

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday April 11, 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 Hiltz made a motion to approve the March 21st, 2024, Regular Meeting pending few edits, seconded by Chairman Hiltz and carried on unanimous roll call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Slough reported fund balances as General \$61,168.37, Road and Bridge \$1,115,449.40, Fire Fund \$34,615.08, Covid Fund of \$80,657.74 with outstanding items of \$300.00 for a total cash on hand balance of \$1,292,240.59. 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.

First National Bank sent a letter that the funds are over-pledged in the account, Chairman Hiltz went in to the bank and set up another account so we are not over anymore.

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:

Bidal Duran House of Rep for 2A is present tonight. Lives in the Township on Wilton Hill Rd. Running as a Republican, Endorsement this Saturday at Eckles Townhall at 10:00 AM. He has a strong appetite for public safety, has been going around and meeting the community. Questions from the board, what other hot issues do you see? Gun rights, permit to carry, and election integrity. As a Legislator he would like to bring money to make the High School entrance safer, look at those safety issues. Discussion on mental health issues in the community, focus on family structure. Discussion school safety and marijuana. He loves Grant Valley and the Bemidji area. Duranforhouse.com is his website and he has a Facebook page as well.

Chairman Hiltz made a motion for the Clerk and Treasure to get virus protection on their computers at Paul Bunyan, Seconded by Supervisor Eckman and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Law Books, Supervisor Eckman made a motion to purchase 4 law books, Chairman Hiltz seconded the motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Dale Vogt, agreed to the \$5/hour for the packer, he would like to try it for this year. We do bids in 2025. Chairman Hiltz made a motion to increase Vogt's Dirst Service grading fee of gravel by \$5 if he is using packer behind blade, seconded by Supervisor Hiltz and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

April 26th, Board of Appeal at 9:00, Grant Valley Townhall.

Upcoming rentals, April 25th, May 25th, June 1st, June 8th, Aug 10th

Kirsten's Grove update, shifted lots and parcels. 3 lots instead of 5/6, culverts going in on Monday.

Thank you Chairman Hiltz for the water softener. Purchased and installed, looks great.

Clerk Stevens will add some info about public comment/speaking to the Agenda's from now on.

OLD BUSINESS:

Countryside Road- No report

REPORTS:

Fire- redoing contract with city, added wording to it, it is due end of 2025, talk of completing contract by end of 2024 to keep updated with the contract times. Few requests of changes, try to keep at 5% increase is one change. Hoping to change bylaws, treasure is proposing different way to do bills, vote on this at end of May, next meeting.

BATO- Guest Speaker, Bruce from HWY department. Working on removing objects that should not be in right of way. Currently working on 2 bridges. Craig Gosvisk was present, all 5 commissioners are up for re-election this fall. Sales tax was delayed, go in effect July 1, 2024. Mel Melidander, talked about the new law books, suggested to get them. Mary was elected as secretary. Discussion on Trengrove and Becida rd on the 5-year plan, they're not on the 5 year plan. Discussion on a water line going through to Adams Ave to Airport, from City Council.

Animal Control- None

JAYZB- Goal make less restrictive, new plan drawn up for the Hospital and the helicopter. There is a draft of the memorandum, public hearings and comments. Crash Zone is being redistricted, trying to make this less restrictive while protecting vulnerable populations. Asking if we are in favor of the resolution, we received a copy to sign if so. Chairman Hiltz made a motion to adopt resolution, seconded by Supervisor Eckman and it carried on unanimous roll call vote. Clerk Stevens needs to contact JAYZB, the year is wrong on the resolution.

ROADS:

Complaint on Division today. Grader is going to start the packer as soon as Chairman Hiltz calls him.

Quiet Pond Road has a lockbox, Adam Smith was given a key for the gate. Attorney at short course said we cannot have a min mat road going to a property of residence. We can move the gate if needed, we may need to do some maintaining to the road if there is a resident there.

Mid-Valley Lane, resident that is wanting a contractor to do work at prop. Take down trees up against the house, the equipment weights 39,000 lbs on 2-axel trailer. The contractor called Chairman Hiltz and asked. The road is rated at 9,000 lbs. Discussion about major damage to road he would have to fix it. This is a one day job, big tree that needs to go down. Going down Archery (9 ton) and Mid Valley (9 ton). Concern is if there is a soft spot, damage to road may occur. Motion for Supervisor Hiltz to let the contractor know that if any of the township roads have damage from hauling the equipment he is responsible for it, Chairman Hiltz seconded the motion and it carried unanimous roll call vote.

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 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayley Stevens
Clerk