

Girard Township

Regular Monthly Meeting -- MINUTES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

Website: (www.girardtownship.us)

Supervisor Pedersen opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Present: Supervisors Pedersen, Grewe and Estes, Treasure Trites, Clerk Irmen

Absent: Road worker Luhning

Visitor: Engineer Stabnow

Estes moved to approve the August 20, 2024, regular meeting agenda with no additions or deletions). Grewe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Grewe moved to approve the minutes of the **Tuesday, July 16, 2024**, held at the Town Hall. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report – The treasurer reported she is still working on the financials.

Estes moved to approve the August claims as presented/audited, totaling \$6,462.45; along with payroll for Estes, Grewe, Irmen, Jacobson, Luhning (2), Pedersen, and K. Trites, 6 election judges (\$1083.00), and any additional claims that may be presented at this meeting. Pedersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports/Information

Roads and Equipment – In the absence of the road maintenance worker, Supervisor Pedersen reported that Luhning said he was moving and completed additional grading during the previous week. Pedersen also reported that the thistles on County Highway 5 had been mowed by the property owner. He also noted that both Chippewa Road and Ferncliff still required paving work, but that other roads had been finished. Pedersen said he would purchase and use a bag of concrete fill to patch a hole on Ukkelberg Dr. There was discussion among the supervisors regarding the purchase of drain covers and pallet racking to use in the shop to safely store blades off the floor. Pedersen will research and get quotes for constructing a better shop drainage system.

The clerk reminded supervisors of the District 9 Meeting the next evening at 6 p.m. at Thumper Pond, Ottertail and read a thank you from the East Otter Tail County Fair Board.

Fire meetings – Supervisor Grewe attended the July 18 Battle Lake Area Fire and Rescue Association meeting in the absence of Supervisor Pedersen and reported that the only significant item of business was an increased payment to the pension in the amount of \$3000.00. Pedersen said no significant items of business were noted from the August 15 BLAFRA meeting.

New Business/Additions to Agenda

Following discussion of a minor Subdivision, Youngs Maple Lane Acres, in Section 35 Girard and Section 3 Nidaros townships, the supervisors said they had no concerns regarding the project.

Estes moved to approve an approach permit for Lauren and Shawn Stafki at 23735 Clarissa Haven Dr. following his inspection of the project, along with a building permit requested by Toby Curtis to construct a 40-ft-x-60-ft detached garage/shop at 22726 435th Ave., Henning, MN. Estimated construction timeline is September 2024 to March 2025, at an approximate cost of \$100,000. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Integrity Title, Inc. requested the Township board advise of any special assessments for Sunset Development LLC. According to the supervisors, there are no known special assessments.

Pedersen moved to approve the Pro Ag Farmers Coop Fixed Contract at a price per gal of \$1.59 for one year. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Regarding the Geographic Information and Mapping Section Status report, Pedersen noted that Four Square Road needed to be added to the report.

John Lhotak has requested a Conditional Use Permit for outdoor storage for boats and RVs. The clerk provided general information regarding what is involved in pursuing a CUP and will continue to research the process. Estes moved to approve moving forward with the process. Pedersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

The supervisors reviewed the maintenance binders for Tractor, Grader, Plow truck and Gas log and made revision suggestions. Pedersen said he would send forms OTC uses to track maintenance for its vehicles.

Estes inspected the approaches constructed by Valley Ridge Grain and moved for their approval. Pedersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A letter removing the Township of any liability or future maintenance of an approach constructed by Mike Kloubec was reviewed, revised and will be updated prior to being signed by the property owner and supervisor.

The Girard Employee Handbook will be available for a final review at the September regular meeting.

Dates to remember

Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2024 – District 9 Meeting, 6 p.m., Thumper Pond, Ottertail

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 13-14 – MAT Annual Conference – River's Edge Convention Center, St. Cloud

Monday, January 27, 2025 – Township Day at the Capitol, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Paul

Grewe brought forward a complaint by a resident of a ditch filled in with dirt and the addition of a sprinkler system on Beauty Shore Drive. No action was taken.

With no further business to discuss, Pedersen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.