

Regular monthly meeting of the Girard Town Board held July 18, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. at the Girard Town Hall.

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

VISITORS: Will Luhning, Butch Herzberg, Steven Sanda, Randy Torgerson, John Christensen, Jordan Lauer

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 July 18, 2020 with the addition of consideration of a speed limit sign on 230th Street by Kappahns. Seconded by Pedersen. Carried unanimously.

Motion by J. Trites to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held June 20, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. at the Town Hall with the correction of Ottertail Aggregate's price for aggregate was raised by \$.15/ton from last year's price. Seconded by Pedersen. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Pedersen to accept the Treasurer's balance of \$332,226.03. Seconded by J. Trites. Carried unanimously.

Motion by J. Trites to approve the bills as audited and any bills that may be presented at this meeting. Check numbers accepted are 10667 through 10686. Seconded by Pedersen. Carried unanimously.

Report on roads was given by Luhning. The regular mowing and spot mowing for weeds will be finished soon. Large sink holes have developed in the Black Jack Drive ditches. Larger equipment will be needed to fix them. Shouldering gravel will need to be stockpiled before the shouldering can be done. The present stockpile is full of spotted knapweed seed.

Discussion of walking trails possibly added to the roads that have quite heavy bike and walking traffic. J. Trites will check into the feasibility of walking trails and available grants for construction.

After looking at the drainage problem between Mason Lake and East Battle Lake, it was found that beaver dams and clogged water flow channels were causing the problem. Estes will consult the county hydrologist and Rick West for county involvement and help.

Motion by J. Trites to approve the Election Judge list as presented by the Clerk. Seconded by Estes. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Pedersen to approve a building permit for Joni Carter to build a 30' X 40' one-family house on her property in Section 8. Seconded by J. Trites. Carried unanimously.

Motion by J. Trites to give permission to the City of Henning to dig in the road right-of-way and bore under the road at 44491 Castle Drive for a new gas service. Work needs to be done on the far outward slope of the ditch and all areas disturbed to be properly restored to good condition again. Any damaged culverts will need to be replaced. If at any time in the future Girard Township does any work that interferes with any gas lines or such gas lines adversely affect the township in any way, the City of Henning shall assume full responsibility for any expenses incurred to Girard Township or the City of Henning. Seconded by Pedersen. Carried unanimously.

After discussion of the 40' platted roadway north of back lots on Sanda's Beach and Sanda's 3rd Add., it was decided to send a letter to Dustin Llewellyn and a copy to Steven Sanda regarding blocking passage on the roadway with parked vehicles and brush piles.

Discussion of Liberty Lane with John Christensen. Liberty Lane is 2,300 feet long. Work needs to be done on the cul-de-sac yet. John will call Carr's Tree Service to regrind some stumps and then he will fill in stump holes. He would consider graveling that road with more than just Class 5 gravel. The township is considering putting in swing-away mail boxes on Liberty Lane.

Supervisors will have Engineer Stabnow look at having a speed limit sign on 230th Street.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held August 15, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. at the Town Hall. The Continuation of the Annual Meeting will be held August 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Motion by J. Trites to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Seconded by Pedersen. Carried unanimously.

Chairman

Clerk

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