

Girard Township Minutes
October 15, 2022 – Regular Monthly Meeting

Chairman Pedersen opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Present: Chairman Pedersen, Supervisors J. Trites and Estes, K. Trites, Irmen, Luhning, Herzberg

Vistors: Brad Grewe, Jeff Stabnow, Don Miller

Trites moved to approve the agenda for the October 15, 2022, monthly meeting with two additions to new business. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Trites moved to approve the regular meeting minutes from Sept. 17, 2022, and the minutes from the First Hearing on the Liberty Lane Improvement Project held Aug. 27, 2022. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Minutes from the Second Hearing on the Liberty Lane Improvement Project held Sept. 17, 2022, was tabled until the November regular meeting pending the addition of specific numbers of property owners assessed.

Treasurer's report will be presented at the next regular meeting.

Estes moved to approve the monthly claims as presented, which included payroll, payment for two beavers (Herzberg-\$220.00), 73 gopher feet (Miller-\$292.00), and \$85.63 in expenses to Henning Building Center, for a total of \$3,413.74. Trites seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports/Information

- Luhning reported that the plow truck passed its update; he worked on a culvert on Chippewa and cleaned up trees in ditches.
- Clerk Irmen gave a brief report on the MAT annual meeting; and said that the levy report had been sent to the County Auditor. The board said there was no need to send another letter to Liberty Lane property owners indicating amounts due.
- Estes reported he had talked with the property owner who wants to purchase land across from her property on County Highway 5 and advised her to research through Otter Tail County and the J.J. Cline, the attorney who previously looked into a similar issue for a property owner.

Following discussion on each request, Trites moved to approve the following:

- Telcom Construction (No. 22108117) by Lumen/Century Link to plow 397 feet of 3pr 22-gauge copper cable, including a bore under 224th St., from ped to customer's house.
- Lake Region Electric Cooperative to place an underground electric distribution line across Nirvana in Section 34 Girard Township
- Approach Permit request from Scott Boettner to construct an approach at 22603 Fern Cliff Road, Clitherall, on his backlot
- Election judges for General Election on Nov. 8, 2022
- OTC Winter Maintenance Agreement Resolution. The clerk was asked to order what was ordered in 2021.
- OTC Township Mileage Certification
- Building permit request from Luke Carter to construct a 32x36-foot detached garage at 26077 Co Hwy 5, Battle Lake. Estimated project cost \$30,000 with an anticipated start date of Nov. 1 and expected completion by spring 2023.
- Arvig request to construct a communications cable to the address located at 44594 230th St., Henning.

Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion on the additions to the agenda, Pedersen moved to approve the purchase of four voting booths (Clerk will order ASAP to ensure delivery before Election Day); and a new vacuum, snow shovel, and salt. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously

The following items were tabled until the next regular meeting: OTC Bid Opening for 2023 Seal Coat and Traffic Marking Projects Resolutions (Engineer Stabnow was asked to do further research on the township needs), and OTC Signs and Posts

Pedersen reported that the bathroom/office townhall building project is moving forward, with water line boring expected to take place soon. The electrical work is ready for the next step, and plumbing is continuing.

After a brief discussion, Trites moved to approve expenditures for bathroom fixtures/doors from Home Depot totaling \$1,532.82; and a down payment to the building contractor of \$2,100.00 from the Township's ARPA funds spent on Sept. 23. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Gravel changes for gravel specifications were tabled.

Discussion regarding Trites' retirement was tabled until the November meeting. He will attend the November meeting by video call to further discuss. A Girard Township resident is interested in serving on the board.

Wood Stove – A person was interested in looking at the wood stove. The township is interested in selling it. The clerk will write an ad to be published in the Battle Lake Review and Henning Advocate. Estes agreed to take calls from people who want to make an appointment to view the stove. The Clerk will collect offers on the stove.

Upcoming dates include the East Otter Tail Association of Townships annual meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022; the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 8, with polls open from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Girard Township Supervisors will be Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022, at 7:30 a.m., Townhall.

Pedersen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. Trites seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman

Approval date:

Clerk