

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING OF Thursday, January 8th, 2026.**

The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday, January 8th, 2026 at the Grant Valley Town Hall.

Board Members present were, Chairman Hiltz, Supervisor Hiltz, Supervisor Eckman, Treasurer Slough, Clerk Stevens.

Chairman Hiltz welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to approve the December 11th, 2025, Regular Meeting, Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote. Edit date at top.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Slough read Treasurer Slough report of fund balances as General \$70,728.03, Road and Bridge \$951,652.25 Fire Fund \$66,695.25, with outstanding items of \$0.00 for a total cash on hand balance of \$1,089,075.53, Supervisor Eckman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit, Supervisor Hiltz seconded motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The bills were reviewed and discussed. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to pay bills as submitted, motion seconded by Supervisor Eckman, passed unanimous roll call vote.

VISITOR/CITIZEN COMMENT:

Murray Surveying not present.

Assessor will be at February meeting with new construction amounts.

Discussion of Board of Appeal and Equalization Training- Supervisor Hiltz and Supervisor Eckman are certified until July 1, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Audit- Chairman Hiltz made a motion to set Board of Audit for February 12th, 2026 at 6:30 PM at Grant Valley Townhall seconded by Supervisor Eckman, passed unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Chairman Hiltz, to appoint election judges- Lester Hiltz Jr and Joan Miller for Absentee Election March 7th and Lester Hiltz Jr, Joan Miller, Nancy Lamke and Evie Johnson (backup) for March 10th 2026 Township Election, motion seconded by Supervisor Eckman, passed on unanimous roll call vote.

Proposed 2027 budget numbers reviewed General fund is staying at \$69,500, Road and Bridge proposed budget is going from \$366,00.00 to \$401,300.00 and Fire Fund is going from \$140,000 to \$150,000 for proposed (2027) budget. Total for 2027 proposed budget is \$620,800, going up approx. 8%.

OLD BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Country Side/Fern Lake rd.- Road orders looked over/searched for. Chairman Hiltz will go to Murray Surveying tomorrow with findings.

Supervisor Hiltz made motion for Chairman Hiltz to take the permit application in to Murray Surveying, they will fill out application and send it in. Motion seconded by Supervisor Eckman and passed on unanimous roll call vote.

Road Policies- the Road Improvement and Maintenance policy was reviewed to explain the updates/changes from the work sessions. Road Agreement- discussion of extending the time period of the road from two to five years before the Township takes over the road. Discussion of the minimum occupancy of the road before the township approves the road. Clerk Stevens will check with the Town's attorney to make sure we are on the right path.

Road Orders and Recorded roads were reviewed; Supervisor Eckman and Clerk Stevens are looking for a few near Fern Lake. Clerk Stevens will check with the CO for a specific one.

Insurance- Men's bathroom needs to be repaired. Chairman Hiltz will contact PG Drywall to see if he is willing to do the work and get a price.

Supervisor Eckman turned in a laptop that Grant Valley purchased, Clerk Stevens put this in the office. She also turned in a key for the gate off the Min. Main. Rd, Chairman Hiltz took the key for safekeeping.

REPORTS:

Fire- New firefighter will be added if they can still be in budget. Discussion of IOS ratings and how they are formulated. Discussion of POC and full-time fire fighters.

Animal Control- Keith had issue with his phone- needed to upgrade his storage. Township paid invoice this month. Ordinance needs to be signed and brought back. Clerk Stevens will get ordinance and bring to Feb meeting. Next meeting April 28th 2026.

ROADS:

Roads are pretty good. Haven't needed to sand much. In the Spring, Wade Thoring will be watching roads for where class 5 is needed.

As there was no further business, Supervisor Eckman made a motion to adjourn at 10:01 PM , seconded by Supervisor Hiltz and carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Kayley Stevens