

Girard Township

Regular Monthly Meeting -- MINUTES

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 – 6:00 p.m., Townhall

Website: (www.girardtownship.us)

The meeting was opened at 6:15 p.m., following the adjournment of the Board of Audit meeting.

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

Absent: Luhning

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 Jan. 21, 2025, minutes with a minor correction. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Trites presented the January financial report showing a beginning balance of \$1,020,681.85 with receipts totaling \$12,165.90, and disbursements totaling \$18,403.74, for an ending balance of \$1,014,444.01. Balances in the General and Road & Bridge are \$109,426.06 and \$505,981.90, respectively. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Grewe moved to approve the claims as presented/audited, totaling \$4,645.96; plus payroll for Estes, Grewe, Irmen, Luhning (2), Pedersen, and K. Trites. No additional claims were presented at the meeting. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports/Information

Roads/Maintenance worker Luhning was absent; however, he suggested to Pedersen that a leaning tree at 23735 Clarissa Haven Dr. should be looked at.

Clerk's Report: 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. MAT January Township Newsletter highlights Fire meeting – The fire meeting had not been held as of the date of the Township meeting, so no report was presented.

New Business/Additions to Agenda

Grewe moved to approve Clerk Debbie Irmen and Sandy Gregg as Absentee Ballot judges. Pedersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Pedersen moved to approve Jane Dixon, Harriet Christianson, Sandy Gregg, and Clerk Irmen as Election Judges for the March Township election. Grewe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Grewe moved to approve the Dust Control Treatment Contract with Fergus Power Pump at \$1.52/gal, which is unchanged from 2024. Supervisors questioned the number of gallons used in 2024, which was 14,525 gal. They expect approximately the same number of gallons will be applied in 2025. This year, dust control will be applied to El Will Road and not Blackjack Dr. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Grewe moved to approve the Federal Mileage Rate Increase to .70/mile. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously. In 2024, the Supervisors had approved following and adopting the annual increase each year, rather than specifically approving it each year.

Old Business

Grewe moved to approve the \$17,000.00 estimate provided by Eric Olsen of Spray Tech Solutions to spray insulating foam in the Town Hall (\$4620 to \$5000); and the uninsulated area of Shop to include the overhead door (\$11,600 to \$12,000). The project will spend down the balance of ARPA funding (\$14,705.83), leaving the Township responsible for the remaining approximately \$2294.17. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The clerk provided a report for the supervisors to review 2024 General Fund receipts and expenses, similar to the Road and Bridge Supervisor's report presented at the January meeting, indicating there are no surprises found in the report as it balances with all other reports provided to the board each month.

Dates to remember

Monday, Feb. 24, 2025 – Henning Ambulance Annual Township Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Henning Community Center

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

Tuesday, April 15, 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, beginning at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 26, 2025 – Walk for Glendalough

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

Adjourn meeting

With no further business to discuss, Grewe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman

Clerk

Approval date: