Guthrie Township

Hubbard County Minnesota

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2025

The Guthrie Town Board held its regular monthly meeting at the Town Hall on May 13, 2025. In attendance were Bryan Delaney (Supervisor), Ryan Johnson (Supervisor), Michael Schmidt (Supervisor-Chair), Rebecca Theis (Treasurer), Jakki Blom (Clerk), and Ivy Knoshaug. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM and was opened with the pledge.

The Clerk read the minutes of the April monthly meeting as submitted by Jakki Blom. The minutes were approved as read.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ongoing review of township resolutions in regards to Helga’s speaking resolution that was implemented. Bryan brings up any exception in regards to annual meeting and board of appeals. Mike will see if he can get further information from Joanna and Kip on their resolution.

A copy of the annual township noxious weed report due March 31st was given to the supervisors for review. Dates for training are waiting to be reset. Mike has put together a response outlining the 3 weed reviews during road tours/roadside inspection and he will give to Greg.

Ryan has located the statute regarding the lighting of the flagpole but has not had time to review. Not purely mandated by law, customary actions across the board are that it should be clearly illuminated. Electrical was reviewed during road tour and work will need to be done for this.

A new contract for 2 years in regards to blading is coming due from Gladen. Contract will not be signed until further bids are received – an answer will be needed by the June monthly meeting. Motion made by Ryan to post in Bemidji Pioneer and seconded by Mike. Bryan will be the contact and any bids will be sent to Jakki. Jakki will send to the pioneer and get this ran 4 times over a two-week period.

Ryan mentioned introducing parliamentary rules of order for this format, further discussion to implement democratic rules instead to simplify things.

Mike mentions having a cassette recorder going for meetings. Has requested thoughts on it, more to come before the next large township meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mike mentioned to Russ the trees down in the ditches, he would be interested in cleaning up some but does not want to travel the entire township. Russ is open to doing handyman tasks at the town hall upon request.

Becky reiterated the need to use independent contractors currently on our list due to insurance requirements.

Ivy brought up the successful grilling bonanza hosted in April. Steve has completed the fill on ye olde schoolgrounds, the 3 tot toys are ready to be put in place. Signage for the new bulletin board should be completed before the July picnic.

Based on road tour review and township map there is a discrepancy regarding who should be maintaining the west portion. Mike will check with Les to see if they are taking care of the West side without our knowledge. Ryan reached out to Schoolcraft regarding 215th and they have not completed any maintenance on it in 12 years (minimum maintenance). As a shared road with Schoolcraft further review/discussion will be needed to determine how to move forward. Mike will reach out to Hendrickson about billing and brushing on 420th. Motion made by Ryan to post meeting minutes to website. Seconded by Bryan. Motion carried.

Calcium Chloride letter to be drafted and sent to the people that apply it before the second Monday in June. Letter to notify the requirements for blading to be done before application and that blading will begin again after Sept 1st - Ryan will draft the letter.

**The Next Regular Meeting will be held on June 17, 2025 at 8:00 P.M.**

A motion to pay bills and to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike and Bryan seconded the motion.

Submitted by: Jakki Blom