Guthrie Township

Hubbard County Minnesota

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2025

The Guthrie Town Board held its regular monthly meeting at the Town Hall on August 12, 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 7:00 PM and was opened with the pledge.

The Clerk read the minutes of the July 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. Great River Design did not receive their check sent in June, Becky has completed a stop payment on that check and a new one will be sent.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

In regards to a speaking resolution Mike has prepared a template resolution that would allow anyone at the meeting to speak after treasurer’s books are read. It would allow anyone to address the board for 3 minutes to state their case. Mike will write up a formal resolution to be adopted at the next meeting.

Lighting of the flagpole will be completed by Mike Lauderbaugh once W-9 information is received, Becky has reached out for it. Mike will stop in and see where the process is at – hopefully by next meeting we will have an illuminated flagpole. (Ceiling set at $500 to approve work to be done before next meeting).

Mike talked to Les about 400th that is being taken care of by Hendrickson - we have not seen an invoice from them since 2019. Hendrickson’s meeting is the 14th at the Lakeport Fire Department and Mike plans to attend to see how to get us caught up.

Ryan will mail out the calcium chloride letter to the residents known to apply calcium chloride in the township.

Ryan plans to attend the 9/15 Schoolcraft meeting to learn more about 215th Ave on their side and figure out how to proceed. The county auditor searched and found no record of the road being recorded on either side for Guthrie or Schoolcraft.

Josh Weiss plans to fulfill his 5-year contract, but after that he may no longer be doing the roadside mowing. Roadside mowing should be completed within the next week or two within the township.

The Verizon tower being put on Roxbury Ave is making progress and should be up and running soon.

In regards to the storm that came through on June 21st Mike has been working with Troy Christenson to make a list and drive every road to determine the damage caused - 39 trees were down at the townsite and on township roads. The cleanup cost for our township was $7,460.20. Additional trees that came down with minor winds after the storm came through – 10 trees with an estimated cost of $1,397. We are waiting for the state to move forward.

Russ has installed a Wi-Fi booster for the town hall site to help with reception in case of emergency.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ivy mentioned the annual corn feed planned for later this month (August 24th).

Culligan did a certificate of analysis for the drinking water at the town hall after Russ reported getting sick from drinking the water. Mike took the results to Culligan for a detailed explanation; total coliform was detected which means our well needs to be shocked before it can be drinkable. The smell of the water is iron bacteria, which is not a problem for drinking. Quotes from AP Mechanical - $110/hour to use chloride tablets to shock the well, an estimate for $200-$300. The board unanimously agreed to move forward with this so that the water can be made drinkable.

Mike talked to Les about tree cleanup and he would be willing to help with that. Mike will plan to get an estimate on what it would cost and will bring to the next meeting.

Discussion on compensation being increased for road supervisor and chair. Mike is abstaining from the discussion since he is both the road supervisor and chair. An increase of $25 a meeting for the chair has been discussed and approved by Bryan and Ryan – Bryan makes a motion to pay the chair $110/meeting for meetings attended; Ryan has seconded the motion – motion passed. This will be retroactive for Q3 of 2025. Road supervisor hours will be billed hourly and that can be reassessed at a later date.

Cannabis Resolution was reviewed and it has been decided to leave it in the county’s hands. We will bring the sample resolution to the MAT meeting at the end of the month and get clarification on how to correctly handle it.

**The Next Regular Meeting will be held on September 9, 2025 at 8:00 P.M.**

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

Submitted by: Jakki Blom