

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

The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday September 20, 2020 at the Grant Valley Town Hall.

Treasurer Saiger is married and her name has changed to Janelle Slough.

Board Members present were Supervisor Hiltz, Supervisor Shanahan, Supervisor Eckman, Treasurer Slough 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 August 13, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes seconded by Supervisor Shanahan and carried on unanimous voice call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk Schmidt reported fund balances as General \$131,835.98, Road and Bridge \$532,737.35, Fire Fund \$39,424.47 with outstanding items of \$111,190.69 for a total cash on hand balance of \$815,188.49.

Supervisor Eckman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Supervisor Shanahan 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 Shanahan and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jade Drive – Judy Mix and her attorney Darrell Carter were present. The township has not heard back from Troy Gilchrest the association attorney. Mr. Carter was given Mr. Gilchrest's information and he will contact him directly.

NEW BUSINESS:

CARES funding discussed. Letter received from Beltrami County asking us to fill out paperwork for money even if we do not need it. Whatever we do not use the county will be able to get and use. The Township will have to get the money and then turn around and give it to the County. Our allocation was \$53,400.00. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to fill out the paperwork and return to the Department of Revenue asking for the funding. Supervisor Eckman seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote.

County Road Map was received and reviewed. This year they are asking for the township to put down road miles for each road. Supervisor Shanahan made a motion to have Keith Christiansen go out and measure each road and fill in for us to return to the county. Supervisor Eckman seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Supervisor Hiltz indicated he received a call about 2255 Carmen Drive and that the ruts by the E911 sign need to be filled in. Keith Christiansen will fill them in.

Letter received from Howard Latvala. The trees he is referencing are on the township's right-of-way. The Township will not be cutting them down as it is not necessary.

Supervisor Eckman and Clerk Schmidt were both called by concerned residents asking about voter fraud and the process this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

A letter was received from the Postmaster on Averi Circle's mailboxes. Discussion held. Supervisor Eckman made a motion to send a copy of the letter to Kay Scripture who lives in Averi Circle letting her know she can contact the HRDC who built the development and also asking if she would contact the residents in the development and ask what they want done with the mailboxes and to report back to Supervisor Eckman with their feedback. Supervisor Shanahan seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Rocks in driveway discussed. The resident has been notified and is working out of town but will hopefully take care of them.

Mid-Valley Lane – 2 driveways – Supervisor Eckman left a note in the mailbox of the owner regarding only being able to have one and gave the date and time of this meeting.

Update on Town Hall – Keith Christiansen will be painting the hall – cloudy grey was picked out as color. The cabinets will be put together and installed and Keith will put up the sign as well. Supervisor Hiltz will get the countertop when the cabinets get put up.

REPORTS:

Animal Control – Keith Christiansen was hired as the new Animal Control Officer. Jeremy Klinger, the animal control attorney asked Supervisor Shanahan for original citations. Jeremy Klinger wants to meet with Keith and instruct him on how to write the citations. First Incident – verbal warning, 2nd incident gets the first citation issued which is a petty misdemeanor. The third incident gets the second citation which is a misdemeanor. Discussion held. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to have Supervisor Shanahan and Keith Christiansen meeting with attorney Jeremy Klinger regarding how to issues these citations. Supervisor Eckman seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Fire – Meeting scheduled for October at the Eckles Town Hall.

Round-a-bouts – Supervisor Eckman and Supervisor Hiltz met with Bruce Hasbargen at the county and voiced their concerns on how bad they look. The new one on Irvine Avenue looks great and that is what Grant Valley would like to see. They asked for them to at least be mowed. Keith Christiansen will get us a quote on mowing them and part of the ditch. Safety needs to be the key.

ROADS:

The striping is being finished up today or tomorrow and should only take one day. Crack seal on Fern Lake and River Heights will be done the week of the 21st.

Traps are being set by Ed for the beavers on Fern Lake.

A load of black dirt was put on Hidden Trail as Bob Ellenson was complaining that his sump pump was running steady. The water runs down the road and into the ditch. There are no wash outs in the black dirt so all should be o.k.

There have been some complaints on the grass on the roads from the mowing that was done.

As there was no further business, Supervisor Shanahan made a motion to adjourn seconded by Supervisor Eckman and carried on unanimous voice call vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angela Schmidt
Clerk