

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020.**

**The Annual Meeting of the Town of Grant Valley was held at the Grant Valley Town Hall on the second Tuesday in March 2020, that being the 10th day, beginning at 8:15 p.m. Nine (9) residents and one (1) nonresident were present.**

**The meeting was convened by Clerk Schmidt followed by the pledge to the flag.**

**MODERATOR CHOSEN:**

The Clerk asked if anyone would like to volunteer to be Moderator or would like to nominate a Moderator and no-one spoke up. Nora Shanahan volunteered. Russell Hiltz nominated Nora Shanahan to act and said nomination was seconded by Noah Fuller. Nora Shanahan was given the Moderator's Oath and took the chair.

**TELLERS APPOINTED:**

Moderator Shanahan appointed Gordon Pierce and Lester Hiltz to serve as Tellers for the evening.

**2019 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES:**

Russell Hiltz made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and accept them as corrected. Motion was seconded by Dan Theis and carried on unanimous voice call vote.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Noah Fuller made a motion, seconded by Gerald Maertens to waive the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried on unanimous voice call vote.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:**

Russell Hiltz reported on the Rural Fire Association. The ISO rating is good and helping with house insurance rates. New fire station by Sumac – bid awarded to Flatcrete. Owner will build the building and rent to the fire association. A new side by side was donated by the DNR. The levy was raised quite a bit because of the rent increase and an Assistant Fire Chief salary. It is suggested the Fire Fund levy be raised by \$15,000.00.

Russell also reported on the Roads. No paving was done this year. Some work was done by the county on Adams. Miller and Stone Lake were graveled. A lot of brushing and tree trimming was done. Water was going up on the Stone Lake Road so rock was put in to stop the erosion but the DNR was not happy with that. So, 4"-16" rock was put in, lots of loads of it. Now it is much better. Spot spraying of noxious weeds was also done. There was a parking issue. The Sheriff couldn't do anything about it because we didn't have any signs up. The Township Attorney drew up a resolution for no parking on any of the township roads. Sheriff won't enforce it until we get the signs up as soon as the weather permits. There will be a Road Tour in May and 2020 plans will be looked at. There is not a plan to pave anything this year. Seem sealing needs to be done on all the paved roads and maybe overlay on a couple roads and they all need striping as well., The culvert was solid ice on the road the Town Hall is on and there is water over the road.

The proposed Levies are the same for the General Fund and Road and Bridge and the Fire Fund being raised by \$15,000.00

Nora Shanahan reported on Animal Control. We belong to BRACO and the current Animal Control Officer is Tim Vigen. His phone number is on the township website. Any abuse needs to be called in to the Humane Society. There are 8 towns and 1 city in the BRACO organization. The money goes to the Animal Control Officer. He is on call 24 hours a day. Citations are issued and then when they are paid the

township gets the money. A repeat offender within 12 months is a misdemeanor. There is a new Ordinance that BRACO has been working on for quite some time. In April BRACO will meet and finalize the new ordinance and then it will be put on the website. A question was asked if the Animal Control Officer isn't doing his job what can be done. Nora indicated that if he doesn't return a call in a timely manner people can call her. Discussion held.

**DONATIONS:**

Many letters were received from organizations that did not have anyone here to speak on their behalf. Vick Kuzman was present for Let's Go Fishing and he explained what they do.

Caroline Larson was present on behalf of Support Within Reach and explained what they do. Shirlee Maertens asked if this donation was made if it would be kept in Beltrami County and Caroline indicated it would.

Gerald Maertens was present on behalf of the Senior Center.

Russell Hiltz was present on behalf of the First Responders.

Gerald Maertens made a motion to split the \$1,500.00 the township has set aside for the donations equally between the four organizations. Shirlee Maertens seconded motion. Paper ballots were used, and the vote was approved 9 yes and 0 no.

**SETTING OF LEVIES:**

Russell Hiltz made a motion to set the General Fund at \$43,660.00. Gerald Maertens seconded motion. Paper ballots were used, and the vote was approved 9 yes and 0 no.

Noah Fuller made a motion to set the Road and Bridge Fund at \$294,100.00. Gerald Maertens seconded motion. Paper ballots were used, and the vote was approved 9 yes and 0 no.

Gerald Maertens made a motion to set the Fire Fund Levy at \$85,000.00. Lester Hiltz seconded motion. Paper ballots were used, and the vote was approved 9 yes and 0 no.

**ELECTION RESULTS:**

The Clerk read the election results – Marlys Eckman was elected as Supervisor for a three-year term and Angela Schmidt was elected as Clerk for a two-year term.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Shirlee Maertens asked about paving annexation as the City is taking part of Northern Township but nothing has been talked about Grant Valley. Discussion held.

Gordon Pierce asked if we could get a new refrigerator as the one we have is very old and not working. Also, the water softener is not working.

Noah Fuller was thanked for his service the past 3 years. He will be at the March meeting filling in for Marlys Eckman.

**2021 ANNUAL MEETING:**

Russell Hiltz made a motion to set the 2021 Annual Meeting at 8:15 p.m. at the Grant Valley Town Hall on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, that being the second Tuesday. Noah Fuller seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Noah Fuller made a motion to adjourn. Lester Hiltz seconded motion and it carried on unanimous voice call vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Schmidt, Clerk

Nora Shanahan, Moderator

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