

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2024

The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday, September 12th, 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 Eckman motion to approve the August 8th, 2024, Regular Meeting with changes, seconded by Supervisor Hiltz and carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Clerk Stevens needs to correct spelling of two last names in the August Minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Slough reported fund balances as General \$75,234.64, Road and Bridge \$997,331.31, Fire Fund \$55,920.21, Covid Fund of \$0.00 with outstanding items of \$0.00 for a total cash on hand balance of \$1,128,486.16. 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 Hiltz made a motion to pay the bills as presented seconded by Supervisor Eckman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review snow removal policy- Snow removal starts on the SW corner of township and is performed across the township. Paved roads are automatically plowed after 1 inch of snow and 3 inches on all roads, (including gravel roads), or by a supervisor contacting and requesting services. Generally, after the snow has stopped but the Township would like paved roads complete by 8:00 AM.

Appoint election judges- Supervisor Eckman made a motion to approve the list of election judges, seconded by Supervisor Hiltz and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Discussion of purchasing salt for water softener, Lara Bertelsen has some she not using and will donate four bags of water softener salt.

Question of someone "carrying" while voting. This is a public building so legally they can carry while voting. Discussion of "permit to carry" laws and safety.

Discussion of "No campaign" signs here.

Resident contacted Supervisor Hiltz asking the Gopher Bounty, it is \$2.50/ for two front feet.

Keith Christianson will take care of the door knob on the utility room.

Chairman Hiltz received a phone call, Averi Circle has a resident that starts his semi at his house at 5:00 am and it is loud. His motorcycle is also loud and he races around the circle. Resident is advised to call the Sheriff department about the motorcycle issue but the semi we can't legally stop him, he is on his own property. We do not have planning and zoning; they are advised to call and ask about a covenant with the development.

OLD BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Country Side- Grant Valley received a letter from Jamie Listebarger, she is formally requesting a copy of any and all written information, documents and correspondence between the Grant Valley Township Board and the township legal counsel (Jason Hill) that pertains to Countryside Rd SW, Bemidji MN. Her request also applies to any and all written information, documents or correspondence between Grant Valley Township Board and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources that relate to Countryside Road SW, Bemidji MN.

Discussion of the land location, history and the possible outcomes.

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to send a copy of letter received from Ms. Listebarger and ask how we should produce. Seconded by Supervisor Eckman and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

City of Wilton- No update, add to October Agenda

Chairman Hiltz made a motion to buy a printer/copier up to \$250 max Supervisor Hiltz seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mailbox on Leprechaun Road was hit by the road grader. The road grader fixed the mailbox and the homeowner doesn't approve. Supervisor Hiltz and Eckman looked into it. Chairman Hiltz is going to call Dale Vogt and ask him what he will do about the mailbox.

Complaint that the mower for the Township hit a campaign sign, Supervisor Eckman went over and looked at this. The sign was in the road right of way and he can't legally have a sign in the road right of way.

Trim Branches- Add list to road tour 2025.

Supervisor Eckman asked if we received Assessor license- Yes, we got a copy of Wes Hegna's license. Discussion of recertification of the Supervisors.

Notification from Beltrami County that a resident from Boot Lake is looking to put in a private boat access.

Upcoming rentals August 29th and October 19th

REPORTS:

Fire- Meeting this coming week to go over the bylaws. They will be brought to a Grant Valley meeting to become approved.

BATO- No update, Supervisor Eckman is unsure of the next meeting date.

Animal Control- No update. Next meeting in November

JAYZB- On hold until we get a hard copy of "Adoption of final ordinance"

ROADS:

Roads are dry.

Hiltz played a voicemail he received about Division RD, the road has steep ditches and concern about the oil on the tar.

Class 5 is needed to shape up the ditches mostly on the North side. Chairman Hiltz made a motion to have Keith

Christianson redo the in slope on the North Side of Division with his bobcat and Vogt's haul in some class 5, belly dump the edge and Keith will pack it. Up to 10 loads of class 5. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous roll call vote.

As there was no further business, Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to adjourn seconded by Chairman Hiltz and carried on unanimous voice call vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayley Stevens
Clerk