

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2017.

The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday August 9, 2017 at the Grant Valley Town Hall.

Board Members and employees present were Hiltz, Moudry, and Treasurer Boyer.

Supervisor Hiltz welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Moudry made a motion to approve the July 12, 2017, regular meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Supervisor Hiltz and carried on unanimous voice call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer reported fund balances of General \$117,677.33, Road and Bridge \$828,273.91, and Fire Fund \$87,894.10 with an outstanding item of \$177.35 for a total cash on hand balance of \$1,034,022.69. Supervisor Moudry made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Supervisor Hiltz seconded motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The bills were reviewed. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Supervisor Moudry seconded motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Casey Peterson and other residents from Whisperwood Development were present and Casey spoke on behalf of them.

1. Why weren't the residents notified of the gravel pit going in by Reierson Construction. The answer was that it was brought up at a prior meeting by some Whisperwood residents but the town board has no say over it.
2. What is the board going to do about the health issues, i.e. dust particles, etc. The answer was that it isn't even known yet where Reierson's are going to come out onto the road. They are trying to purchase the land next to this piece of property but haven't had any luck yet. Discussion held on covenants and it was indicated that the town board does not have the authority to enforce covenants as each of them are different.
3. What is the board going to do about the air pollution from the machines and trucks? The answer was that the board can't do anything and the residents would need to deal with the state. If the equipment passes the emission controls then it is o.k. and nothing can be done.
4. What is the town board going to do about controlling the dust and the noise from the pit? The answer was that the levels aren't known yet but that is another issue to be dealt with at the state level.
5. What is the board going to do about the speed on the road? The answer was that we could try to get Reieresons to slow down but then everyone who drives the road would need to slow down as well. Discussion on 30mph speed limit.
6. Do the board or the residents have any say on the hours of operation. The answer was that 7 am to 7 pm is kind of a standard time but that Reiersons should be addressed to see if a time can be agreed upon.
7. Casey Peterson feels the road grader is not maintaining the road as it should be and that all this traffic will only make it worse. The answer is that the road gets graded once a week. Jerry Reierson said he would take care of the road but that he doesn't have to. Discussion on paving.
8. What is the board going to do about the environmental factors as far as wildlife, wetlands, etc. The answer was that Gerry Maertens had already considered this and had gotten ahold of the DNR and the Army Corps of Engineers and they should be dealt with not the board.

9. What is the board going to do about the industrial issues and land values? The answer was that the residents should be coming to the annual meetings and starting action to get the planning and zoning back on the ballot to pass.

Lengthy discussion held. Easement discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Brushing – Thorings Grading did 8.6 miles one way of brushing and turned in a bill. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to have Thorings Grading continue brushing at \$150.00 an hour and be done by the next monthly meeting. Supervisor Moudry seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS:

BATO meeting on Monday August 21st notice received, reviewed and filed.

Supervisor Hiltz received a phone call on 16th Street and Buchanan intersection. They were requesting a 3 way stop sign. Bemidji Township took the stop sign out. It was also inquired as to whether we could brush that corner and Supervisor Hiltz indicated no not unless Bemidji Township agreed. Supervisor Hiltz has a meeting at Bemidji Township this week and will ask them about it and get back to this at the September meeting.

ROADS: In pretty good shape.

As there was no further business, Supervisor Moudry made motion to adjourn. Supervisor Hiltz Fuller seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Schmidt
Clerk