Regular monthly meeting of the Girard Town Board held September 19, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. at the Girard Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Adamietz, J. Trites, Christianson, Jacobson, K. Trites

VISITORS: John Miller, Jeff Stabnow, Butch Herzberg, Jerame Tysdal, John Christensen

Meeting was brought to order by Chairman Adamietz with the pledge to the flag.

Motion by Christianson to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held August 15, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. and the Continuation of the Annual Meeting held August 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. both at the Town Hall. Seconded by Trites. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Trites to accept the Treasurer’s Report with a balance of $360,914.34. Receipt numbers approved are 25180 through 25183. Seconded by Christianson. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Trites to approve the bills as audited and any bills that may be presented at this meeting. Check numbers approved are 9419 through 9439. Seconded by Christianson. Carried unanimously.

An Approach Permit was approved by Adamietz and Jacobson for Jill and Michael Hagen to construct an approach for a driveway to their property on El Will Road, El Will Beach 3rd Addn.

A Building Permit was approved by Trites and Jacobson for Lester Johnson to build a 24’ X 30’ storage building on his property at 23737 Co Hwy 5.

A Building Permit was approved by Christianson and Jacobson for Cliff Zetocha to build a 36’ X 69’ storage building on his property at 404th Avenue.

After discussion with Jerame Tysdal, motion by Trites to grant permission to Tysdal Construction to install a sewer mound system with zero foot setback of the road right-of-way at parcel #29000990717000 Garland Lane, Mitchell Crider, owner. Due to the nature of the lot and the large amount of land available between the driving surface of the township road and the lot right-of-way, the Girard Town Board will allow the slope of the sewer mound system to extend twelve feet into the road right-of-way. We will expect any areas disturbed to be properly restored to good condition again. Please do not do any tar cutting or damage. However, if at any time in the future Girard Township does any road work that interferes with such sewer mound system or the sewer mound system adversely affects the township road in any way, the property owner shall assume full responsibility for any expenses incurred to Girard Township or to himself. Seconded by Christianson. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Trites to give permission to Lake Region Electric Cooperative to place an underground electric distribution line under the road at 44509 Castle Drive with a directional bore at a depth of 48”. Any road surfaces or areas disturbed are to be properly restored to good condition. Damaged culverts will need to be replaced. If at any time in the future Girard Township does any work that interferes with any buried electrical distribution line or any 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 Christianson. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Trites to give permission to Arvig Communications Systems, Inc. to place buried communications cable in the road ditch right-of-way from 26945 Lake Ethel Road to County Highway 5 at a depth of four feet. Any areas disturbed are to be properly restored to good condition. No tar cutting shall be done. Damaged culverts will need to be replaced. 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, Inc. shall assume full responsibility for any expenses incurred to Girard Township or Arvig Communications Systems, Inc. Seconded by Christianson. Carried unanimously.

A report by Adamietz and Christianson was given on the District 9 meeting they attended. MAT has a new attorney.

Former MAT attorney, Troy Gilchrist, has done a new ordinance for Clitherall Township. The Girard ordinance needs some updating.

It was decided to get an estimate from Scotty’s Tires in Ottertail for four more tires for the grader. Adamietz will get the estimate.

Discussion with John Christensen of the culvert replacement project on Chippewa Road. Supervisors will check on school bus and mailman schedules, scaffolding for walking, signage, delivery of letters to property owners, verify cables and lines and attend to any other problems. The replacement area will be resurfaced next summer.

Motion by Trites to change the date of the October monthly meeting from the 17th to October 10, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. Seconded by Christianson. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Christianson to approve the approach built at 25646 430th Avenue for Larry Kreager. His check will be returned. Seconded by Trites. Carried unanimously.

Adamietz reported that a grant writer will be meeting with representatives from the Battle Lake Area Fire & Rescue Squad to discuss grants and low interest loans.

Board should evaluate heavily traveled roads and possibly extend the dust control next year.

Board will decide on changes to be made on the payment of costs resolution as approved at the Continuation of the Annual Meeting.

The agreements for road maintenance with other townships will be addressed at the October meeting.

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

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Chairman Clerk

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