.A.G.N.E.T. donation of \$888 as budgeted. Second by Heidi Drowley. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to approve purchase and installation of a keypad for our new hall door. Cost is quoted at \$1,228.98 and will be added to our hall renovation project. Second by Heidi Drowley. Motion carried.
- Heidi Drowley moved to renew the Gratiot County Road Commission Maintenance Contract for 2025. 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
February 10, 2025

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 7:30pm at the township hall. All members were present. Supervisor John Hardman called the meeting to order.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Neil Zalud from Vestaburg Sand & Gravel was a guest at our meeting. His company has won the bid through Gratiot County Road Commission to provide gravel to our township if we choose to go with them. He addressed concerns that residents countywide have had with the gravel consistency that they provided to us last year. He explained what they have been doing to fix the problem thus creating better gravel for us this year.

- John Hardman 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 by Treasurer Nicole Whitmore prior to the board meeting. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.
- Bill Smith moved to pay the bills for February as presented in the amounts of: \$46,365.70 for General Fund, \$6,433.81 for Sewer Maintenance and \$600 for Cemetery General. Second by John Hardman. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- John Hardman moved to set the Budget Public Hearing for Monday, March 10, 2025 at 7:30pm. Second by Heidi Drowley. Motion carried.
- John Hardman offered a Poverty Exemption Guideline Resolution for 2025. Second by Heidi Drowley. Upon a roll call vote, the Resolution passed unanimously.

BOARD OF REVIEW

Monday, March 10 from 9AM – 3PM and Wednesday, March 12 from 3PM – 9PM

- Heidi Drowley moved to adjourn. Second by Bill Smith. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Drowley, Clerk*

North Star Township
Regular Meeting
March 10, 2025

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 10, 2025 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 2025-2026 was presented and discussed. John Hardman moved to close the Budget Public Hearing. Second by Bill Smith. The Budget Public Hearing was closed. Supervisor called the regular meeting to order.

- Bill Smith moved to approve the agenda. Second by John Hardman. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

County Commissioner George Bailey was present at our meeting and updated the Board on County news.

- John Hardman moved to approve the minutes from the February 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 meeting. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.
- Bill Smith moved to pay the bills for the month as presented in the amounts of: \$57,931.98 for General Fund, \$918.49 for Sewer Maintenance, and \$16,994.45 for Roads. Second by John Hardman. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nicole Whitmore moved to approve the North Star General Appropriations Act. General Fund Revenues are estimated at \$281,235 and Expenditures at \$219,978. Cemetery General Fund Revenues are estimated at \$33,800 and Expenditures at \$33,800. Sewer Operating Revenues are estimated at \$87,644 and Expenditures at \$49,538. Road Fund Revenues are estimated at \$203,914 and Expenditures at \$162,213. Second by Daniell Wolfe. Upon a roll call vote, the Act passed unanimously.
- Nicole Whitmore offered Resolutions to increase the Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer salaries to \$14,000 per year and keep the Trustee salaries at \$2,500 per year plus \$20 per meeting. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Upon a roll call vote, the resolutions passed unanimously.
- Nicole Whitmore moved to approve Budget amendments as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.
- Nicole Whitmore moved to approve the following Gratiot County Road Commission contracts for 2025-2026:
 - Chloride contract for 4 full applications in the amount of \$71,084.32
 - Grave contract for 9.80 miles in the amount of \$87,612
 - Buchanan Road – Chip/Fog Seal in the amount of \$34,000Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.
- Heidi Drowley offered a resolution to increase the Sewer Maintenance fee to \$75 per quarter, the new Debt + Maintenance fee to \$119 per quarter, and the Unpaid Debt + Maintenance to \$195 per quarter. The Debt will remain the same @ \$120 per quarter for now. Second by John Hardman. Upon a roll vote, the resolution passed unanimously and new rates will become effective immediately.

SPRING CLEANUP DAY – will be scheduled for the first Saturday in June which is:
June 7th from 8am – 11am.

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

Respectfully submitted, Heidi Drowley Clerk

North Star Township
Regular Meeting
April 14, 2025

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:30pm at the township hall. All members were present. Supervisor John Hardman called the 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 and Brenda Hollabaugh were present at our meeting.

- John Hardman moved to approve the minutes from the March 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. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to pay the bills for the month as presented in the amounts of: \$4,700.19 for General Fund, \$382.50 for Sewer Maintenance, \$900 for Cemetery General and \$879.04 for Roads. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Heidi Drowley moved to renew the following contracts for fiscal year 2025-2026:
 - Sewer Maintenance contract with Jason Akers
 - Assessor contract with John Hardman
 - Hall Caretaker contract with Stephanie Lamey
 - Grave Digging & Foundation contracts with Jeremy McAllisterSecond by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.
- Heidi Drowley offered a resolution to keep our Regular Monthly Board Meetings on the second Monday of the month at 7:30PM for fiscal year 2025-2026. Second by Bill Smith. Upon a roll call vote, the resolution passed unanimously.
- John Hardman moved to renew the mowing contract with Mid-Michigan Turf Pros for fiscal year 2025-2026. 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
May 12, 2025

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 7:30pm at the township hall. All members were present except Bill Smith. 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 was present at our meeting.

