

Girard Township Minutes – June 18, 2022 – 7:30 a.m., Girard Townhall

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

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

VISITORS: Jeff Stabnow, engineering consultant, Randy Witt and Don Miller (gopher feet), Greg LaPlante, Barb Irons, Mark Wieteck (dust control request)

Estes moved, and Trites seconded to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting with a correction, held May 21, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Review minutes from April 22, 2022, were approved on a motion by Pedersen and seconded by Estes. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Check Minutes were approved on a motion by Trites and seconded by Pedersen. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trites to pursue moving the mailboxes on the Ukkelberg Dr. cul-de-sac after a discussion with the post office, using posts. Seconded by Pedersen. Motion carried unanimously.

Construction of tar approaches in 8 locations to reduce corner washout, a blocked culvert, and a sinkhole on Blackjack Drive were tabled pending cost estimates and/or more information.

The board approved paying Randy Witt for 72 gopher feet (\$288.00) and Don Miller for 216 gopher feet (\$864.00) which were added to the bills for approval.

Trites moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Trites moved to approve bills as presented/audited, which included the gopher feet amounts, totaling \$16,599.88, and approve check numbers 11195-11216 (includes payroll checks and two checks written for gopher feet collection). Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Roads/Equipment – Luhning reported that he is waiting for gravel to arrive; mowing will start next week. Trites noted that he is waiting for to hear from the tree removal company. His initial contact reported they are behind because of the Memorial Day weekend storm.
- Liquid Dust Control – Three residents from Blackjack Road petitioned the board to apply dust control. Following discussion, Trites motioned that the township cost-share the application expense, paying 60% of the contract with Fergus Power Pump to apply a

liquid application on the entirety of Blackjack Road, with residents to pay 40% for 2022. The board will reevaluate the arrangement for next year. Estes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Clerk's Report: Mn Association of Township membership cards were passed out; a press release and photo recognizing former clerk Jacobson was sent to MAT, the BL Review and the Henning Advocate; the problem stumps have been cleared out (bill was approved at this meeting); election judge training letters were sent to people interested in serving as judges, training is scheduled in July; Irmen will also attend the Election Administrator training next week. She presented information regarding installing internet at the Townhall, to clarify the cost to the township. Following discussion, Pedersen moved to accept the clerk's recommendation of running cable from Co. Hwy. 16 to the hall for approximately \$3,700, with a monthly payment of \$157. Trites seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- BL Fire and Rescue Mtg – Pedersen attended the meeting and reported that BL Fire and Rescue had received \$25,100 from the Lions toward a Jaws of Life, bringing the balance to \$14,900 (total cost is approximately \$40,000). He noted that there were several additional charities the association planned to contact, which could reduce the balance further.

New Business:

- Jensen Garage Permit application – Trites moved to approve the 40x40-foot garage permit application submitted by Kyle Jensen at 40198 244th St., Battle Lake. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- The clerk presented information on initiating Direct Deposit and automatic vendor payments. A bank employee will work with the clerk to ensure it is set up correctly, and will cost \$15/mo, with the goal of beginning Direct Deposit with the first payroll in July. Following discussion, Trites moved to allow the clerk to complete procedures for both electronic measures. Pedersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

- No new applications were received at the time of the meeting.
- Weed Spraying: Pedersen reported that the cost to spray for leafy spurge, a noxious weed, is \$125/hour plus chemical costs at Girard Beach Road (Section 30) and at Co Hwy 55 and 275th St (Section 1). Trites moved to conduct the spraying; Pedersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- A special meeting for Liberty Lane assessments was set for Saturday, July 16, at 9:30 a.m., following the regular meeting.

- The clerk expects to begin training and uploading past minutes in July. She asked the board to consider what other information they would like to see on the website and bring those suggestions to the July meeting.

The next regular monthly meeting is Saturday, July 16, 2022, at 7:30 a.m. at Girard Town Hall.

Trites moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m., and Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman

Approval: 07/16/2022

Clerk