

Regular monthly meeting of the Girard Town Board held June 19, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. at the Girard Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Estes, Pedersen, J. Trites, Jacobson, K. Trites

VISITORS: Will Luhning, Butch Herzberg, Randall Witt, Marion Malecha, Randy Torgerson, Zach Torgerson, Dusty Llewellyn, Steven Sanda, Peter Christianson

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

Motion by J. Trites to accept the agenda for the regular meeting held June 19, 2021 at the Girard Town Hall. Seconded by Pedersen. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Pedersen to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held May 15, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. at the Town Hall. Seconded by J. Trites. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Pederson to accept the Treasurer's report with a balance of \$442,418.48. Seconded by J. Trites. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Pedersen to approve the bills as audited and any bills that may be presented at this meeting. Check numbers accepted are 10922 through 10944. Seconded by J. Trites. Carried unanimously.

Luhning gave the report on roads. Ottertail Aggregate has been putting thirty loads of gravel on the roads a day lately. Graveling is not completed yet. As the graveling is done, the packing is done. Several calls have been received because of dust and roughness due to no rain.

Discussion of charging for dust control. At this time, no charges will be made. A policy for dust control should be discussed at the continuation of the Annual Meeting.

A concerned citizen reported that Barb Lorentz has been cleaning the township road ditches. She has collected at least 100 buckets of tar and pays to dispose of it at the landfill. After discussion, it was decided that she could put the tar where the township's old asphalt pile is located.

Expanding the Board from three to five supervisors was discussed. The board would like to have a petition presented from township citizens to start action on such an expansion. Then the question would be placed on a ballot for adoption and the township voters would vote and adopt the expansion or not.

To make getting information to the citizens of Girard Township faster and easier, Peter Christianson offered to help with the implementation of an e-mail system.

The Liberty Drive project was not selected for grant funding. The project application will be kept by the selection committee for future consideration.

The road vacation petition brought to the board by Dusty Llewellyn cannot be considered until presented to the clerk with a description of the road to be vacated.

Motion by J. Trites to give permission to Lake Region Electric Cooperative to place an overhead electric distribution line across Castle Drive at 44651 Castle Drive. If at any time in the future Girard Township does any work that interferes with any electric distribution line or such lines adversely affect the township in any way, Lake Region Electric Cooperative shall assume full responsibility for any expenses incurred to Girard Township or Lake Region Electric Cooperative. Seconded by Pedersen. Carried unanimously.

Motion by J. Trites to give permission to Arvig Communications Systems to bury communications cable in the road right-of-way at 41529 Ukkelberg Drive. Any work done in the road right-of-way needs to be done on the far outward slope and any disturbed areas need to be restored to good condition. 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 Communications Systems shall assume full responsibility for any expenses incurred to Girard Township or Arvig Communications Systems. Seconded by Pedersen. Carried unanimously.

Lakes Area Tree Service has been doing tree trimming and removal where needed.

Motion by J. Trites to send letters to Century Link and Arvig Communications Systems requesting that they move some of the phone peds and cables to the edge of the road right-of-way on Liberty Lane as soon as possible. Seconded by Pedersen. Carried unanimously.

Liberty Lane needs mail boxes moved to the south side and three feet from the edge of the road right-of-way. J. Trites will get names and addresses to notify property owners.

Pedersen will contact Performance Paving regarding patching projects.

Rockswold's approach at 43514 Chippewa Trail has been approved. David Sperling's approach at 44651 Castle Drive needs sloping and seeding yet. Dave Thompson will have the rock work on his approach removed before fall.

Pedersen is the active fire department representative and will be attending future meetings.

Nidaros Township was not approved for a grant for the the East Battle – Stuart Lake resurfacing project.

Jacobson will check on prices for renting a portable restroom.

The next monthly meeting will be held August 21, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. at the Town Hall. The continuation of the Annual Meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on August 21, 2021 at the Town Hall.

Motion by J. Trites to recess the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Seconded by Pedersen. Carried unanimously.

Chairman

Clerk

07/17/2021