

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022.

The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday May 12, 2022, at the Grant Valley Town Hall.

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

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 April 14, 2022, Regular Minutes seconded by Supervisor Eckman and carried on unanimous voice call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Slough reported fund balances as General \$106,610.39 Road and Bridge \$863,855.78 Fire Fund \$55,720.15 with outstanding items of \$26,392.52 for a total cash on hand balance of \$1,052,578.84. Supervisor Eckman 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 and discussed. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Supervisor Eckman seconded motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pete Fredrickson from Bemidji Township was present to discuss the road agreement we have with them. He presented a new road agreement and then discussion was held on just billing a flat amount every year and Pete is o.k. with that. Supervisor Eckman made a motion to change the fee to an annual amount of \$175.00 and send a letter to Bemidji Township stating the changes. Supervisor Bob Hiltz seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Ron Bodenheimer was present. He lives in Whisperwood Court. Would like to know about getting Division Street and Whisperwood paved. Discussion held. Petition was given to him, and he was told we normally only accept them until February but there is a slight chance it could get done this year depending on the timeframe and availability of contractors. The procedure in getting the Petition signed and back to us was discussed.

Rodney Platt was present and asked about Balsam Ridge Road and Division Street. He inquired as to how much Dale Vogt is getting paid per hour and he was told \$125.00. Gravel also discussed. He feels we need to blade and then put the gravel down and not let anyone drive on it. He is wondering if we could ask Reiersen's to blade the road since they use it for their trucks. He also asked if we could double blade Division Street. Teri Lofgren was present and asked about the cutting edges and wondering if they are used on all the roads that Vogt's take care of or just ours. It was indicated the cutting edges get worn down fast because of the pea rock on the roads and that our township was the only ones getting the cutting edges and is mostly in the winter months. Teri Lofgren also said there is a terrible garbage problem on Schroeder Road. Asked if there is anything we can do about it. She was told no; we do not have any zoning or land use. It was indicated that she could try to find a person's name on the garbage and call them in to the Sheriff.

Supervisor Eckman made a motion to send a letter to Reierson Construction that we have received many complaints about their trucks ripping up Division Street. Would they please consider grading the road at the end of the day when they have excessive use of the road and request attendance at our next meeting would be appreciated. Supervisor Hiltz seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Hiltz received a call from Jean Diffley at Rockwood Township, and they would like to keep the Road Agreement with us the same. He asked her if they could send someone to our next meeting. We will table this until the June meeting. The average for the past several years would be \$2,000.00. Discussion held. Should discuss brushing with them as well.

We paid tax on the propane tax but are tax exempt so the extra will be put toward future propane purchases.

Table the rental agreement to the June meeting.

Chairman Hiltz made a motion to have Keith Christiansen clean the hall once every 3 months unless asked to do something different which would need authorization. He will be paid \$85.00 each time he cleans. Supervisor Eckman seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Chairman Hiltz made a motion to remove Noah Fuller from the signature cards at First National Bank and Riverwood Bank. Supervisor Hiltz seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Treasurer Slough received a call from a representative at Neilson Spearhead asking if she could give him an approximate amount that it costs to maintain our building every month. All o.k. for her to give this information.

All the CARES money should be moved into the general account after the next check is received and a running total should be kept for all things, we use it for. So far it has been for new tables, the propane tank, and the furnace. The parking lot needs to be sealed and the cracks filled, and we should be able to use the money for that as well.

Supervisor Eckman received a couple of calls from residents in the Johnsville Addition complaining about Dave Cuperus's new building and him plowing snow up in one spot that is now melting and building up as a pond. One resident contacted Dave Cuperus and she left a message with Supervisor Eckman that the outcome of her conversation was to their satisfaction. Discussion held. Will look at during Road Tour this Saturday.

Supervisor Eckman took notes at the Board of Review and those were filed. Discussion held on values.

Supervisor Eckman asked if the board was o.k. with her responding to the questions that are posed to us on the website if it is a general question, she feels comfortable with. If she cannot handle it, she will ask for the other two Supervisors to give her input. All were o.k. with this.

Keith Christiansen will fix the lawn after the propane tank is installed.

REPORTS:

Animal Control – Supervisor Hiltz and ACO Keith Christiansen have been having trouble with the attorney. Hopefully, that will change.

BATO – Supervisor Eckman reported on BATO. She attended the meeting where 15 people were present. Mel Melander reported on the CARES money. Bruce from MN DOT was present and went through the county's plan for roads. BATO is now only meeting two times per year.

Fire Association – Chairman Hiltz reported on the Fire Association. Bemidji Township wants an audit and an accountant to do the books for the Fire Association. Discussion held.

ROADS:

Roads are not in very good shape right now. Road Tour is this Saturday. Dale Vogt sent a sheet of places he recommends have gravel and the board will review on the tour. Chairman Hiltz reported roads are rough.

As there was no further business, Chairman Hiltz made a motion to adjourn seconded by Supervisor Hiltz and carried on unanimous voice call vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angela Schmidt, Deputy Clerk