

**Girard Township**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting -- MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, May 21, 2024 – 6 p.m.**  
Website: ([www.girardtownship.us](http://www.girardtownship.us))

Chairman Al Pedersen opened meeting at 6:08 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

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

Absent: Supervisor Estes

Visitors: Township Engineer Jeff Stabnow; Larry Kreager, Chris Cichy, Steve Troyer, Randy Torgerson, Carol and Randy Witt, Matt Jensen

Visitors:

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

Grewe moved to approve the agenda for the May 21, 2024, regular meeting with no additions or deletions. Pedersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Grewe moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 16, 2024, and the Board of Equalization and Review meeting held April 26, 2024. Petersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Grewe moved to approve the minutes of the Road Check meeting held April 26, 2024. The final number for gravel loads was corrected to 71 loads from 68 as three loads was originally overlooked in the count. Petersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report – Treasurer Trites presented the March and April financial reports, reading the most recent numbers from April's report showing a beginning balance of \$773,493.51, with receipts totaling \$1,270.25, and disbursements totaling \$23985.23, for an ending balance of \$750,778.53. Fund balances were as follows: General Fund: \$92,725.10; R&B: \$446,644.06; Spec. Rev.: \$27,176.15; Fire: -\$176,078.99; Ambulance: \$42,858.92; Spec. Assess: \$23,784.21. Capital Projects: \$92,868.80; and Equipment Fund: \$200,800.28 for a total ending balance of \$750,778.53. Grewe moved to approve the report. Pedersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Grewe moved to approve claims as presented/audited, totaling \$14,682.00, payroll for (Estes, Grewe, Irmen, Jacobson, Luhning (2), Pedersen, and K. Trites), and any additional claims that were presented at this meeting (there were no additional claims). Pedersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Four Township Residents brought in gopher feet and filled out vouchers. Grewe will verify the numbers and the clerk will send out checks within a day or two. The treasurer was asked to provide checks, with the chairman signing. R. Torgerson requested that the gopher bounty be

increased to match surrounding townships at \$5/pair. This will be researched and discussed at a future meeting, perhaps the Annual Meeting.

### **Reports/Information**

**Roads and Equipment** – Luhning reported that because of damp roads, he would be waiting a little while to blade. Castor tires for the piece of equipment are still being looked into. It was determined that Will can call on the bucket. New brooms were purchased for the sweeper. It was noted that Buck's Paving would like to submit a quote for road work. It was also discussed that roads should be marked where to apply dust control.

**Clerk's report** – Irmen reported that she had been asked to serve as Clitherall Township's deputy clerk for Becky Cox; and Becky will serve as Girard's deputy clerk. Carol Jacobson will continue in a consulting capacity as her assistance is still required from time to time. However, her hours are quite limited now. Also, the Clerk applied for Primary Election Reimbursement through the Secretary of State and the township should receive \$1,709.28 from the state.

**Fire meeting** – Pedersen reported that Battle Lake Area Fire and Rescue had not heard anything on the grant for the gear; new floats are being ordered for water intake; and LED Floodlights were discussed at a cost of approximately \$400.

### **New Business/Additions to Agenda**

Abandoning or vacating a road will be researched and on the June agenda for possible action.

Grewe moved to approve an approach permit for Brian and Melissa Josewski on the N side of 240<sup>th</sup> St., right before the entrance to Sunset Beach Resort for lot access. Pedersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Grewe moved to approve two building permits: 1) for Gary and Lola Keller to build a 24'x32' double garage and a 28'x40' 2-bedroom house for approximately \$130,000. The building is being constructed at 41944 Co. Hwy. 128, Battle Lake, with an estimated completion of November 2024; and 2) for Dale and Virginia Nordick to build a 32'x32' addition onto their existing home, at a cost of \$192,200, with an estimated completion of August 2024. Pedersen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Old Business**

Additional Business: Matt Jensen presented an invoice for 3 beaver. Grewe moved to accept the claim and Pedersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Girard Employee handbook was briefly reviewed but tabled for action until the June meeting.

Pedersen closed the meeting for employee discussions.  
The regular meeting was reopened for adjournment.

**Dates to remember**

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

**Thursday, April 18, 2024** – Operation Rubble Rendezvous, (10<sup>th</sup> 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, Ottertail

Estes moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Grewe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.