

2024 Highlights

Finances

- In August 2024, the 2025 levy was approved as follows:

General Rev. – 67,200.00

R & B -- 206,000.00 (reduced \$29,200)

Fire -- 112,000.00

Ambulance 11,200.00

Equipment 33,600.00

For a total 2025 levy of \$430,000.00

- Purchased a 2nd CD for \$300,000.00
- Switched to Paperless Billing through Arvig to save the Township \$3.22/mo or \$38.64/yr

Road Upkeep/Maintenance

- 11 beaver were harvested at a cost of \$1,650.00
- Performance Paving was approved to make asphalt repairs on several roads as identified during the annual Road Check. The cost of the work was \$65,072.00
- Approximately 1,125.40 tons of gravel were laid at a cost of \$10,049.35
- Supervisors approved a center line restriping project for 2025 beginning on 230th Street at County Road 5 and continuing to 440th Ave. to Liberty Drive to County Highway 16, which is about a 4-mile stretch of road.
- Supervisors approved a Seal Coating project for 2025 beginning at the end of Evert Townline Road and Girard Beach Rd and Garland Lane

Purchases/Equipment

- Bucket -- \$2,200.00
- Mower purchase – \$9,500.00
- 560-Gal fuel tank -- \$2,850.00
- Township Laptop and Printer -- \$1,500.00

Township Projects

- An Employee Handbook/Job Description was created and completed
- Building Tarp replacement -- \$5,950.00 (ARPA Fund)
- Township Website (www.girardtownship.us) continues to be updated (Minutes are now uploaded for the past decade). Updates are made monthly when the recently approved Minutes are uploaded. Additional information (notices, finances, photos, and other elements are still being considered for, and/or uploaded.
- Approved spray insulating the rafters of the Town Hall, and the uninsulated portion of the shop, which will include the overhead door, using the balance of the ARPA funds.

Building/Approach Permits

- Approved 6 Building permits
- Approved 3 Approach permits

Elections

- Two new election judges joined the ranks (Torgerson and Behr)/Two judges retired (Jacobson and Smith)
- The Township oversaw 4 Elections – March and August Primaries, Township and General Election judges at an approximate cost of \$3,847.00 paid to the judges (does not include two head judges' payroll -Trites and Irmen)
- The Township applied for and received Election Cost reimbursement of \$1,709.28 from the State of Minnesota

Cannabis Resolution

- The Supervisors approved a resolution to delegate cannabis retail registration and compliance checks to Otter Tail County

Continuing Projects/Wish List

- Ongoing updates will continue on the Township Website
- Sorting, filing, and purging of Township records according to the State Records Retention Schedule
- Exploring the feasibility of creating a quarterly electronic township newsletter for better communication with residents
- Exploring refurbishing the Girard Town Hall sign