

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020.

The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday December 10, 2020 at the Grant Valley Town Hall.

Board Members present were Supervisor Hiltz, Supervisor Eckman, 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 Eckman made a motion to approve the November 12, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes seconded by Supervisor Hiltz and carried on unanimous voice call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk Schmidt reported fund balances as General \$167,477.72, Road and Bridge \$475,335.93, Fire Fund \$6,965.13 with outstanding items of \$4,697.05 for a total cash on hand balance of \$654,475.83. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Supervisor Eckman 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 seconded by Supervisor Eckman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to designate the Grant Valley Town hall as the polling place. Supervisor Eckman seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Grant Hills Plat Road was discussed. It needs 3 signs and 1 road shaped and kept up. This should be put on our plan to look at during the Road Tour and see what we need to do. Supervisor Hiltz will call the County to see about road names. We will work on the roads in the spring. Table to January.

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to designate the Bemidji Pioneer as the township's official newspaper for any notices, etc. Supervisor Eckman seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice all vote.

Wages and rates of pay discussed. Unscheduled emergency was removed from the list.

Beavers discussed. Email from resident asking for us to reimburse for beavers. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to reply that the township has a designated trapper, and his amounts are significantly less than what was paid. There is also a permit that is needed from the DNR. The beavers must be directly affecting the township roads, or we cannot pay. Therefore, we will not be paying any of the bill and would encourage you to call if you have questions or problems with beavers in the future. Supervisor Eckman seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Resident from Twain Drive (back behind Huckleberry) wants trees cut down. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion second by Supervisor Eckman to send a letter indicating we have been contacted by a concerned resident who feels the trees are dangerous on the South Side of Huckleberry Lane. Would you give the township permission to cut these trees and trim and asking the resident to call one of the Supervisors.

OLD BUSINESS:

Driveway resolution reviewed. Supervisor Eckman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hiltz to amend the resolution further stating that only one driveway be allowed per parcel. Motion carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Buried cable policy discussed. No action taken.

REPORTS:

Keith Christiansen, the Animal Control Officer, was present and indicates things have quieted down a bit.

Chairman Hiltz reported on the Fire Association. LRP discussed and the Assistant Fire Chief is going to be the interim until the right applicant can be found for the Chief's job.

ROADS:

Resident on Fern Lake road emailed. Supervisor Hiltz has tried to call resident but has not connected yet. Roads are a little rough.

As there was no further business, Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to adjourn seconded by Supervisor Eckman and carried on unanimous voice call vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angela Schmidt
Clerk