

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019.

The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday December 12, 2019 at the Grant Valley Town Hall.

Board Members and employees present were Supervisor Hiltz, Supervisor Fuller, Supervisor Shanahan, Treasurer Saiger 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 November 14, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Supervisor Shanahan and carried on unanimous voice call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Saiger reported fund balances as General \$127,333.69, Road and Bridge \$511,379.34, Fire Fund \$14,014.53 with outstanding items of \$64,375.00 for a total cash on hand balance of \$717,102.56.

Supervisor Fuller made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Supervisor Shanahan seconded motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to designate the Bemidji Pioneer as the township's official newspaper. Supervisor Fuller seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to set our meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month and the annual meeting on the 2nd Tuesday in March and to publish such dates. Supervisor Fuller seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Rates of pay were discussed. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to set the Supervisor's rates of pay at \$150.00 per meeting, the Treasurer at \$400.00 a month plus \$50.00 a meeting and the Clerk at \$550.00 a month plus \$50.00 a meeting and General Labor at \$15.00 an hour. Supervisor Fuller seconded motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Dale Vogt was present and requested a 3-year extension and a \$10.00 an hour raise on his road contract. He is purchasing another truck so all road work would be done by 12:00-1:00. Discussion held. Discussion held on mailboxes as well. Dale indicates he fixes them if he runs into them but if the snow damages them, he does not. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to raise Vogt's Dirt Service by \$10.00 an hour for snowplowing and grading and to extend his contract by 2 years after the current one runs out. Supervisor Shanahan seconded motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Supervisor Fuller made a motion to raise KC's Bobcat Service from \$35.00 to \$50.00 for snowplowing the hall. Supervisor Shanahan seconded motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Letter from City of Bemidji received, reviewed and filed.

The HRDC bought a parcel of land off Schroeder Road and will be going through the process of platting. They will be building but not selling yet.

2 emails and 1 letter have been received regarding snowplowing and slippery, icy roads and striping roads.

OLD BUSINESS:

Strowbridge sign – being worked on over the winter and will be put up in the spring.

Stone Lake Road info and letter received from the Dept of Army with a permit. Work has been completed.

Animal Control Issue from last month ongoing. Carla Baker got shock collars. Animal Control Officer Tim Vigen indicates it has slowed down a bit but there are still issues. Supervisor Shanahan went out to area 4 different nights and dogs did not bark at her even when she got out of the car. Linda Charles stopped and talked to Supervisor Fuller and Supervisor Shanahan and called Treasurer Saiger after the last meeting.

REPORTS:

Supervisor Hiltz reported on long range planning for the fire association along with a new proposed building for a new station.

ROADS:

Road policy discussed. We should have a policy drawn up. Clerk will work on it based on the Beltrami County one.

As there was no further business, Supervisor Shanahan made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Fuller seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angela Schmidt
Clerk