

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022.

The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday February 10, 2022, at the Grant Valley Town Hall.

Board Members present were Chairman Russ Hiltz, Supervisor Bob Hiltz, Treasurer Slough, Clerk Schmidt, and Deputy Clerk Stevens.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to approve the January 13, 2022, Regular Minutes seconded by Chairman Hiltz and carried on unanimous voice call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Slough reported fund balances as General \$127,200.24, Road and Bridge \$844,515.70, Fire Fund \$54,298.14 with outstanding items of \$1,453.81 for a total cash on hand balance of \$1,027,467.89.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to appoint Kayley Stevens as Deputy Clerk through the March meeting. Chairman Hiltz seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Treasurer Slough disbursed the budget report, and the budget was discussed. The general fund looks good, and no changes were recommended. The fire fund needs to be increased based on the information we received. The recommendation is to increase it \$20,000.00 making the total \$108,000.00. The Road and Bridge fund was discussed, and it was recommended to keep the total the same but move \$10,000.00 from the unpaved fund and move it to the Professional Services for a total of \$460,260.00. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to recommend these amounts at the annual meeting. Chairman Hiltz seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Propane tank tabled to next month.

Dale Vogt contract tabled to next month.

Discussion on a policy about garbage can placement tabled to next month.

No response from Rockwood or Bemidji Township yet on the Road Agreements. Table to next month.

REPORTS:

Animal Control – Supervisor Hiltz reported on Animal Control. Animal Control Officer Keith Christiansen is still having issues with getting the Sheriff's Department involved. Lengthy discussion held. Budget went up to \$50,000.00. Dangerous dogs discussed.

Fire Association – Chairman Hiltz reported on the Fire Association. The levy has been raised. They fire department wants to hire two more firefighters and there is a possible grant for that. Fire Districts discussed. There are normally 100 fires per year and in 2021 there were 168.

BATO – None.

ROADS:

The roads are snowy and slippery. Discussion held.

As there was no further business, Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to adjourn seconded by Chairman Hiltz and carried on unanimous voice call vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angela Schmidt, Clerk