

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021.

The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday November 11, 2021, at the Grant Valley Town Hall.

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

Chairman Hiltz welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag at 7:00 pm. Guests present were Keith Christiansen and Kayley Stevens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to approve the October 14, 2021, Regular Minutes seconded by Supervisor Eckman and carried on unanimous voice call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Slough reported fund balances as General \$122,624.58, Road and Bridge \$753,530.07, Fire Fund \$65,903.68 with outstanding items of \$14,124.50 for a total cash on hand balance of \$956,182.83.

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:

A resident from Mid-Valley Lane is requesting putting in streetlights. Discussion held. Chairman Hiltz made a motion to send a letter to the township attorney asking for information on lighting in developments; where they should be placed, who pays for it if no association, restrictions, is there a policy somewhere and who is liable for them once up. Supervisor Eckman seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Clerk Schmidt's position discussed. Kayley Stevens is present tonight to get the information on what this job entails.

OLD BUSINESS:

Country View rocks issue. Supervisor Eckman and Keith Christiansen will go check at the county to see what the easement states. Discussion held.

Mail carrier and mailboxes on the roads discussed. Supervisor Eckman made a motion to add to our Road Agreement for new developments that mailboxes need to be within the development not on the main road. Chairman Hiltz seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Keith Christiansen will pick up a new snow shovel and salt.

REPORTS:

Animal Control – Animal Control Officer Christiansen indicates everything has passed. Trapping of animals is in question. Body cam is in question as well. The Township's ORI # is MN004021A. This number is how the BCA will associate us with the incident.

Fire – Chairman Hiltz reported on the fire association. Fire districts are being discussed again. Paying for the two new trucks.

BATO – Supervisor Eckman reported on BATO. Clark Chambers resigned; Mel Melander gave information on the proposed legislation to use the second part of the CARES money on roads. Eric Thorson from the DNR and Brian Olson from the County Solid Waste were present. The solid waste went up a lot during the pandemic so things may change for the future.

ROADS:

Roads are bad and going to get worse so we should prepare. Keith Christiansen will move the “T” sign on the Fern Lake Road.

Discussion on recent school election and combining polling places. Supervisor Eckman made a motion to send a letter to the School District in opposition of combining polling places for school elections. It seems unsafe and confusing. Chairman Hiltz seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote. An amendment to the motion was made asking for a copy to be sent to Beltrami County. Amendment to motion carried.

Discussion on the CARES money and what we need to spend it for and how to track it. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to secure bids for a furnace and air purifier and A/C option. Supervisor Eckman seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote.

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 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angela Schmidt
Clerk