

March 11, 2022  
Garden Valley Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chairman Ruzic. Kathy absent. Postings verified.

Ronnie made the motion to accept the February secretary's report. Richard seconded. Carried.

The Treasurer's report was given. Richard made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as given. Ronnie seconded. Carried.

### **Public Comment:**

Much discussion about mining.

1. Vince commented that no agreements had been signed at the time.
2. Time Johnston opposed to mining
3. Terry Johnston Opposed to copper mining
4. Lori Casper opposed to any kind of mining; reminder of petition with many signatures opposed
5. Tony Dryak opposed any kind of mining; acid rain, etc.
6. Kristin Pfaff wanted to maintain our agricultural community and supporting businesses - all types
7. Ronnie Casper presented info from past mining attempts in Jackson County. Cleveland township had published an impact statement Of the groundwater concerns.

### **Patrolman's Report**

1. Winter maintenance going on.
2. Pole Grove Rd needs to be
3. Ground roads - not able to get to all
4. Hixton Levis and Alma Center roads need additional base-leave to Arnold's discretion.
5. Little Garden Valley - may want to wait until fiber optic cable is done before putting in hard surface
6. Needs: Pole Grove repairs; 4th layer gravel on Hixton-Levis and Alma Center and 2 inches of cold mix - bid out these projects.
7. Crack filling needed on Town House and Ald Stage

### **Old Business:**

1. Comprehensive Plan discussed. Wording might need to be tighten up
  - a. Ronnie made the motion to hire an attorney for the township at the township's expense to review the Comprehensive Plan. Carried
  - b. Richard made a motion to consult with Tim Jacobson, attorney, to make sure the township is okay. Ronnie seconded. Carried

- c. Comprehensive Plan (CP) members will review CP plan. Will need an additional member to replace Bill. Committee will meet and appoint needed members and will report back to the board.
2. Motion by Ron to sign agreement with Town of Northfield to give them \$3,000 of ARPA monies for broadband for Little Garden Valley area. Seconded by Richard. Carried
3. Need to see map and email and print it out to LT Broadband and Haley Tollefson; other grant funding coming (won't need March 17, 2022 neadline). Fiber Optic to the house (100 MB, \$70/month) - other incremental packages. Richard made the motion to follow this second option of funding. Seconded by Ronnie. Carried.

**New Business:**

1. No new business.

**Secretary's correspondence.**

Bills were approved.

Next meeting is set: Friday, April 8, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

Motion to adjourn. Carried.