

Girard Township
Regular Monthly Meeting -- MINUTES
Tuesday, April 16, 2024 – 6 p.m.
Website: (www.girardtownship.us)

Chairman Al Pedersen opened meeting at 6 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Present: Supervisors Pedersen, Grewe, Estes, Treasurer Trites, Clerk Irmen, and road worker, W. Luhning.

Visitors: Township Engineer Jeff Stabnow; Residents Mark Wieteck and Greg LaPlante

Visitors:

- Public Comment Period: Visitor questions, comments, or concerns (Bounty requests) – 5 minute speaking limit

Estes moved to approve agenda for the April 16, 2024, regular meeting with no additions or deletions. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Grewe moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024, regular and organizational meetings. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report – No treasurer's report was available. The March and April reports will be presented in May.

Estes moved to approve claims as presented/audited, totaling \$15,379.77, payroll for (Estes, Grewe, Irmen, Jacobson, Luhning (2), Pedersen, and K. Trites), and any additional claims that may be presented at this meeting. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports/Information

Roads and Equipment – Luhning reported that he had used the piranha to work the roadway shoulders and needed castors (tires) for the piece of equipment. With the recent rainy weather, he said he'd have to wait for roads to dry up before grading.

Clerk's report -- Peter Guck sent a thank you to supervisors who had attended the weed meeting. A thank you was read from the Battle Lake Food Shelf for the township's recent donation; an upcoming Township Legal Seminar invitation was read, with information available regarding registration.

Fire meeting – Pedersen had no report from the fire meetings. He indicated that the Township could probably spray the two spots of invasive weeds that were mowed last year, however, no action was taken.

New Business/Additions to Agenda

A resident had contacted Supervisor Grewe regarding a mailbox damaged during snow plowing. The resident was to provide a receipt for reimbursement, however, Grewe had no communication from the resident, so no action was taken.

Old Business

Residents of Blackjack Drive in attendance at the meeting discussed further rationale for applying dust control to the road, citing improved health issues, continued road structure, and other issues. Various potential solutions, such as ground up asphalt, were also discussed. No action was taken as further research is needed before deciding.

After a brief discussion, Grewe motioned to approve the purchase of a new bucket from Mid-Central Equipment at a cost of \$2,200. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Girard Employee handbook was briefly reviewed, with several points highlighted. Supervisors will further review the handbook and provide possible revisions, as they see fit. An evaluation/review of the road maintenance worker's position will be conducted in May.

Estes will get a quote from Carr's on cutting brush and willows.

Pedersen will call Bluffton Oil to set up an account.

There was a question on whether the township is taxed or exempt from the account at Big Foot. The clerk will call to check on that.

Dates to remember

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 – Regular monthly meeting, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, April 18, 2024 – Operation Rubble Rendezvous, (10th annual Emergency Management Summit) 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Perham Area Community Center

Thursday, April 18, 2024 – LREC Annual Meeting (See invitation for locations and start times)

Friday, April 26, 2024 – Board of Equalization and Review, 9 a.m., Town Hall

Friday, April 26, 2024 -- Road Check drive and meeting, following the Board of Equalization meeting

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 -- Regular monthly meeting, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, May 30, 2024 – Energy Forum, sponsored by Lake Region Electric Cooperative, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Thumper Pond, Ottetail

Grewe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.