Regular monthly meeting of the Girard Town Board held July 19, 2014 at 7:30 a.m. at the Girard Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christianson, Adamietz, Trites Jacobson, Bosen

VISITORS: John Christensen, Dick Trana, Carl Linderkamp

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

Motion by Trites to address the visitors before the rest of the agenda. Seconded by Adamietz. Carried unanimously.

After discussion with Trana of a new snow blower, motion by Adamietz to replace the township’s present Farm King snowblower with a Loftness snowblower and Quick hitch. It would be purchased from Mid-Central Equipment for $8,994.00 and setup costs with the Farm King snowblower as a tradein. The Farm King snowblower would be sold by Mid-Central Equipment with no extra commission or sales tax to the township. Seconded by Trites. Carried unanimously.

The Board supported the County Highway Advisory Committee in recommending a gas tax for extra revenue for road maintenance.

The replacement culvert for Chippewa Road has been ordered. Christensen Construction will take care of it when it is delivered.

Motion by Trites to give permission to Barry Excavating to install a sewer pipe under Vacation Road to take sewage from the property owned by Keith and Heidi Corver at 22880 Vacation Road to the other side of the road. However if at any time in the future Girard Township does any road work that interferes with such pipe or the pipe adversely affects the township in any way, the property owner shall assume full responsibility for any expenses incurred to Girard Township or to the property owner. Seconded by Christianson. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Trites to give permission to the Clerk to handle building and approach permits and other permissions after discussion with a supervisor. Seconded by Christianson. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Adamietz to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting held June 21, 2014 at 7:30 a.m. at the Town Hall. Seconded by Christianson. Carried unanimously.

The Clerk’s bank balance was $420,497.09.

Motion by Trites to approve the bills as audited and any bills that may be presented at this meeting. Check numbers approved are 9107 through 9121. Receipt numbers approved are 25108 through 25111. Seconded by Adamietz. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Trites to approve the 2014 Fire Protection Agreement with the City of Vining for the amount of $1,127.00. Seconded by Christianson. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Adamietz to give permission to Al Roggenkamp to install for Fred Metzger a mound septic system with the edge of the berm being up to the road right-of-way at 24438 Liberty Drive. Any areas disturbed are to be restored to good condition. No cutting or damage should be done to the tar. If at any time in the future Girard Township does any road work that interferes with such berm or the berm adversely affects the township in any way, the property owner shall assume full responsibility for any expenses incurred to Girard Township or to the property owner. Seconded by Trites. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Trites to approve a building permit for Marcella Juvrud to have built a 20’ X 60’ addition to the existing building on her property at 27406 Holiday Road. Seconded by Adamietz. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Adamietz to approve the Election Judge list as presented by the Clerk. Seconded by Trites. Carried unanimously. The Clerk will have the Town Hall cleaned. A portable facility will also be rented for the Primary Election.

Discussion of a new plow truck. Some board members might go to the Fall Expo in St. Cloud.

The report on roads was given by Linderkamp. There are a number of trees leaning into the road right-of-way, need to contact Carr’s. The utility boxes on Ukkelberg Drive need 6’ flags for snowplowing visibility in the winter. Adamietz will call utility companies. Weeds in the ditches should be mowed instead of sprayed.

Motion by Trites to change the August regular meeting to August 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. with the continuation of the Annual Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Adamietz. Carried unanimously.

After inspection, motion by Trites to approve Steven Smith’s finished approach at 27101 Lake Ethel Road. Seconded by Adamietz. Carried unanimously.

It was decided that hoop buildings with a foundation need a building permit. Observation towers that meet the square footage criteria also need building permits.

The BL Area Fire & Rescue was granted a variance by the City of Battle Lake for the new building. The architect will be submitting a final building plan.

Spraying for bugs in the Town Hall will be done in September. All Seasons Heating & AC will be called about the new furnace.

Trites will call someone about the work to be done on the garage.

Henning Township needs to do some tree trimming before snowplowing is necessary on Chippewa Road.

The reclaimer needs guards installed and the plow needs to be fixed.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held August 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. with the continuation of the Annual Meeting at 7:00 p.m. August 18th, both at the Girard Town Hall.

Motion by Adamietz to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Seconded by Christianson. Carried unanimously.

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Chairman Clerk

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