

Girard Township
Regular Monthly Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, September 19, 2023 – 6 p.m.
Website: (www.girardtownship.us)

Chairman Alvin Pedersen opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.
Present: Pedersen, Grewe, Estes, Trites, Irmen, Luhning

Visitors: Mark Christensen, Adler Nelson, Jeff Stabnow, Don Miller

Battle Lake School Board Referendum presentation – Amie Hallberg – 15 minutes – Not in attendance

Grewe moved to approve agenda for the September 19, 2023, regular meeting as presented. Additions and deletions. Visitor time limits – 5 minutes. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Estes moved to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held and the minutes from the Continuation of Annual Meeting, held the same date, at the town hall. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer presented the August financial report showing a beginning balance of \$768,987.28, with receipts totaling \$5,489.15, and disbursements totaling \$34,197.96, for an ending balance of \$740,278.47. Estes moved to accept the financial report as presented, with Grewe providing a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Estes moved to approve the claims as presented, totaling \$39,118.49, plus a gopher feet payment upon verification, and payroll (Estes, Grewe, Irmen, Jacobson, Luhning (2) Pedersen, and K. Trites). Pedersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mail Highlights — Glendalough Advisory Board newsletter; Couri & Ruppe, PLLP, attorneys raising hourly rate to \$265 for general legal work, and to \$290 for all development work, on Jan. 1.

Reports/Information

A. Roads and Equipment – Luhning reported that with the dry road conditions, there wasn't much to report. He reported that the road grader had quit on the side of the road and required that the fuel tank be cleaned out, which was completed by TNT. It was also noted that a chevron sign and popular tree had not been addressed as of the meeting date.

B. Clerk's report: Irmen presented a logo for use on township documents and the website. It was approved for use by general agreement. Irmen also presented a point of information regarding a Notice of Hearing for Variance by Otter Tail County for Jeff and Alison Rodel (Alexandria) at 22075 Tepee Circle, Vining. They are seeking the variance for recreational development. Irmen reported that she had sent in a Letter of Interest to Otter Tail County upon the board's direction for purchase of a retired county disk mower well in advance of the Sept. 22 deadline.

New Business

Irmen was directed to send a letter to Andrew Walseth for an unpermitted and subpar approach. Estes motioned to include in the correspondence that the fee is doubled (as is customary for permitting after the fact), that the approach must meet township specifications, requires a 4-to-1 slope, and didn't require a culvert. Pedersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Estes moved to approve an approach constructed by the Fairs after a successful inspection. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Estes moved to approve a building permit submitted by Mark Christensen following review of the documentation and map. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Estes moved to approve permission to bore a septic pipe under Liberty Lane at 45234 Liberty Lane (Hofferber), indicating that Girard Township shall not be responsible for any damage that may occur to this septic system either now or in the future. The homeowner is responsible for repairing to the condition prior to the installation, if any damage is done to the road. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Estes moved to approve an approach permit submitted by Mike Kloubec for access to a back lot located across from 23647 Clarissa Haven Dr., with a culvert, following an inspection of the project by Pedersen. Pedersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FYI -- trees have been removed at Birdie Lane, Blackjack Dr., and 220th Ave.

Don Miller indicated he had 105 gopher feet to turn in. Upon verification by Grewe, the clerk will send Miller a check.

Dates to remember

Friday, Sept. 22, 2023 – John Deere mowers Letter of Interest deadline

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 – Regular monthly meeting, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Monday, Oct. 2, 2023 – 4-Corners Training for Clerk and Treasurer, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Bigwood Event Center, Fergus Falls

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023 – EOT Annual Meeting and Buffet Dinner, Deer Creek, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 7-9, 2023 -- Minnesota Association of Townships Annual Conference, River's Edge Convention Center, St. Cloud

Grewe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7 p.m. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman

Clerk

Approval date: