

Girard Township Minutes – May 21, 2022 – 7:30 a.m.

The meeting was brought to order by Chairman Pedersen with the pledge to the flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pedersen, J. Trites, Estes, K. Trites, Luhning, Irmen

VISITORS: Jeff Stabnow, engineering consultant, Eli Reinbold, Bob Reinbold, Randy Torgerson

Estes moved, and Trites seconded to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting, held March 19, 2022. Motion carried unanimously. The April 22, 2022, Board of Review minutes will be acted upon in June.

The board approved paying Eli Reinbold for 119 gopher feet (\$476.00) and Randy Torgerson for 105 gopher feet (\$420.00) which were added to the bills for approval.

Trites moved to approve bills as presented/audited, which included the gopher feet amounts, (plus payroll) totaling \$9,604.82, and approve check numbers 11173-11193 (includes payroll checks and two checks written for gopher feet collection). Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Roads/Equipment – Luhning reported that the roads are in good condition.
- Old Truck – Pedersen paid for the plates for the current plow truck and gave them to Will to attach to the truck.
- Dumpster placement
Motion by Trites to accept the 90 Gallon dumpster proposal from Steve's Sanitation. The dumpster will be picked up on call for \$16.30. Rental is \$6.00 for 3 months. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Liquid Dust Control Test – Trites moved to have the clerk order 14 pallets of dust control from the same vendor, Knight Chemicals. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- BL Fire and Rescue Mtg – Pedersen attended and reported research is continuing on the purchase of a Jaws of Life, expected to cost \$35-40,000.
- Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at 7 a.m. was set for the roads check on a motion by Trites. Pedersen seconded. Motion carried, with Estes opposed. The group will leave from Girard Townhall.

New Business:

Walth Approach Application – Trites moved to approve two approach applications at Ukkelburg Dr. for Craig and Mary Walth. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Christianson moved to approve the Permission Request from Arvig as follows:

“Permission has been granted to Arvig to bury communications cable in the road right-of-way at 27463 El Will Rd to install DSL service to the Bruce Jonason residence. Girard Township officers will expect any areas disturbed to be properly restored to good condition again. Please do not do any tar cutting or disturbance of hard gravel driving surfaces. Care needs to be taken that there is no damage to any culverts. Damaged culverts will need to be replaced. If at any time in the future Girard Township does any work that interferes with any communications cable or such cable adversely affects the township in any way, Arvig shall assume full responsibility for any expenses incurred to Girard Township or Arvig.”

Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Old Business:

Discussion held regarding Townhall building addition. Trites moved to continue with the bathroom/office project at Girard Townhall. Second by Estes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Outhouse will be removed at a future date.

Jacobson retirement recognition dinner date was set for June 2 or 9 (depending on her availability) at Oakwood. All Girard board members and spouses (significant others) are invited. Irmen will put together an invite.

Wages: No changes were made to meeting pay and salaries, but the board reserves the right to reevaluate increases for these fees at a future meeting. Trites moved to increase the hourly rate for all supervisors, the treasurer, the clerk, and others, such as election judges, from \$17.75 to \$19.00, and to increase the hourly rate for Luning to \$30 (from \$27.75), and to increase the hourly rate for Herzberg to \$23.00 (from \$21.75). Pedersen seconded. Motion carried, with Estes opposed.

Trites further moved to pay the clerk an hourly rate of \$19.00 to update the website, which falls outside the perceived monthly duties. Pedersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Trites moved that the hourly rates take effect immediately. Pedersen seconded. Motion carried, with Estes opposed.

Weed Mowing: Pedersen will look into costs for spot spraying for weeds.

A special meeting for Liberty Lane assessments will be scheduled in the near future.

The next regular monthly meeting is Saturday, June 18, 2022, at 7:30 a.m. at Girard Town Hall.

Trites moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m. Seconded by Estes. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman

Approved: 06/18/2022

Clerk