Regular monthly meeting of the Girard Town Board held November 21, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. at the Girard Town Hall.

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

VISITORS: Jeff Stabnow, Butch Herzberg, Will Luhning, Carl Linderkamp, John Weller

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

Motion by Trites to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held October 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Seconded by Christianson. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Adamietz to accept the Treasurer’s Report with a balance of $456,184.80. Receipt numbers approved are 25191 through 25194. Seconded by Christianson. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Adamietz to approve the bills as audited and any bills that may be presented at this meeting. Check numbers approved are 9460 through 9479. Seconded by Trites. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Trites to keep compliant with the state requirements of having at least one board member who has completed the Board of Appeal and Equalization training and have a quorum of board members attending the meeting of the board of appeal and equalization each year. If compliance is not met, the board of appeal powers will be transferred to the county. Seconded by Adamietz. Carried unanimously.

Board members will read Clitherall Township’s new zoning ordinance on their website.

The new sewage system has been inspected and was approved after an explanation of the well site.

Motion by Christianson to approve the Winter Maintenance Agreement with Otter Tail County to purchase 200 cubic yards of salt/sand materials at $34.00/cubic yard. Seconded by Trites. Carried unanimously.

It was decided not to participate in the county’s bid for seal coat or traffic marking projects for 2016.

An Approach Permit was approved by Christianson and Jacobson for Scott Behr to construct an approach for access to a new garage on his backlot at 27027 Lake Ethel Road.

Approval by Adamietz and Jacobson to give permission to Arvig Communications Systems to place buried communications cable under Clarissa Haven Drive with a directional bore to set a new pad and replace old cable. Any areas disturbed should be properly restored to good condition. No tar cutting should be done or disturbance of hard gravel driving surfaces. 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.

Report on roads was given by Luhning. The roads are in good condition. The pulley system on the Chippewa culvert is not in place yet. The gas tank on the snow plow truck is being welded in Staples to fix the leak. Luhning will be gone Dec. 7-11. Christensen’s have been contacted to be on standby. Luhning will do the brushing at Liberty Lane.

A tree on the Alex Conley property on Castle Drive is hanging over the road and causing a hazard to traffic. A letter and permission slip will be sent to him. The township would like to cut the tree down at the township’s expense.

Christianson will inspect the new approach for Scott Behr at 27027 Lake Ethel Road and the approaches on Clarissa Haven Drive. If they meet approval, checks will be returned.

Adamietz gave a fire meeting report. Jim Espeland from the Henning bank will set up loans for each member of the Battle Lake Area Fire and Rescue Squad to be paid over five years at 3.75% interest.

Girard Township may need to raise the fire fund levy until their loan is paid in full.

The tree has been removed from the road right-of-way at Vanderbergs.

The culvert at Bandborg Creek is raised in the middle and will be checked in the spring.

Christianson will attend the Everts and Henning Township meetings to discuss town line agreements.

An Electrician is needed for the bathroom project in the shop. The framing and plumbing is done. Trites will call Butch Obe and Christianson will show him what is needed.

A list of tools and air compressor for the shop is needed. Napa should be contacted for prices.

Changes have been made on the payment of costs resolution as approved at the Continuation of the Annual Meeting.

Motion by Adamietz to support a resolution of opposition to the planting of more muskies in Otter Tail County lakes. Seconded by Trites. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Trites to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. Seconded by Christianson. Carried unanimously.

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Chairman Clerk

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