Guthrie Township

Hubbard County Minnesota

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2019

The Guthrie Town Board held its regular monthly meeting at the Town Hall on March 18th, 2019. In attendance Roger Corson (Supervisor), Michael Schmidt (Supervisor), Amanda Lofthus (Chair) Rebecca Theis (Treasurer) and Amanda Fallgren (Clerk). Also in attendance was Steve Rogers and Ivy Knoshaug. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 8:00 PM and was opened with the pledge.

The Clerk read the minutes of the February monthly meeting as submitted by Amanda Fallgren. The minutes were approved as read.

The Treasurer provided the Treasurer’s report. Treasurer’s report approved as read. Clerk and Treasurer’s books agree.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ivy Knoshaug inquired about a motion for the floor repair. No motion required, as this was approved at the March 2019 Annual meeting. Ivy will connect with Ley’s in a day or so and get the process started and work on an ETA of when funds will be needed. Ivy will obtain from Ley’s a W-9 and Certificate of Insurance.

Steve Rogers suggested that when Gladen’s is plowing the town hall parking lot, that they plow/push all the way down to the trees (south of parking lot). Otherwise, the parking lot doesn’t drain as well and causes ice. Also, for easily accessing the propane tank.

Roger Corson contacted Gladen’s about winging the snow out farther off the streets better in town, and Gladen’s has done this. Roger attempted, but was unable to connect with Guthrie Town residence to remove vehicles from the street. Roger contacted the Sheriff, and requested he speak with residence to remove vehicles from the streets. It appears that this was handled.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Michael Schmidt presented photos of before and after snow removal on 450th St, done by Troy Boucher. (see hard copy file for photos).Troy Boucher contacted Michael about the drifts by the fields on 450th St by Hommerding residence and near Dan Roger’s residence. Michael Schmidt and Roger Corson discussed the road condition and safety, and made the decision for Troy Boucher to go ahead and push back the drifts where indicated.

Michael Schmidt received a call from the Sheriff’s department (218-252-7091 Brian), as a resident on 440th St W called and reported an animal carcass was dumped on his property and wanted to know if Guthrie Township has a policy for carcass removal. Michael verified that 440th St W is in Guthrie Township, and informed that there is no policy or process at this time for animal carcass removal.

Roger Corson reported that Bemidji School district contacted him regarding slush removal on township roads. Roger contacted Gladen’s and the slush was removed.

Guthrie Township received information from Hubbard County about forfeited land in Guthrie Township, no tax payment. Township doesn’t want to purchase.

Roger Corson motioned that donations set at the March 2019 Annual meeting be paid, and Michael Schmidt seconded the motion.

Becky Theis discussed an email the township received addressed to all Hubbard County Board Members, regarding spring flooding expenses that may be incurred. Email inserted:

Hello, all Hubbard Co. Township Board Members, City Employees, & Hubbard Co. Dept. Heads.It’s that time of year again where we start looking at spring flooding.  With the snow depths we have across Hubbard Co. this spring, I am expecting some type of flooding to occur.  With that in mind, I wanted to reach out & share some information with you.  If your city or township experiences any flooding that is going to incur any type of cost over your normal day-to-day operation, please let me know. I am going to track all the expenses throughout the county in the event any type of public assistance funding or reimbursement is available once the numbers reach our county threshold.  This will include debris removal, damage to roads (including grading to assist with water flow or gravel repair/refill), payroll, and fuel.I ask that you please track your figures, provide me with photos of the flooding & any damage, invoices, receipts, and proof of payments to any person or contractor(s) you have assisting you.  This will greatly help us in showing that we have an event going on that is beyond our day-to-day operation.  Photos are very important to the State so they can view was is going on when they are looking at the paperwork. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.  I am in the EM Office every Weds & Thursday of the week, however. I will be driving around the affected areas (if any) while I am patrolling also.  You can email me all the photos & info you can – even if it takes numerous emails.  If it is an emergency situation or after hours, please contact Dispatch at 218-732-3331 & they will reach out to me.  I will be happy to assist you with any questions you have & filling out any paperwork once the time arrives.  **My contact info is below**. Thanks for your time & please share this email & information with anyone else from your township, office, and agency.

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The **Next Regular Meeting will be held on April 9th, 2019 at 8:00 P.M.**

A motion to pay bills and to adjourn the meeting was made by Roger Corson and Michael Schmidt seconded the motion.

Submitted by: Amanda Fallgren– Clerk 4/9/2019