

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY
TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 AT THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN HALL.**

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

Board members present were Chairman Hiltz, Supervisor Shanahan, Supervisor Fuller, Treasurer Saiger, and Deputy Clerk Eckman. Road supervisor Keith Christiansen and seven (7) other visitors were also present.

Chairman Hiltz called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Special Road Hearing minutes and the regular Board Meeting minutes both of August 8, 2019 as submitted, was offered by Shanahan, seconded by Hiltz, and approved on voice roll call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Saiger reported the following fund balances: General: \$136,616.98 Road & Bridge: \$683,555.37, and Fire Fund \$44,394.33. She also reported an outstanding check balance of \$177.35. Total Ending Fund Balance is \$864,744.03. Supervisor Shanahan offered a motion to accept the report, subject to audit. Chairman Hiltz seconded the motion which was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

The bills were reviewed and discussed, including questions by the Treasurer as to the proper category placement of certain portions of the bill submitted by Road Supervisor Christiansen. A motion was offered by Supervisor Shanahan, seconded by Hiltz, and approved by unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

River Heights

The visitors present addressed the issue of no parking being allowed on Lady Bug Drive, with resident Mark Beunig, 8775 Lady Bug Drive, stating his concerns. He stated he has no other place to park his semi truck and felt doing so causes no harm. Chairman Hiltz explained that the township prohibits the placement of any vehicle, structure or debris in the road right of ways, due to the danger it can cause, and the problems that it would cause for snowplowing. He stated that even if this issue involved an area of limited traffic, the policy is in effect for all township roads.

He further suggested since the area in question involves just a portion of the road which was once dedicated to the township by MN DNR, perhaps the residents would wish to do a petition, requesting the vacation of said road, and that they should contact the township clerk for the proper form and procedure needed, if they decide to pursue this route.

A motion was offered by Hiltz to contact the Mn Association of Townships attorney as to what the proper step by step procedure would be for vacating/abandoning and could just a portion of a roadway be abandoned/vacated. The motion was seconded by Shanahan and duly carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Road cracks sealing/markings

Chairman Hiltz reported that due to the lateness of the season, crack filling and road markings will need to be completed in next year's road work.

Stowbridge Sign for Town Hall

Chairman Hiltz reported he will be working on the town hall replacement sign.

Roundabout Mowing and Standing Waters Along Roadways

No response has been received from the County Highway Dept regarding the Board's concerns for the need for the mowing of the tall grasses on the newly created Roundabouts, or the concerns raised regarding the continual standing waters along the roadsides, created with the design and completion of County Road #7.

Town Hall Damage

No additional information has been noted from the cameras now in place.

Animal Control Ordinance

Supervisor Shanahan reported that the Animal Control Ordinance is being revised, and a draft ordinance is now being reviewed by attorney.

ROADS

Stone Lake Road North & South

Water was not running through the culvert on Stone Lake Road North, due to it being dammed up by beavers, causing the roadway to be washed out. Gary Skime was hired to take care of this, and a bill for his services was submitted.

Stone Lake Road South has water along both sides and a motion was offered by Fuller, seconded by Shanahan and duly carried, to have Dale Vogt haul in rock. Road Supervisor Christiansen offered to be on site and help with the spreading.

Bootleg Lake Road

The road need to be dug, re-shaped, ditch cut in on the south side, approximately 4" of class 5 plus a culvert to stabilize both sides.

Stone Lake and Miller Roads

Scheduled work will be completed shortly on both roads.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Garbage in Ditch, Sunset Meadows

Road Supervisor Kevin Christiansen reported that there was a large amount of garbage in the ditch at the north end of Sunset Meadows.

Shamrock Road Needs Gravel

It was determined that Shamrock Road needs approximately 2 more loads of gravel; one load on each side.

Annual Road Certification

The annual Road Certification Report received by the Beltrami County Highway Department was reviewed, completed, & approved, on motion of Hiltz, seconded by Fuller and unanimously approved.

Town Hall Water Softener

Supervisor Shanahan noted that there was no salt in the water softener and therefore the softener was not working. She will look into it by the next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business or discussion coming before the Board, a motion to adjourn was offered by Chairman Hiltz, seconded by Supervisor Shanahan and duly carried and the Board meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marlys Eckman, Deputy Clerk