- John Hardman moved to approve the minutes from the April meeting as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Danielle Wolfe. 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: \$5,827.95 for General Fund, \$2,376.43 for Sewer Maintenance, \$1,500 for Cemetery General and \$17,771.08 for Roads. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Heidi Drowley moved to set a Public Hearing for Monday, June 9th at 7:30pm for the purpose of updating the Cemetery Ordinance. We need to include a section on disinterment. Second by John Hardman. Motion carried.
- Heidi Drowley made motion to approve amending the budget to adjust the assessor's budget as presented. Second by John Hardman. Motion carried.
- Heidi Drowley to hire Yeo & Yeo to complete the required bi-annual audit for fiscal year ending March 31, 2025 for a fee of \$9,800 plus additional fees for other auditing services. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.
- Heidi Drowley moved to approve payment to Michigan Floor Care of \$1,500 to strip, scrub and wax the hall floor. In addition, approval to reimburse Stephanie Lamey up to \$100 for new entryway rugs and mop heads. Second by Nicole Whitmore. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to adjourn. Second by Heidi Drowley. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Drowley, Clerk*

North Star Township
Regular Meeting
June 9, 2025

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 9, 2025 at 7:30pm at the township hall. All members were present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor John Hardman called the Public Hearing regarding updating the Cemetery Ordinance to order. Discussion took place regarding updating the Cemetery Ordinance to include a section on disinterment. Supervisor moved to close the Public Hearing. Second by Bill Smith. The Public Hearing was closed. Supervisor called the regular meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

State Representative Tim Kelly was present at our meeting. He wanted to introduce himself to the Board and answer any questions we had. Also present at our meeting was County Commissioner George Bailey, Bill DeVuyst, John Gingrich, Geneva DeLong, and Roger and Carrie Kimmel.

- Bill Smith moved to approve the agenda. Second by Heidi Drowley. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to approve the minutes from the May 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. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.
- Bill Smith moved to pay the bills for the month as presented in the amounts of: \$30,949.59 for General Fund, \$7,211.98 for Sewer Maintenance and \$3,700 for Cemetery General. A transfer will need to be made between Sewer accounts to pay the bills for the month and will be transferred back as soon as funds become available. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- John Hardman moved to adopt the amended North Star Cemetery Ordinance to include additional sections regarding disinterment and fees. Second by Bill Smith. Upon a roll call vote, the ordinance passed unanimously.
- John Hardman moved to set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, July 1 at 7:00pm to consider an application for a Solar Energy Facility Exemption Certificate from DTE Company. Second by Heidi Drowley. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to adjourn. Second by Heidi Drowley. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Drowley, Clerk*

North Star Township
Special Meeting
July 1, 2025

The North Star Township Board met a special meeting on Monday, July 1, 2025 at 7:30pm at the township hall. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing to consider an application for a Solar Energy Facility Exemption Certificate from DTE Electric Company.

Members Present: John Hardman, Heidi Drowley, Danielle Wolfe

Members Absent: Nicole Whitmore, Bill Smith

Guests Present: Andrea Augustine w/DTE, Stephanie Johnson, Ella Earegood, John Franich

- Heidi Drowley moved to approve the agenda. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.

Supervisor John Hardman called the Public Hearing to order.

Following a question-and-answer period, John Hardman closed the public hearing.

- John Hardman offered a Resolution #2025 7-1 to approve an application for a solar energy facility exemption certificate from DTE electric company. The certificate is expected to provide payment in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$7,000 per megawatts to the township for a 20-year period. Second by Heidi Drowley. Upon a roll call vote, the resolution passed unanimously.
- In addition to the PILT resolution, DTE offered the township an opportunity to enter into a 20-year Community Benefits Agreement. The agreement would provide the township with \$3,000 per megawatts annually to be used to benefit the entire township. John Hardman made a motion to enter into a Community Benefit Agreement with DTE. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.
- John Hardman made a motion to adjourn. Second by Heidi Drowley. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Drowley, Clerk*

North Star Township
Regular Meeting
July 14, 2025

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 14, 2025 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Alivia Wolfe was present at our meeting.

