

Girard Township MINUTES
Tuesday, April 18, 2023 – 6 p.m.
Regular Monthly Meeting

Chairman Pedersen opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Present: Chairman Pedersen, Grewe, Estes, Trites, and Irmen

Visitors: Stabnow

Grewe moved to approve the agenda with an addition, for the April 18, 2023, monthly meeting. Estes seconded. Visitors are allowed 5 minutes to speak. Motion carried unanimously.

Estes moved to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held **Tuesday, March 21, 2023**, and the organizational meeting minutes held the same night at Girard Town Hall. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was presented, showing a beginning balance in March of 655,416.95, with receipts totaling \$12,041.22 and disbursements totaling \$67,388.33, for an ending balance of \$600,0669.84.

Estes motioned to approve the March treasure's report as presented. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Estes moved to approve March bills as presented/audited, totaling \$19,852.11, (and payroll for Estes, Grewe, Irmen, Jacobson, Luhning (2) Pedersen, and K. Trites). No additional bills were presented for payment. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Roads and Equipment – Pedersen presented the roads report in the absence of Luhning, saying that roads are mostly in good condition. Christiansons will be contacted to plow tar roads in light of the pending snowfall expected before Luhning returns to duties.

Clerk's report: Irmen reported she attended the Minnesota Township Association's Spring Short Course Training, and highlighted the Association's legislative priorities, discussed the importance of having a records retention schedule and suggested that supervisors might want to attend the next offering of this training. She also reported that the first quarter shared roads invoices were sent to Henning and Everts townships.

New Business

- Following discussion, Estes moved to approve Girard's participation for the Henning Fire and Rescue Grass Rig. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (The township's contribution totaling \$13,876.20 was approved with the audited bills.)
- Following discussion, Grewe moved to approve the City of Vining Fire contract. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (The Vining Fire fee totaling \$1,127.00 was approved with the audited bills.)

- Following discussion, Estes moved to approve the renewal request for construction of a Verizon tower, requiring \$300 for the unpaid 2021 permit, and \$300 for the current permit for a total of \$600 in permit fees, which must be paid prior to issuance of the permit. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- After discussion, Estes moved to increase coverage on the town hall from \$88,000 to \$120,000 to reflect the addition of an office, handicapped accessible bathroom to the building, and the required septic system for the project. The supervisors requested clarification of other coverage, which the clerk will research. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Pedersen moved to approve a resolution adopting a Records Retention Schedule as recommended by State Statute, and to compensate the clerk and her designated assistants for the project. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

- Liquid Dust Control – An estimate of \$17,820 for up to 5 miles of road from North Central Inc. (Curt Osterfeld, owner) was presented. Following discussion, the supervisors requested the clerk also get an estimate from Fergus Power Pump. A decision was tabled until the second estimate is presented the May meeting.
- Research continues on the sign project. The clerk contacted the Battle Lake School Art instructor who said he'd talk to a couple of students to see if they might be interested in painting a new sign, but he hadn't accomplished that at the time of the meeting. The clerk will make further contacts on this and bring it to the May meeting.
- Following discussion, Timeclock Wizard app usage was tabled until the May meeting.

The clerk reminded the supervisors of the Board of Review and Equalization meeting at 9 a.m. Friday, April 21, at the town hall.

With no further business to discuss, Estes moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman

Approval date:

Clerk