

Regular monthly meeting of the Girard Town Board held August 21, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. at the Girard Town Hall.

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

VISITORS: Jeff Stabnow, Sue Gunter, Doug Vermeer, Dan Hendershot, Dan Hanson, Steven Sanda, Terry 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 August 21, 2021 at the Girard Town Hall with the addition of the first two weeks in November vacation time for Luhning and does ordinance allow two homes on one lot on farm property. Seconded by Pedersen. Carried unanimously.

Motion by J. Trites to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held July 17, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. at the Town Hall and the road vacation meeting held August 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Sanda's Third Addition to Sanda's Beach platted road site with the correction to the heading to read "road meeting" instead of "road hearing". Seconded by Pedersen. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Pederson to accept the Treasurer's report with a balance of \$386,068.91. 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 10967 through 10985. Seconded by J. Trites. Carried unanimously.

Luhning was not present to give the report on roads. Motion by J. Trites to approve the first two weeks in November for paid vacation for Luhning. John Christensen will need to be contacted to do any necessary road work during that time. Seconded by Pedersen. Carried unanimously.

After checking, the town ordinance does allow for two homes on a lot on a farm site but does not allow for refunds of permits not used. Any motion for a refund for Tim Greene's unused approach permit has been rescinded.

Sue Gunter and Doug Vermeer presented to the clerk a petition for the vacation of the platted dedicated to the public roadway, Sanda's Third Addition to Sanda's Beach with beginning and ending marked on additional map. They also wanted tree cutting stopped.

Dan Hanson requested dust control to be used on .2 mile on the east part of Castle Drive because it is used as a cut across road. He also requested an "Intersection" sign for the intersection of Castle Drive and 440th Avenue. The township is not doing any more dust control this year. Stabnow will look at the intersection of Castle Drive and 440th Avenue and the board will take his recommendation for a sign.

Motion by J. Trites to approve the fixed contract with Pro Ag Farmers Cooperative to purchase a quantity of 1,750 gallons of propane at \$1.59 per gallon between 10/15/2021 and 04/30/2022. Seconded by Pedersen. Carried unanimously.

Motion by J. Trites to give permission to Lake Region Electric Cooperative to place an underground electric distribution line along the east road right-of-way of El Will Road in Setion 5. 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 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 Telcom Construction to place fiber under 244th Street at 40224 244th Street. The fiber line would be bored under 244th Street at a depth of at least 36". 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 fiber line or such line adversely affects the township in any way, Telcom Construction shall assume full responsibility for any expenses incurred to Girard Township or Telcom Construction. Seconded by Pedersen. Carried unanimously.

Motion by J. Trites to approve an approach permit for Sanda's Beach LLC to build an approach to their property on Brandborg Creek Road with a site inspection by Estes. Seconded by Pedersen. Carried unanimously.

The application for ARPA funding for the township has been sent to MN Association of Townships.

The fire departments are very appreciative of the equipment purchased for them by the township using grant money.

Motion by Pedersen to purchase another tractor for the township with the price not to exceed \$7,000.00. Seconded by J. Trites. Carried unanimously.

The next monthly meeting will be held September 18, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Motion by J. Trites to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Seconded by Pedersen. Carried unanimously.

Chairman

Clerk

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