

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024**

**The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2024 at the Grant Valley Town Hall.**

**Board Members present were Chairman Hiltz, Supervisor Hiltz, Supervisor Eckman, Treasurer Slough, Clerk Stevens and Road Supervisor Christianson.**

**Chairman 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 May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Regular Meeting, seconded by Chairman Hiltz and carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Question of putting visitors on the minutes. Clerk Stevens has not put visitors.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Slough reported fund balances as General \$52,480.33, Road and Bridge \$1,089,505.75, Fire Fund \$35,340.72, Covid Fund of \$80,032.73 with outstanding items of \$65.00 for a total cash on hand balance of \$1,257,359.53. 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 seconded by Supervisor Eckman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Two bids were received for paving Division Street W.

Northern Paving-

Base Bid \$265,564.00

Alternate 1- 25ft approach plus radii at Bootleg RD and Whisperwood CT SW- \$3500

Alternate 2- Temporary striping- \$3183.75

Bid Bond and Certificate of Liability Insurance included.

Knife River- \$299,432.00, Bid Bond and Certificate of Liability Insurance included.

Discussion of rock sizes and comparison. Chairman Hiltz made a motion to accept Northern Paving bid including Alternate 1 and Alternate 2 using 9.5 rock, Chairman Hiltz will touch base on the temporary striping. Supervisor Hiltz seconded the motion and carried on unanimous roll call vote. Chairman Hiltz will coordinate with Reirson and Northern Paving so Reirson's are not hauling a lot on the fresh road. Discussion of Whisperwood residents petitioning to get the road paved, residents did not agree and petition to pave their road.

Total cost to pave 1 mile of Division Street W- \$272,247.75 (Northern Paving) + \$6850.00(Culvert) + \$48,300(class5) = \$327,397.75.

Mr. Schussman called- complaint that Balsam Rd is being tore up by hauling of class 5. Discussion on where Dale Vogt's trucks have been turning around. Rodney Platt called about brushing on Balsam Rd, trees are growing over the road.

Rodney Platt would like to add 4 feet on to the driving surface of his driveway to get semis into his approach. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to approve Rodney Platt adding a 6-foot Culvert with splice on a culvert and 4 feet of fill on his approach at 928 Balsam Ridge RD SW Seconded by Chairman Hiltz and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Discussion on trees in the road right of ways. Clerk Stevens will keep a running list to add to the Agenda in September of roads to watch.

Chairman Hiltz make motion to send election judges to any upcoming trainings this summer, supervisor Eckman seconded the motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

**OLD BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

Countryside Road- Chairman Hiltz tried to get an update. Contacted the DNR and left messages but no one has called him back. Two large popples were cut down on DNR property, no one knows who cut them. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to send Ms. Listebarger a letter that we noticed the trees are cut and we are looking into this, please call any board member if she knows anything or has concerns. Seconded by Supervisor Eckman and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Minnesota State demographics numbers were received, as of April 1, 2023 population estimate is 2,465 and household estimate is 915.

Assessor fees- Beltrami County is \$16,541 and Wes Hegna is \$13,900 with a three-year contract. If we go with Hegna we would like a copy of his license number. In the interest of saving the Township money Supervisor Hiltz made a motion of accepting Wes Hegna's quote agreement and Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote. Clerk Stevens will send letter to County that we accepted Wes Hegna's contract.

**REPORTS:**

Fire- No report

BATO- No report

Animal Control- No report

JAYZB- Meeting to cast a vote and send to MNDOT. IF MNDOT approves this they are good, if not they will have more meetings and revise.

**ROADS:**

A resident of Wilton called to complain about the road leading into the Park in Wilton, John Carlson was talked with about the park and the road, along with Billy Schroeder, County will do engineering to get road fixed, Billy Schroeder said no, he wants to redo the intersection but wants Grant Valley to help pay. We have gone through in the past with them and Grant Valley put \$1,000 into it then. The holes are big. City of Wilton has ownership of the road. The County wanted to help and fix the project because it is a County Park, City of Wilton said they are going to fix the intersection. We saw this on our road tour, and we know how terrible the road is but our hands are tied.

Chairman Hiltz made a motion to send Wilton City a letter that we are getting complaints from their residents about the Grant Lake Lane and Grantwood intersection, and this needs to be fixed the motion was Seconded by Supervisor Eckman and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Discussion of roundabouts and the one that is mowed and planted in. Discussion of mowing by Gene Dillion.

Quiet Pond- drove back in there, crushed concrete was added to the whole length of it, it will not be bladed anymore, the road is pretty hard. This is a township road, pondering what we can do. Chairman Hiltz made a motion to send Jason Hill, the Township's attorney a letter- what can we do to an individual that put crushed asphalt on ½ mile of minimum maintenance road, mainly in two tire tracks (where you drive) unauthorized. The road has a gate and all the residents including him have a key for a gate. 6 owners of the property as of right now. Seconded by Supervisor Eckman and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

E911 was contacted and Royal Oak sign will be removed.

Chairman Hiltz got a call about a tree down on road East of Buchanan, wrong township.

Clerk Stevens will add to the website the number to contact for complaints of County Roads.

Roads were starting to getting better but the road grader (operator) is back. Complaints from Platt and Christianson. The operator is aggressive while blading and it is showing on the roads. The roads are being wrecked; Chairman Hiltz would like the Board to advise him on what to say to Dale Vogt when he calls. The Board would like to look at the bond. The Board would like to let Dale know that this blade operator is not wanted in our Township. Chairman Hiltz would like a[approval from the board to tell Dale that this Blade Operator cannot be in the Township.

After the Division is paved, the Township will put some fill to touch up the approaches.

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 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kayley Stevens  
Clerk