- John Hardman moved to approve the amended minutes from the March meeting, minutes from the May meeting, and minutes from our special meeting on July 1, 2025 as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Danielle Wolfe. 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: \$35,610.15 for General Fund, \$458.66 for Sewer Maintenance, \$5,705 for Cemetery General and \$18,650.12 for Roads. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bill Smith made a motion to approve hiring Jarred Waldron as our OIC (Operator in Charge) of the North Star Sewer System for a rate of \$600 per month (\$7200 annually). The one-year contract will be offered with a start date of August 1, 2025 and renewed annually. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.
- Danielle Wolfe made motion to approve the budget amendments as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.
- Heidi Drowley made a motion to hire Jordan Price to remove and replace the concrete in front of the township hall for a fee of \$6,462 (1,290 to remove + \$4,847 to replace, & \$325 for wire). Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.
- Bill Smith made a motion to approve quotes from Thomas Stump Grinding for tree trimming and tree & stump removal at the cemetery. Second by John Hardman. Motion carried.
- Bill Smith made a motion to approve payment to Jeremy McAllister prior to next month's meeting upon completion of nine foundations. 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
August 11, 2025

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 11, 2025 at 7:30pm at the township hall. All members were present except Bill Smith. 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 was present at our meeting and updated the Board on County news.

- John Hardman moved to approve the minutes from the July meeting as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Danielle Wolfe. 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 August as presented in the amounts of: \$14,236.70 for General Fund, \$6,733.77 for Sewer Maintenance, \$10,719.60 for Cemetery General and \$121,612 for Roads. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- John Hardman made motion to approve the budget amendments as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. 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
September 8, 2025

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 7:30pm at the township hall. All members were present except Nicole Whitmore. Supervisor John Hardman called the meeting to order.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

County Commissioner George Bailey and resident Beckett Flint were present at our meeting.

- John Hardman moved to approve the minutes from the August 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.
- Bill Smith moved to pay the bills for September as presented in the amounts of: \$23,332.57 for General Fund, \$839.67 for Sewer Maintenance and \$1,800 for Cemetery General. Second by John Hardman. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Heidi Drowley moved to approve entering into a Maintenance Agreement with Burford Plumbing, Heating & Cooling. The annual cost for this maintenance will be \$235 and covers Furnace and Central Air Tune Ups. Any repairs throughout the year will be covered up to \$200 and a 10% discount on new products/material. 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
October 13, 2025

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 13, 2025 at 7:30pm at the township hall. All members were present. Supervisor John Hardman called the meeting to order.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

County Commissioner George Bailey and several North Star village residents were present at our meeting. A train collided with a tractor on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at the Gratiot St/Baldwin Rd. crossing. There is much concern regarding the traffic that never yields at this crossing. Discussion took place for solutions. The Board reached out a year ago to the Gratiot County Road Commission regarding putting up a Rail Road light or possibly a Rail Road light/gate combination at this crossing. The cost would be approximately \$250,000 - \$270,000 split between MDOT and the Gratiot County Road Commission, but currently, this crossing does not meet the criteria needed to put up the light. The Board will reach out again to the Road Commission and offer to cost share the project. In the meantime, we will ask for a Stop sign to be placed at the crossing instead of the Yield sign. One of our residents will also be trimming back the trees more to better view oncoming trains.

- John Hardman moved to approve the minutes from the September 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 board meeting. Second by Heidi Drowley. Motion carried.
- Bill Smith moved to pay the bills for October as presented in the amounts of: \$6,447.46 for General Fund, \$940.60 for Sewer Maintenance, \$3,022.80 for Cemetery General and \$17,771.08 for Roads. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bill Smith made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2025 10-13 North Star Township Dangerous Buildings Ordinance. This ordinance promotes the health, safety, and welfare of the people of North Star Township by regulating the maintenance and safety of certain buildings and structures and establishing procedures for the maintenance or demolition of said buildings and structures. Second by Heidi Drowley. Upon a roll call vote, the Ordinance was adopted unanimously. This ordinance will take effect 30 days after publication as required by law and will be placed on the North Star Website at that time.
- John Hardman moved to approve the County Master Plan for distribution. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to approve Greater Gratiot Development, Inc., to distribute notice and copies of the Master Plan to required entities and neighboring units of government on behalf of North Star Township. 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
November 10, 2025

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 10, 2025 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.
- 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.
- Bill Smith moved to pay the bills for November as presented in the amounts of: \$2,453.96 for General Fund, \$1,164 for Sewer Maintenance, \$1,388.80 for Cemetery General and \$17,771.08 for Roads. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Heidi Drowley made a motion to hire Wilson Lawncare & Snowplowing to plow the hall and cemetery if needed for 2025/2026 Winter season. They have the capability to salt the parking lot which be a benefit we haven't had in previous years. Second by John Hardman. Motion carried.
- Bill Smith moved to approve the budget amendments as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. 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
December 8, 2025

The North Star Township Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 8, 2025 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 was present at our meeting and updated the Board on County news.

- John Hardman moved to approve the minutes from the November 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 December as presented in the amounts of: \$27,517.98 for General Fund, \$837.43 for Sewer Maintenance, \$450 for Cemetery General and \$10,000 for GESA Authority. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- John Hardman moved to donate \$10,000 to the GESA Authority to purchase a new rescue truck. Second by Danielle Wolfe. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to approve the budget amendments as presented by Clerk Heidi Drowley. Second by Bill Smith. Motion carried.
- John Hardman moved to adjourn. Second by Heidi Drowley. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Drowley, Clerk*