

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING OF THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2024**

The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at the Grant Valley Town Hall.

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

Supervisor Eckman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Hiltz motion to approve the November 14th, 2024, Regular Meeting, seconded by Supervisor Eckman and carried on unanimous roll call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Slough reported fund balances as General \$61,796.68 Road and Bridge \$971,109.97 Fire Fund (\$3,404.24), Covid Fund of \$0.00 with outstanding items of \$1,399.66 for a total cash on hand balance of \$1,030,902.07, Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Supervisor Eckman seconded motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Discussion of the fire fund and the negative amount in the fund.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The bills were reviewed and discussed. Supervisor Eckman made a motion to pay the bills as presented seconded by Supervisor Hiltz and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Question on the when does the fuel surcharge stop? The extended contract with Vogts states that "Based on \$2.50/gal diesel fuel, a \$5/hour increase for every .50 cents a gallon fuel increase". The contract will be up for bids in 2025, the Board will discuss more then. Motion Eckman Changes- table clerk & treasurer, change lawn mowing to \$135, Townhall snow plowing to \$

VISITOR/CITIZEN COMMENT:

Ms. Listebarger is present, she is checking if the Board has any updates from the DNR in reference to the road she lives on (Country Side). The Board has not heard from the DNR.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rates of pay reviewed- Supervisor Eckman made a motion to table the discussion of rates of pay for January meeting, Supervisor Hiltz seconded the motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote. The discussion so far of Clerk/Treasurer rate of pay for the "end of season/year" and to change the rate of pay for Lawn Mowing to \$135/each time, Townhall Snowplowing to \$75 each time, Townhall cleaning to \$100 per cleaning. Change wordage of "Solicited Quotes" to "Solicited bids" and to define half day as 4 hours.

Supervisor Eckman made a motion to set the monthly meeting dates as the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Grant Valley Townhall with the expectation of March, Tuesday March 11th will be the annual meeting, therefore the regular meeting will be Thursday March 20th, 2025. Supervisor Hiltz seconded the motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Supervisor Eckman made a motion to keep the Bemidji Buyline as the designated paper, Seconded by Supervisor Hiltz, this carried on unanimous roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Country Side- No update

Review road work log- Tabled for January meeting.

Coyote bounty- Supervisor Eckman made a motion to not adopt a policy on coyote, Supervisor Hiltz seconded the motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

REPORTS:

Fire- Meeting is next Tuesday.

BATO- No meeting until April- Only needed on Agenda for May and November

Animal Control- Unsure of where the animals are going to be taken still. He is getting calls from all Townships in the area weekly.

Meeting coming up January 8th, 2025. Hoping for update.

JAYZAB-. No update

Treasurer Slough received and is signing a pledge agreement for the money Markert account at Riverwood Bank.

Supervisor Eckman made a motion to have the minutes make note that Riverwood Bank has been bought out by National Bank of Commerce. Supervisor Hiltz seconded the motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

ROADS:

The school district has complained about the road conditions, Supervisor Hiltz repeated our policy to them.

Roads are in overall in good shape.

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 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayley Stevens, Clerk