

Regular monthly meeting of the Girard Town Board held November 20, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. at the Girard Town Hall.

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

VISITORS: Will Luhning, Butch Herzberg, Greg Gjere, Randy Torgerson, Brian Koeppen, Jim Koeppen, Jeff Stabnow

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 November 20, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. at the Girard Town Hall with the addition of renewing the conditional use permit for Verizon. Seconded by Pedersen. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Pedersen to renew the conditional use permit for Verizon to build a 199' self-support cell tower in Section 21. Another hearing will not be needed, but the permit fee of \$300.00 will need to be paid. Seconded by Christianson. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Pedersen to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting held October 16, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. at the Town Hall. Seconded by Christianson. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Christianson to accept the Treasurer's report with a balance of \$486,142.45. Seconded by Pedersen. 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 11030 through 11054. Seconded by Christianson. Carried unanimously.

Luhning gave the report on roads. Luhning will haul the salted sand this year instead of hiring Christensens to do it. The intersection corners on Castle Drive are hard to keep in place.

The ARPA money can be used for internet and some can be used for roads. A representative from Arvig is getting an estimate for internet for the town hall.

Motion by Christianson to give permission to Lake Region Electric Cooperative to place an underground electric distribution line under 220th Street in Section 34. It would be bored at five feet below the surface of the road. 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 line adversely affects 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.

Deb Irmen would like to do the clerk's position. She will be attending the December meeting.

Discussion of raising the fee paid for pocket gophers.

Discussion of special assessments for the Liberty Lane project. Policy for determination of special assessments and hearings will be done in the spring.

Greg Gjere with property on Navaho Trail had a complaint of people blocking a 20' alleyway and parking on his property. He was advised to contact the fire department and the sheriff's office.

Dave Thompson and Andrew Cihlar's approaches have been done inspected and done satisfactorily and their checks should be returned.

The new BLAFRA truck is almost done.

Discussion of dust control policy. Traffic count on roads to be considered, tax money from area and difficulty of billing were discussed. A policy is needed for property owner information.

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

Motion by Pedersen to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Seconded by Christianson. Carried unanimously.

Chairman

Clerk

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