

Girard Township
Regular Monthly Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, November 21, 2023 – 6 p.m.
Website: (www.girardtownship.us)

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

Present: Chairman Pedersen, Supervisors Grewe and Estes, Treasurer Trites, and Clerk Irmen

Absent: Luhning

Visitors: No visitors were in attendance.

1. Grewe moved to approve the agenda as printed for the Nov. 21, 2023, regular meeting. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Grewe moved to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held **Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023**, at the Town Hall. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Treasurer Trites presented the October financial report showing a beginning balance of \$695,454.20, with receipts totaling \$169,259.35, and disbursements totaling \$21,118.33, for an ending balance of \$843,595.22. Estes moved to accept the financial report as presented, with Grewe providing a second. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Estes moved to approve claims, totaling \$12,414.91 (+\$110 for the clerk's registration fee to the MAT Annual Conference), any additional bills that may be presented at this meeting; and payroll (Estes, Grewe, Irmen, Jacobson, Luhning (2) Pedersen, and K. Trites). Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mail — A thank you from Battle Lake Summer Rec program was presented by the clerk.

5. Reports/Information

A. Roads and Equipment – Luhning was absent from the meeting. Pedersen said said some sand had been hauled to the township shed and that Luhning planned to put the wing on the grader, but it wouldn't start so he ordered a starter.

B. Clerk Irmen said she had served as an Election Judge for the BL School Referendum and that it had gone well, with the referendum passing. Supervisor Grewe, Chairman Pedersen and Clerk Irmen attended the EOT Association of Townships Annual Meeting where two directors were reelected to their offices: Incumbents Treva and Laurie. The EOT spring meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 4, 2024, and is usually held at Thumper Pond. The 2024 EOT annual meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024, with full details released closer to the date. The clerk plans to have a list of election judges available at the December meeting. The clerk also noted that the next regular meeting of the board was changed to Dec. 14, in March. She noted that the Debt. Of Labor and Industry certified prevailing wages rates. She was informed that it didn't apply to the Township.

C. Pedersen attended the Fire meeting held Oct. 16 and said there was little new to report from that meeting. He noted that Kevin Anderson won the 4-wheeler with a bid of \$1,551.

6. New Business/Additions to Agenda

A. Grewe moved to approve the 2024 meeting dates and notes as presented. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

B. No action was taken with regard to the OTC 2024 Seal Coat and Traffic Marking Projects Resolutions as no township projects were identified.

C. Beaver Bounty increase – Grewe, upon a request from a trapper, moved that the beaver bounty be increased from \$110 to \$150 per beaver to match the county rate if all township criteria are met. It was noted that all trapping must be done in the township right of way, not on private property, and all trapping must be approved by the board. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

D. The board indicated that Chairman Pedersen should vote on the MAT bylaw changes depending on the benefit to the township at the upcoming MAT Annual Conference Business meeting.

7. Old Business

A. ESST Law 2024, no action required as requirements are determined by law.

B. Hail Damage Claim report – The claim won't be paid at this time as the damage did not cause any structural damage.

C. Some sand has been delivered.

D. Walseth approach – Security Deposit was received.

E. Kloubec approach – There was nothing new to report. Kloubec is waiting to hear from the contractor to build the approach.

F. Employee job description, Township employee handbook/policy and guidelines/documents/injury reduction program and worksheet conducted annually/required employment posters – Discussion regarding changes as written last month. Township Association attorneys don't review. The township will have to hire an attorney to review documents. Pedersen moved to hire an attorney to review the documents for legality. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Dates to remember

Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023 (Note date change) – Regular monthly meeting, 6 p.m., Town Hall

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

Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023 (Note date change) -- Regular monthly meeting, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024 -- Regular monthly meeting, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024 -- Regular monthly meeting, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024 -- Board of Audit meeting, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Monday, March 4, 2024 -- EOT Spring Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Thumper Pond (Location TBD)

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 -- Presidential Primary Election, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Girard Town Hall

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 -- Girard Township Annual Meeting, beginning at 2:30 and not to go past 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 -- Girard Township Election, 5 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 -- Regular monthly meeting, 6 p.m., Town Hall

9. Grewe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman

Clerk

Approval date: