

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, 2024

The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday, October 10th, 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 motion to approve the September 12^h, 2024, Regular Meeting, seconded by Chairman Hiltz and carried on unanimous roll call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Slough reported fund balances as General \$68,167.11, Road and Bridge \$987,258.43, Fire Fund \$56,218.55, Covid Fund of \$0.00 with outstanding items of \$410.00 for a total cash on hand balance of \$1,112,054.09. 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review year to date budget...

General fund looking on track.

Fire- Bemidji Rural Fire first half of the bill is paid and the budget is on track for the next bill.

Most numbers are close to 2025 budget, grading/paving were over

General fund is mostly good other than some codes that have changed, the codes will be accurate for the next year budget.

Phone call about coyote bounty, currently we do not pay a bounty. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to contact Jason Hill asking if we can/should offer a coyote bounty, what would be the legalities of it? Residents? What would that entail? Seconded by Supervisor Eckman and it passed on unanimous roll call vote.

Stone Lake RD (North) we will have issues with a bog that moved, this will need work this Spring.

OLD BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Country Side- No update from Matt Boyer, DNR. Ms. Listebarger mentioned that since the tree was cut down there has been no issues getting equipment through. Any update will be passed along to Jamie Listenbarger
Change wording in minutes from July, state "letter sent to Jason Hill", it was an email was sent to Jason Hill.

Old printer- throw away old/broken printer, keep old printer as a backup.

City of Wilton- No update from City of Wilton or Beltrami County

Mailbox on Leprechaun- Dale Vogt is figuring this out with resident

Upcoming rentals October 19th , November 2nd

Resident is here complaining about Balsam Ridge Road- sod is higher than the road, water is on the road. Discussion of the roads/ditches. We hear that roads should be graded more often. These roads are dry. Discussion of updating the list of roads graded/when. The road and bridge fund can be updated at the annual meeting by the residents that attend. Lengthy discussion of the new tared road, the road is not great, it is bumpy but the township had to take the lowest bidder. We all agree the road is not good.

Grading/plowing is up for bids June 2025.

A resident from Stone Lake Rd is here her floating dock is higher than normal and her basement is starting to get water in it. The bog has flowed into both sides of the culvert by her. She is wondering if the culvert is able to get cleaned out. The

water is flowing around the culvert though. They are unsure where the beaver dam is. She is asking if she can hire Tony the beaver trapper, yes, she can but everyone needs to be aware of the location and who owns the land that they are being trapped on.

Chairman Hiltz doesn't want to be the road supervisor anymore. He would like Supervisor Hiltz or Eckman to do the Roads. Supervisor Eckman hears this and stated it is time to move on to the next topic.

Lengthy Discussion on road conditions, Vogt's Dirt Service and grading.

REPORTS:

Fire- Meeting on the 24th, by laws were looked over. Mike Kelly doesn't want to make out checks, he wants townships to pay the payroll, this will be voted on with the by law changes.

BATO- No update. Meet on the 29th of October

Animal Control- Meeting last Wednesday of October. Discussion Animal Care Clinic and options on where to take animals

JAYZB- Clerk Stevens will email JAYZB and ask for the update.

ROADS:

Mike Greg wants an answer on Fern Lake Road, he wants the road paved or Class 5 added to it. Chairman Hiltz will contact him and let him know.

Discussion on road conditions, they are rough and dry.

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 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayley Stevens
Clerk