

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH.

The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday October, 12 2023.

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 7:01 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to approve the September 14^h, 2023, Road Hearing Minutes seconded by Chairman Hiltz and carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Discussion of the Astech and stripping, this will be about \$95,000, not over \$100,000 as stated in the minutes. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to approve the September 14^h, 2023, Regular meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Eckman and carried on unanimous roll call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Slough reported fund balances as General \$74,015.87 Road and Bridge \$1,000,451.37, Fire Fund \$45,224.68, Covid Fund of \$193,347.53 with outstanding items of \$450.00 for a total cash on hand balance of \$1,313,489.45. 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 Eckman made a motion to pay the bills as presented seconded by Supervisor Hiltz and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINES:

L&M Fleet needs authorized users on their account Clerk Stevens will update this with her name and Keith Christianson. Discussion on tax exempt, Clerk Stevens will also fill out the tax-exempt paperwork for L&M Fleet.

OLD BUSINESS:

Countryside- No update

Sherriff Bender- attended meeting to explain the new jail and how the County is proposing to pay for it. The location is going to be behind South Side Towing. What will transportation from new jail to the courthouse look like, how will they do this? Vehicle transportation and Zoom hearings are an option. Discussion on the location and why the County did not buy the old Central School. The new location was donated to the County by the Fankhanel Family. Old jail will be used for a holding facility. Discussion on current sales taxes already. 67 inmates housed out of county currently at \$55 a day. Spread the word to get out and vote, read the flyer and make a decision.

Administration policy- no update- add to next month

Bus Stop off Archery-Supervisor Eckman reported that no stop arm sign was reported, Clerk Stevens will move forward with the letter to the District and Board Members.

Rose Bush-Clerk Stevens will ask Jason Hill to send a letter that rose bush is there at their own risk.

Gravel/Class 5- Supervisor Eckman looked into what we can spend Covid money on, Clerk Stevens will ask Jason Hill what we can't and can spend covid money on when in reference to roads.

LRIP Funding- Chairman Hiltz talked with Lyn Eaton's and we would need to fill out the paperwork ourselves. The engineer does not have time to do it.

Red Rose/Yellow Rose- Adam Smith made the updates we required, he added dirt to culvert, got his signs/posts, sprayed the thistles and we need to bill him for the NO OUTLET sign along with the signs from the County. Discussion on the easement to the road and the driveways, they need to come out to Red Rose.

Flagpole marked outside of townhall, agree it is in a good location and ready to be installed.

REPORTS:

Fire- Monday night there was a meeting at City Hall, State Fire Marshall, and NW director, were present to explain fire districts. City Attorney was present, he was concerned that a quorum was present, there was not. Then they were advised that this was a work session and no public comment is allowed. Discussion on fire districts, not sure where it is at. Not many answers right now, lengthy meeting. A letter will be sent to the council with feedback from the meeting, much confusion. A study is in process. The City will be losing votes (every local unit of government gets one vote), rural will have many votes, we (rural) will have a say in the budget, and the fire department. We have 3-4 medical calls the fire department goes on currently a day, a deal may be able to be worked out so that fire department can still respond to medical calls or a different entity will need to be hired for medical calls. Long range planning meeting is coming up in 2 weeks.

BATO- No report, meet on the 24th

Animal Control- No report

JAYZB- At a standstill until next scheduled meeting, they requested voting to be online and members are not responding.

ROADS-

Lots of class 5 being hauled and some added to low spots. Striping is done on Fern Lake, Swedmark, Adams, 15th street and Archery and that loop. Call was received from Sportsman's Road area questioning information about a culvert and planning and zoning, Supervisor Hiltz will explain the process that is needed

Discussion about making tar in the pit off Becida Rd, the smell has been complained about along with the road noise. This project should be done soon due to weather.

Blading as much as possible, roads have been pretty smooth.

Nicole Kelsey called and thanked us for the stop sign that Bemidji Township put up with our request and Keith Christianson help.

The burnt down house is being cleaned out slowly, this is located by Gene Dillion.

Joan Miller attended poll pad training, she will train others that morning, she reported very user friendly.

Supervisor Eckman made a Motion to adjourn meeting on October 12th at 8:12 PM. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hiltz and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kayley Stevens, Clerk

