

Girard Township

Regular Monthly Meeting -- MINUTES

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 – 6 p.m., Town Hall

Website: (www.girardtownship.us)

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

Present: Supervisors Al Pedersen, Larry Estes, Treasurer Kathy Trites, Road Worker Will Luhning, and Clerk Debbie Irmen

Absent: Supervisor Blaine Larson

A number of visitors attended to discuss a road issue, and there were two animal control people with gopher feet to turn in. Also attending was Road Engineer Jeff Stabnow.

Pedersen moved to approve the MINUTES of the regular monthly meeting held Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at the Town Hall, the Board of Review and Equalization meeting and the Special Meeting to appoint a supervisor, both held Friday, April 15, 2025, at the Town Hall. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Pedersen moved to approve the MINUTES from the Road Check meeting held Friday, April 25, 2025, with corrections. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report – April Financials were filed for audit.

The clerk noted that a claim from TNT Repair for \$51.78 had arrived which she included in the claims amount, so the new claims amount is \$5,426.30. She also added in the tentative expenditure for gopher feet, which will be verified before payment, in the amount of \$1,285.00, for a grand total of \$6,711.30. Estes moved to approve the new amount for claims as presented/audited, and which includes payroll for Estes, Irmen, Jacobson, Larson, Luhning (2), Pedersen, and K. Trites. Pedersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mail—Lake Region Electric Cooperative, Henning Food Shelf thank you

Reports/Information

Road Worker Luhning reported that the scrap metal, tires, and other junk had been hauled off the township property. He said the road grader had its wheel bearings replaced and that there had been no damage done before they were replaced.

The clerk said she had provided a written report of her attendance at the Braver Angels training to give all the tools to work through conflicts. She reported that the El Will Road cul-de-sac request had been withdrawn because of cost, however, a short discussion ensued indicating it may be brought to the board in the future. She also had a request from Steve Borman regarding the need for a roofing permit, which is unnecessary. A property owner on Navajo Trail wants to clear up a surveyed road issue, but the county advised against it. Finally, the District 9 township meeting is planned Thursday, August 21, 2025, with the time and location TBD. Rep. Vance Bachmann is up for reelection this year.

The meeting broke at 7 p.m. for a presentation by Chelsey Waskosky, director of Henning Ambulance.

The regular Township meeting resumed at 8 p.m.

Pedersen didn't have anything to report from the fire meeting held May 15.

New Business

After inspecting the approach site for the Steve Dosch approach request, Pedersen moved to approved the approach application without a culvert. The clerk indicated that the application fee and security fee had been received by the property owner. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Pedersen moved to approve the installation of electricity for lights and a door opener in the newly insulated section of the shop and to hire Overhead Door Company to install the opener and make the necessary adjustments, so the door operates properly after it was insulated last month. Estes seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Pedersen will contact Brandon Evavold Electric, who did the electrical work on the bathroom/office renovation.

Pedersen suggested that the Township hire Hendershot to remove some tree stumps as he might be cheaper than other vendors. There are some tree stumps that will need to be removed in the vicinity of 220th and Garland Lane, however, no action was taken.

Upon reviewing the asphalt patching quotes received from Swartz Asphalt Paving and Performance Paving, Estes moved to approve the quote from Performance Paving for \$154,665.00. Pedersen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Pedersen will contact Performance Paving.

The Road Maintenance Worker Evaluation was tabled until the June regular meeting.

Old Business

Supervisors wanted more information on trade-in value and other specifics before deciding what to do with the Air Compressor, so this item was tabled until a future meeting.

Blackjack Drive residents spoke requesting clarification of how dust control issues would look for the off years. At a previous meeting, the supervisors approved alternating dust control application to Blackjack Drive one year and El Will Road the next. 2025 is Blackjack Drive's off year for application, however, during shoulder maintenance, gravel was brought to the surface, negating the effects of the dust control applied in 2024. It was suggested that perhaps shoulder work should be completed prior to application of dust control. To correct the damage, Pedersen suggested application of the dry dust control medium the township has on hand and residents accepted the solution. While there is only a limited amount, it would likely cover the property owners who want the application. There are at least a couple of property owners who

do not want dust control applied.

Dates to remember

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 – Regular Township Meeting, with speaker Chelsey from Henning Ambulance (7 p.m.), at Girard Town Hall

Friday, June 6, 2025 – 4th Annual Energy Forum, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Thumper Pond, Ottertail (light lunch served)

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

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 – Regular Township Meeting, 6 p.m., at Girard Town Hall

Thursday, August 21, 2025 -- District 9 Meeting, Time and Location TBD (EOTC's Rep, Vance Bachmann, is up for reelection)

With no further business to discuss, Pedersen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Estes seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

____ Signature on file _____
Chairman

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Clerk