

Girard Township minutes
Tuesday, July 18, 2023 – 6 p.m.
Regular Monthly Meeting

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

Present: Pedersen, Grewe, Estes, K. Trites, and Irmen

Visitors: Girard Road Maintenance Worker Will Luhning

Pedersen moved to approve the agenda for the July 18, 2023, regular meeting with two additions under new business. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Pedersen moved to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2023, regular meeting, and the minutes from the Special Road meeting conducted on June 26, 2023. Both meetings were held at the Girard Town Hall. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer's report -- Trites presented the financial report which showed a beginning balance of \$806,414.01, with receipts totaling \$758.79, and disbursements totaling \$5,629.83, for an ending balance of \$801,542.97. (May balanced, so only June figures were presented.) Grewe moved to approve the two financial reports, with Estes providing a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Estes moved to approve the claims, totaling \$10,608.60, along with payroll. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Former supervisor Jim Trites arrived to give the board a claim that he had received in error at his address from Fergus Power Pump for liquid dust application on Girard roads in the amount of \$21,170.94. Pedersen moved to approve the additional bill, for a new claims total of \$31,779.54. Grewe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The clerk read two thank you letters, one from Jim Trites for his retirement dinner, plaque, and plant, the other from the EOTC Fair board for the township's March donation.

Reports: Luhning reported that he has been working to finish mowing. He expects the gravel work to be completed the week of the meeting and liquid dust control application is finished.

Clerk's Report: Irmen reported an appointment was set for Thursday after the meeting to bring internet service into the Town Hall; the District 9 meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14, 2023, in Dilworth; she has scheduled a website training date for July 25, and anticipates the training to take about 2 hours (cost of \$85/hour), and plans after

that to spend time updating previous year's minutes to the website. She also plans to add building and approach permits, fee schedule and approach standards to the website. She requested that when supervisors are scheduling work by vendors to request a Certificate of Insurance to be sent to the clerk prior to work being started.

Leafy spurge was identified on Girard Beach. Discussion followed, but no decision was reached on what should be done.

New Business

Two permission requests were presented from LREC to place an underground electric distribution line across Clarissa Haven Dr, and to place the same along Beauty Shore Dr. Estes moved to approve the two requests. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

David and Carrie Fair requested a permit to construct an approach across the street from 43580 220th St., Clitherall to gain access to their property. Grewe moved to approve the request pending an evaluation of the project by Luhning. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion continued on the Township Maintenance Worker job description and safety handbook as work continues on finalizing the documents.

A discussion on beaver trapping and requirements continued. All necessary forms and documentation must be provided for payment.

A discussion on the purchase of a John Deere mower along with other projects (replacing the tarp on the salt shed and spray foam insulation of the Town Hall) ended with action being tabled until the August meeting after quotes were gathered. Pedersen will get the tarp replacement quotes and Irmen will get the insulation quotes.

Old Business

The clerk provided information on the acceptance of the low bid from Performance Paving to complete asphalt repairs on Girard blacktop roads, per approval of such at the June 26 meeting. The winning bid price was \$29,903.00. There are also two holes that will require digging out and filling.

The clerk presented information on the payroll app saying that the base price is \$24.95, and she used two features at a cost of \$11.95/each. She requested reimbursement of \$605.10 from July 2022 to July 2023, and ongoing monthly reimbursement of \$48.85 to continue using the app for the Township maintenance worker payroll. Following discussion, Estes moved to approve the reimbursement and ongoing monthly reimbursement. Pedersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Dates to remember

Monday, Aug. 14, 2023 – District 9 meeting, 6 p.m. registration, 6:30 p.m. meeting, in Dilworth

Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023 – Continuation of Annual meeting to set levies, 6 p.m., during regular meeting, at Girard Town Hall

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023 – EOT Annual Meeting and Buffet Dinner, location?

With no further business to discuss, Grewe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Pedersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman

Approval date:

Clerk