

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

The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday, July 11th, 2024 at the Grant Valley Town Hall.

Board Members present were Chairman Hiltz, Supervisor Hiltz, Supervisor Eckman, Treasurer Slough, Clerk Stevens.

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 June 13th, 2024, Regular Meeting, seconded by Supervisor Eckman and carried on unanimous roll call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Slough reported fund balances as General \$50,528.06, Road and Bridge \$972,451.52, Fire Fund \$35,663.92, Covid Fund of \$79,809.26 with outstanding items of \$0.00 for a total cash on hand balance of \$1,138,452.76. 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 Eckman made a motion to pay the bills as presented seconded by Supervisor Hiltz and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Discussion of when Schroeder Rd was paved last. Discussion of payment and hourly charge with fuel charge.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appoint election judges- Supervisor Eckman made a motion to appoint Joan Miller, Evelyn Johnson, Keith Christianson, Les Hiltz Jr., Marlys Eckman, Kayley Stevens, with Nancy Lamke, Hedi Johnson and Mary Wright as alternative judges seconded by Supervisor Hiltz and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Whisperwood Rd resident Kaci Peterson present, they would like to extend a huge thank you and appreciation to the Township for making the investment in the community, improving the road. Ms. Peterson is also here to ask about the speed limit signs, once paved the road is going to be 55 MPH, she is asking about a "Slow, watch for children" sign in the area. They understand that we cannot change the speed limit sign but asking if Whisperwood could also have a "Watch for children" sign. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to order (2) "Watch Children and (1) Slow Children at Play", Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion. Supervisor Eckman withdrew her second, this motion failed. Supervisor Hiltz made a new motion to order all the same sign "Watch Children", and to put one on each end of division and one on Whisperwood by the Speed limit sign, Chairman Hiltz seconded the motion, and it carried on unanimous roll call vote. Discussion on wording of signs.

Road Side Mowing, normally he hits mows the first week or two in August. We got a request to not mow on Hidden Trail, the resident wants to protect the wild flowers growing. Archery Rd had a request from a resident to mow the ditches. Supervisor Eckman will respond to both residents that all ditches will be mowed in late July, early August.

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to have BNB Weeds spray our roads and ditches where needed, Chairman Hiltz seconded the motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Chairman Hiltz got a complaint that Becida Rd does not have a turning lane to get on to Boot Lake Rd, he advised them to contact the County, this is not our road.

Grant Lake Lane- proposed to each pay 1/3 of the amount to fix the issue with the road. This would be split with City of Wilton, Grant Valley and the Beltrami County. The total is \$18,252.00. We did offer to help fix this in the past and it was turned down. We are unsure if the County is agreeing to this as well. Discussion of the options and the past. Supervisor Eckman made a motion to leave this matter on hold, Supervisor Hiltz seconded the motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Complaint on Red Rose Lane, the resident put up a fence on Royal Oaks Rd, Fed Ex or UPS is going through the fence that is up. This is a recorded road, the County put up the sign. The resident should call these businesses and check the address that his mail is delivering too.

Patrick Keiser is complaining from Balsam Road, his complaint is that the road was graded too deep and water is not draining on the road. He was invited to the meeting and is not present, he did mention that he has pictures. We will go look at it again and revisit this at the next meeting. Supervisor Eckman is going to have him send the pictures of the damage to Chairman Hiltz.

OLD BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Country Side- This matter is turned over to the legal department at the DNR. They will make a plan and get back to the Township.

Chairman Hiltz made a motion to Send letter to Jason Hill asking about Country Side Road- we have maintained the road in for 330 feet approx.. and beyond that the road went another $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile. We have not maintained it for 50 plus years the back half but the DNR maintains it as a snowmobile trail, the road is technically all on State School Tax Forfeiture land. Is this our road? Do we have to abandon it? Add Russ Hiltz number. Is this a legal road? Did it go back to the State? 330 feet is state, $\frac{1}{4}$ is Kimmus land and the rest is on State land. A resident built within a few feet on section line and the well is on State land (she lived there approx. 30 years) please call Chairman Hiltz to explain and get DNR legal team is looking into where the road is spouse to be. We might need to buy it or move it? Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

REPORTS:

Fire- No report

BATO- No report

Animal Control- No report

JAYZB- No report

ROADS:

Discussed above.

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