

## Town of Grand Lake

St. Louis County, Minnesota

---

February 13, 2023

The regular meeting of the Town of Grand Lake Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman, Duayne Anderson at the Town Hall/Community Center at 7:13 PM. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board members were present.

### **Public Participation:**

None

### **Minutes:**

**S. Torgeson made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Johnson to accept the minutes from January 10, 2023 regular meeting minutes; February 6, 2023 Board of Audit special meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.**

### **Financial Report:**

The financial report for January 2023 was read by the Treasurer. **S. Torgeson moved to accept the report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Johnson. All in favor motion carried.** Board reviewed spending, claims and transfers. **D. Anderson made a motion to pay bills covered by claims 20508 - 20540, QB-2023- February, Debits totaling \$28,538.70, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Johnson. D. Anderson states that the claims are approved but the overall financial report approval is subject to the Special Budget Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.**

### **Sewer Report:**

*Birch Point: Claims:* **S. Torgeson made a motion to pay Birch Point District bills covered by claims 2042 - 2047 and Debits totaling \$15,000.61. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.**

*AE2S:* Eric submitted two reports; one is the year end for 2022 and the other one is the January/February 2023 report. The reason for the two reports this month is the fact that we now have access to the flows again after the modem was replaced.

Please note: We will have to order one or two more pumps for the STEP tanks in the collection system:

Pump Information: (Hydromatic MESPD50MH2 – 2 20' 0.5 HP 3450 230/1/60)

Supplier Eric has used in the past: WWGoetsch and Associates Inc. (<http://www.wwgoetsch.com/>).

Contact: Steve Green by email: [sgreen@wwgoetsch.com](mailto:sgreen@wwgoetsch.com); Work: 952-831-4340; Mobile: 612-325-7550

Eric was paged out two separate times to the Subzack's residence. Erik thinks that the pump has a weak capacitor. Eric will replace this pump with the one we have on hand and will keep the weak one for an emergency backup. Board would like to order a new one and replace the weaker pump. Eric will see if it is repairable. Eric will connect Rachelle and Steve Green to order the replacement

The board and Eric determined a reserve amount that would cover in the event of an emergency. The goal will be to reserve \$20-\$25,000 for long term coverage.

*PLAWCS:* Meeting is next Monday 2/20/2023

### **Fire Department Report:**

Fire Chief, Grant Gimpel was present.

Total dispatches for year end 2022 were 268. GLVFD responded and assisted on 256 of those calls.

January 2023 call break down: 2 fire, 15 medical, 8 motor vehicle, 7 pub assist, 4 mutual or auto; 1 in Northland Township, 2 in Solway Township and 1 in Industrial.

Grants were recently submitted. \$230,000 for radios, \$300,000 for a water tender.

False alarm ordinance: Duayne reached out to Brent for legal assistance on this ordinance. The board would like the ordinance to allow charging the group home for abuse of the GLVFD services due to inadequate staffing of the group home.

Fire Department Contract is deferred to the special meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2023. **D. Anderson motioned, D. Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motions. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Road Report:**

A claim totaling \$12,000 was submitted to FEMA.

**Recycling Report:**

Recycling report submitted for January 2023. There were 620 people, 17 mixed glass/plastic/aluminum and 17 cardboard/paper bins.

**Community Center Report:**

Grants sons Gavin is interested in the custodian position.

Garage Update: Luke reported that one garage door opener is up but not yet operational. The furnace is up and running and sheet rock is in process.

**Parks & Recreation Report:**

Steve received a text from Cathy Strom. Cathy's grandson is interested in being an AIS inspector this summer. His name is Ryder Strom. Cathy would also like to help managed the AIS program this summer again.

**Cemetery Report:**

Duayne will have more information on this soon. Quotes are coming in.

**New Business:**

ROW ordinance: we will follow the county standards and will include snowplowing in the ROW's. Westlund road residences are plowing into the ROW – the township will send letters to these residents giving them time to remove the snow in a timely manner. If no response the township will remove and bill the property owner.

Property owners in violation at this time: 4991 and 4971 Westlund Road

**D. Anderson motions to authorize Steve Torgeson to develop a letter, citing the state statute, that will be sent to property owners in violation. 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Johnson. All in favor. Motion carried 2nd.**

The Website was discussed: Dewey attended a webinar with Rachelle. He was impressed with the services. Rachelle feels that it will be easier for her to maintain. The cost is \$4000 for the 1<sup>st</sup> year and \$2500 for the years following. D. Anderson asked that the quote be researched so we know exactly what we are getting. Once we have this exact information, we can vote in March

The need for a Credit Card Policy was discussed.

Next meeting March 22, 2023, at 7pm

Correspondence was summarized by the Clerk and reviewed by the Board.

**On a motion made by D. Anderson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Torgeson, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.**

Melissa Ringger  
Deputy Town Clerk