

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018.

The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday January 11, 2018 at the Grant Valley Town Hall.

Board Members and employees present were Hiltz, Fuller, Treasurer Boyer and Clerk Schmidt.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Fuller made a motion to approve the December 14, 2017, regular meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Supervisor Hiltz and carried on unanimous voice call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Boyer reported fund balances of General \$124,703.12, Road and Bridge \$827,485.33, and Fire Fund \$74,373.95 with outstanding items of \$179.32 for a total cash on hand balance of \$1,026,741.72. Supervisor Fuller 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 Fuller made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Supervisor Hiltz seconded motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to set the Board of Audit on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Supervisor Fuller seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Annexation – Nate Matthews from the City of Bemidji and City Attorney Al Felix were present. Al Felix discussed annexation and the financial impact it will have on the Township and the landowners. There are 4 property owners and the new Gene Dillon Elementary school that are in question. Several of the landowners and a representative from the School District were present. The values of the City vs. the Township tax were shown on a breakdown. Storm water discussed. Commercial storm water is based on square footage and residential storm water is not. One resident present felt that by taking all 4 parcels out of the townships the remainder of the residents of the township's taxes are going to increase. The connection fee to hook-up is \$12,000.00 and never goes up. If the orderly annexation doesn't happen then the City can still annex, it's just a different process. The School District can petition the City for annexation of just their parcel. Lengthy discussion held. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to send a letter to the City of Bemidji asking them to reduce the service fees for the 4 landowners from \$12,000.00 down to an appropriate number and then do an orderly annexation which includes annexing the school right away and the residents in 2020 with a 5-year phase in of the city tax and a one-time revenue lump sum payment. Supervisor Fuller seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Shirlee Maertens asked if any other annexation in GVT is being looked at. Nate from the City said there were no short-term plans for any other annexation in GVT.

Whisperwood – no action.

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to send a letter to Assessor Bob Seado asking if he will attend our February meeting to give an update. Supervisor Fuller seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS:

Supervisor Fuller reported on Animal Control. They set the budget for the coming year and the number stayed the same as it was.

Supervisor Hiltz reported on the Fire Association. The Fire Dept is looking at renting a building north of town to use as another fire station. Retirement discussed.

ROADS: Thorings will finish up the roads tomorrow. They have a stronger salt that is being used.

Another lengthy discussion was held on Annexation.

As there was no further business, Supervisor Fuller made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Hiltz seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Schmidt
Clerk