

Girard Township

Regular Monthly Meeting -- MINUTES

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Website: (www.girardtownship.us)

Open meeting with the pledge to the flag

Present: Supervisors Al Pedersen, Brad Grewe, and Larry Estes, Treasurer Kathy Trites, Road Maintenance Worker Will Luhning

Absent: none

Visitors: Road Engineer Jeff Stabnow

Public Comment Period

- Visitors may address a topic for up to five minutes when the topic is brought up for discussion on the agenda.

Grewe moved to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held **Tuesday, December 17, 2024**, at the Town Hall with corrections. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Trites presented the December financial report showing a beginning balance of \$1,017,141.12, with receipts totaling \$15,826.85, and disbursements totaling \$12,286.12, for an ending balance of \$1,020,681.85. The report was filed for audit.

Estes moved to approve the claims as presented/audited, totaling \$10,517.28 + 1577.72 for a total of 12,095.00; payroll for Estes, Grewe, Irmen, Jacobson, Luhning (2), Pedersen, and K. Trites. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mail— There was the monthly newsletter from Lake Region Electric and notice of the East OTC Association of Townships meeting set for Monday, March 3, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. (This notice is also listed in Dates to Remember section below.)

Reports/Information

Roads and Equipment – Luhning reported that the roads are all in good condition. He said he had to replace a hydraulic hose on the plow, but otherwise all equipment is running well. There may be some good pallets in the pile out back to use with the shelving in the shop.

Clerk Irmen reported that Township election filings closed on Tuesday, Jan. 14, with Supervisor Alvin Pedersen and Treasurer Kathleen Trites filing for their respective offices. No other potential candidates filed. Training for supervisors to sit on the Board of Equalization must be completed online by Feb. 1. Supervisor Pedersen is good through June. Supervisor Grewe said he would complete the training by the deadline. Irmen read a thank you from First National Bank for the purchase of an additional CD. Township Day at the Capitol is Jan. 27 -- no one is planning to attend. The clerk reminded everyone that the Township Annual meeting is Tuesday, March 11, at 2:30 p.m., followed by the township election from 5 to 8 p.m., all here at the town

hall. The Organizational meeting will be Tuesday, March 18, at 6 p.m., followed by the Regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. the same night, both at the town hall.

Fire meeting – Pedersen – No meeting was held in December, and the January meeting was Jan. 16. Pedersen, the Girard representative, reported that there was a discussion about the purchase of a tanker truck, costing about \$370,000. Members requested another quote. In the next 10 years, a new pumper truck may also be purchased. The cost to Girard Township would be about \$40,000 over two years.

New Business/Additions to Agenda

Pedersen moved to approve the increase of the bank fee from \$15 to \$25, as enacted by First National Bank in December. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The clerk requested the board approve a check from June be voided. Check #BP0620246 written to Jeff Stabnow in the amount of \$150.00, needed to be voided and reissued. Pedersen moved to approve, Estes seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The treasurer wrote Check #11369 in the amount of \$150, to Stabnow as part of the January claims.

After significant discussion about the new format of the Supervisor's report versus the previous version, Pedersen moved to approve the 2024 Supervisor's Report. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

The clerk has not heard back from the two Spray Foam Insulation companies with estimates – she will make follow-up calls prior to the next meeting.

Estes moved to approve a resolution delegating cannabis retail registration and cannabis compliance checks to Otter Tail County. Pedersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Dates to remember

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

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 – Board of Audit, 5:30 p.m. at Girard Town Hall

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 – Regular Township Meeting, 6 p.m. at Girard Town Hall

Monday, March 3, 2025 – East Otter Tail Association of Townships Spring Meeting, 1:30 p.m., in the Lake Room at Thumper Pond

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 – Annual Township Meeting, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m., at Girard Town Hall

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 – Township Election 5 to 8 p.m. at Girard Town Hall

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 – Organizational Meeting 6 p.m. at Girard Town Hall

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 – Regular Township Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Girard Town Hall

Friday, April 25, 2025 – Board of Equalization Meeting, 9:30 p.m. at Girard Town Hall

Friday, April 25, 2025 – Road Check meeting, approximately 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 26, 2025 – Walk for Glendalough

Saturday, June 14, 2025 – Glendalough Trail Center Grand Opening

With no further business to discuss, Estes moved to adjourn the meeting. Grewe seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.
Time of adjournment: 7:40 pm

____Signature on file_____
Chairman

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Clerk

Approval date: 02/18/2025