

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING OF Thursday, January 9, 2025.**

The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at the Grant Valley Town Hall.

Board Members present were, Chairman Hiltz, Supervisor Hiltz, 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 Hiltz motion to approve the December 12th, 2024, Regular Meeting, seconded by Chairman Hiltz and carried on unanimous roll call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Slough reported fund balances as General \$61,718.31 Road and Bridge \$1,081,132.21 Fire Fund \$39,514.05, Covid Fund of \$0.00 with outstanding items of \$170.00 for a total cash on hand balance of \$1,182,535.57, Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Chairman Hiltz seconded motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The bills were reviewed and discussed. Chairman Hiltz made a motion to pay the bills as presented seconded by Supervisor Hiltz and carried by unanimous roll call vote. Discussion of late charge from Beltrami Electric, the bill is not mailed out from Beltrami Electric early enough.

VISITOR/CITIZEN COMMENT:

Keith Christenson reported that roads are icy tonight.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Hiltz made a motion to set the Board of Audit for February 13th at 6:30 PM. Clerk Stevens will post this at the Townhall and the Bemidji Buyline. Supervisor Hiltz seconded the motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Board of Appeal on April 25th, 2025. Clerk Stevens will contact Wes Hegna to inform him of the Board of Appeal date.

Bridge Safety was performed and Bridge 96196, over Grant Creek, on Stone Lake Road the South barrel has accumulation of timber debris from the barrel opening to 10 feet inside. And Bridge 04518, Fern Lake RD over Mississippi River, needs crack seal & seal joints. PUT ON MARCH AGENDA

Propane is at 30%, we are going to wait until August to fill the propane tank. Propane tank will be checked monthly, Clerk Stevens will add this to the agenda in the next 3 months.

OLD BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Country Side- No update

Review road work log- updates made, subject to change all year long

2024 Wages and Rates of Pay reviewed changes made and will bring back next month. Townhall rental will be updated

Clerk Stevens had a question regarding special assessments, she will contact Tippy to start and go from there. Clerk Stevens will bring back information for the February meeting.

REPORTS:

Fire- Old bylaws had a resolution for the Representatives from the Townships, this was last done in 2017. The new bylaws were going to be approved have this update. There needs to be a resolution prior to voting now. They voted to continue through the process of voting through the bylaws and the contract. Brian Merschman voting no and one person abstained. A resolution is now needed. The Township will pay for meeting costs now. 1 no and rest yes, this passed along with the contract for the City. This was thrown out by the City and currently there is no contract. Now we need to pass a resolution stating the Reps for the township.

Supervisor Hiltz made of motion to appoint Chairman Hiltz as the Representative for Bemidji Rural Fire and Supervisor Hiltz as the secondary Representative and accept the resolution, Chairman Hiltz seconded the motion and it carried. Next meeting is the 27th. New contract was passed but was pulled. Major increases coming but not able to ask for extra money beyond.

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

Animal Control- Meeting Jan 15, Keith Christenson talked to Sam from Animal Care Clinic and is hopeful that they will have a plan of where to take the good animals. Keith is meeting with Sam soon and will bring the information to the meeting on the 15th. He would like to see a contract in writing.

JAYZAB-. No update

ROADS:

Slippery and rough in places, not many people calling to complain.

As there was no further business, Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to adjourn seconded by Chairman Hiltz and carried on unanimous voice call vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayley Stevens, Clerk