

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 2024.

The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday January, 11 2024.

Board Members present were Chairman Hiltz, Supervisor Hiltz, Supervisor Eckman, Treasurer Slough and Clerk Stevens, 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 December 14th, 2023, Regular meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Eckman and carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Jake who purchased a house off a Red Rose Lane, we are unsure of his last name to add to the minutes. Clerk Stevens will edit Wes Hegna name to the correct spelling on page 3.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Slough reported fund balances as General \$77,625.68 Road and Bridge \$1,082,293.32 Fire Fund \$30,192.59 , Covid Fund of \$80,657.74 with outstanding items of \$872.67 for a total cash on hand balance of \$1,271,642.00. 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:

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

NEW BUSINES:

Steve Burford, FLL license, Shelly Baker's brother. Him and his son James Wyatt Burford need a letter from us stating that we do have any issues with Federal Firearm License. Chairman Hiltz made a motion to send a letter to their address that we have no resections or objections to the Federal Firearm License. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion and it carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Board of Appeal, April 26th, the date works for Board Members. Clerk Stevens will notify Travis Else and let him know that this date works.

February 8th at 6:30, Board of Audit, Chairman Hiltz made a motion Supervisor Eckman seconded it the motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Chairman Hiltz made a motion to make a letter stating that Grant Valley Township has assigned Supervisor Hiltz as an alternate Fire Association representation. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion and it carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Countryside- None

Administration Policy- Supervisor Eckman moved to make a resolution to establish the Administration Policy Effective on the 11th day of January 2024. Supervisor Hiltz seconded the resolution and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Culligan- Next week Chairman Hiltz will follow up with Culligan.

Power supply for the air purifier was replaced last week.

In 2023 Grant Valley had 10 Town Hall rentals.

March Regular meeting is set for March 21st, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Jake is complaining about the dirt off of Red/Yellow Rose Road, he did not attend December meeting and is not present at this meeting.

Grading roads is starting.

REPORTS:

Fire- No meeting, Next meeting is the 25th in the AM and in the PM. Relief Association was told that they are pushing for four new full time firefighters in 2024. Our fire levy will go up drastically if this happens. In June, the capital improvement went up by about \$50,000. Chief Sherwood's goal is at least 18 full time firefighters. When comparing to regions near us they only have the Chief as full time and everyone else is paid on call. A letter could be going around to the paid-on call workers asking if they want to work a 12-hour shift overnight on rotation. There is a place to stay with four bunks, living space, and bathroom. Options have been brought forth, a possibility of dormers in the fire department. Four full time firefighters plus 5-10% in expenses levy may raise by \$25,000-\$30,000 for the Township ball park numbers. January 25 is the next meeting; Supervisor Hiltz will be attend. An Audit of some sort, possibly may happen with Fire Association, this would be government one, compilation statement or a true audit.

BATO- No meeting until April 2024

Animal Control- Last meeting- Wednesday January 10th, Keith Christenson brought to the Boards attention that a lady complaining about Animal Control Officer in her driveway and came to her residence, she was upset that he did not have identification on his truck. Animal Control Officer Christenson informed her that he was there to talk to her about her dog being loose and that he would need to bring an Officer from the Sheriffs department next time. Bemidji Township is going to reply to the letter, as it was addressed to them. The Animal Control Board is going to get Officer Christenson magnets for his truck to identify his truck, he does have a card that he hands out. Also, a discussion on fines when Officer Christenson has to go back to residences over and over again. Discussion on feral cats and the large amount of cats that Animal Care Clinic takes care of. Many animals are going to Leech Lake Legacy recently along with a place in the Cities. Discussion on the gas/milage for Officer Christenson. Grant Valley Township will be getting a bill from BRACO.

JAYZB- January 29th there is a meeting to review public comment that was received.

ROADS-

Supervisor Eckman will respond to the emails that have been received from Echo Ridge area that we follow our Township regulations. Gravel needs 3 inches of snow and we will plow, (after the first time, when it is packed). Gravel roads were hit this afternoon and this included Red/Yellow Rose as well. We have received complaints about too much salt and too little salt as well, along with slippery roads.

Supervisor Eckman made a Motion to adjourn meeting on January 11th at 8:26 PM. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hiltz and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kayley Stevens, Clerk

