

Guthrie Township  
Hubbard County Minnesota  
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes  
March 17<sup>th</sup> 2015

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The Guthrie Town board held the regular Monthly meeting at the Town Hall at 8:00 p.m. on **March 17, 2015**. In attendance were Russ Nickerson-Clerk, Roger Corson-Supervisor, Michael Schmidt – Supervisor and Amanda Lofthus-Chair / Supervisor and Kerri Jourdain-Treasurer. The Meeting was called to order by the Chair and the pledge was said.

The Clerk read the last month's meeting minutes and a motion was made by Amanda Lofthus and seconded by Mike Schmidt to approve the minutes as read.

The Treasurer read the Monthly Treasurers report. The Chair upon no discussion by the Board approved the report as read.

A motion was made by Roger Corson and Seconded by Mike Schmidt to authorize donations checks as approved by the residents at the Annual Meeting. Included in the motion was \$1,750.00 going to the Lakeport Area Emergency Medical responders and \$250.00 going to the Kitchigami regional Library System (KRLS).

There was much discussion on how the Board can do a better job explaining the Towns financial report to the public at the Annual Meeting. There is concern that each year there are some residents that express concern and frustration on the Towns Financial reports that are provided at the Annual Meeting. Roger Corson mentioned that we publish notices in the newspapers and send post cards to the residents inviting them to the Board of Audit meeting that specifically states "If you are interested in the If you are interested in the Town's detailed financial accounting, you must attend this meeting. Michael Schmidt also noted in the last five years, not a single resident has attended that meeting. The Clerk mentioned that since a new CTAS program has been incorporated in 2015, perhaps the reporting would be easier to understand.

Amanda Lofthus noted the Town Board should review the current Boards salaries. These salaries are typically set by the Board on the first meeting after the Annual meeting. Upon review, the Board noted that there had been no increase in the Boards salary in 2014. Amanda Lofthus made a motion to set the Township payroll as follows: Meeting Stipend: \$65.00 per meeting, Supervisors Salary: \$800.00 per year, Treasurers Salary: \$1,300.00 per year and the Clerks Salary to \$2,400.00 per year. Mike Schmidt seconded the motion, Roger Corson abstained, Motion carried. The miscellaneous labor and election judges rate will remain at \$15.00 per hour.

Noxious weed training will be on April 23 at 7:00 pm in the basement meeting room of the Law enforcement center. This is for all township supervisors or the appointed weed inspector. Roger Corson will attend this meeting. Mike Schmidt may also attend. Supervisors are to enter through the Southeast doors of the law enforcement building.

The treasurer reported that we will soon need new checks. The Clerk was authorized to order the checks.

As a reminder, the LBAE Meeting will be held at the Town Hall on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M.

The Board will also attend the Minnesota Association of Townships Spring Short Courses held in Walker and Mahnomen

The Spring Road Tour Meeting was set by the Board to be on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M. at the Town hall. Any interested Guthrie residents are welcome to meet the Board at the Town hall at 8:00 A.M.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on April 21 at 8:00 P.M.

Roger Corson made a Motion to Pay the Invoices and to Adjourn. Mike Schmidt seconded the motion

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by:

Russ Nickerson - Clerk