

Regular monthly meeting of the Girard Town Board held **March 19, 2022**, at 7:30 a.m. at the Girard Town Hall.

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

VISITORS: Butch Herzberg, Kyle Jensen

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

Motion by Christianson to accept the agenda for the regular monthly meeting held February 19, 2022, at 7:30 a.m. at the Girard Town Hall with the addition of the truck repair wing. Seconded by Pedersen. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Christianson to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting held February 19, 2022, at 7:30 a.m. at the Town Hall. Seconded by Estes. Carried unanimously.

No treasurer's report was available.

Motion by Pedersen to approve the bills as audited, total: \$41,207.10, plus payroll, and any bills that may be presented at this meeting. Check numbers accepted were 11117 to 11151. Seconded by Christianson. Carried unanimously.

Luhning reported that equipment was working as it should, with the exception of an air leak on the road grader which he will get fixed. Pederson said he would look into purchasing a different packer, including one that is available for approximately \$12,000.

Chairman Estes addressed the visitor in the audience, who is looking to build a 40x40 garage and requires a building permit. Irmen got his mailing address and will mail out a building permit application.

It was agreed that Irmen should look into purchasing a plaque to recognize former long-time Clerk Jacobson and determine if the township could legally pay for supper. Action will be taken when the information is presented.

The City of Vining sent its fire agreement for approval. Christianson motioned, Pedersen seconded to accept the agreement, and pay the fee in the amount of \$1,127. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion on the Resolution to reestablish precincts and polling places was made by Christianson and seconded by Pedersen was approved unanimously. Chairman and Clerk will sign.

Al will look into getting a dumpster at townhall and bring the information to a future meeting.

Christianson motioned to offer the old truck at \$7,500 to an interested party. Motion failed for lack of a second. Christianson motioned to offer the truck at \$2,500 to anyone interested and if it failed to sell to put it on auction Monday, March 21, 2022. Petersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Road check date was tabled until the April meeting.

The flag needs to be replaced as it fell from the pole and is tattered. Pedersen will order a rope and it will be replaced.

The ARPA money can be used for nearly any township purpose, including upgrades to the townhall, internet to the townhall and more. It cannot be used for pensions or indebtedness. The township must be committed to projects by 2024, with payout by 2026. Clerk Debbie will continue to research this topic.

Dust Control applications were discussed. A liquid application will be tested, but overall, the policy for determining where it is applied remains as it has been, taking into account traffic use, people affected, road maintenance, cost, etc., as approved at the March 8, 2022, annual meeting.

Clerk Debbie will look into renewing the agreement with Nidaros Township.

Pedersen gave a report on the Battle Lake Fire and Rescue meeting. They are getting quotes for a Jaws of Life, sold the old ambulance and are conducting interviews to increase staff numbers.

The next monthly meeting will be held Saturday, April 16, 2022, at 7:30 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Motion by Christianson to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m. Seconded by Pedersen. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman

Clerk

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