

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING OF Thursday, February 13th, 2025.**

The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday, February 13th, 2025 at the Grant Valley Town Hall.

Board Members present were, Chairman Hiltz, Supervisor Hiltz, Treasurer Slough, Clerk Stevens, and Road Supervisor Christianson.

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 motion to approve the January 9^h, 2025, Regular Meeting, seconded by Chairman Hiltz and carried on unanimous roll call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Slough reported fund balances as General \$59,178.22 Road and Bridge \$1,067,781.16 Fire Fund \$40,888.97, Covid Fund of \$0.00 with outstanding items of \$170.00 for a total cash on hand balance of \$1,168,018.35, Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Discussion of outstanding check, we will issue a new check. Discussion of COVID fund, Treasurer Slough will take off COVID fund. Supervisor Eckman seconded motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The bills were reviewed and discussed. Supervisor Eckman made a motion to pay the bills as presented seconded by Supervisor Hiltz and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

VISITOR/CITIZEN COMMENT:

Zack Ruport- Resident and Deputy- (Community Resource Deputy) if we want a deputy here call him, if we have questions call him. Reach out to him with anything. Discussion of "dogs running at large", the township is responsible for that. Deputy Sheriff's do not enforce Township ordinances. Issues with responsibility of writing violations. He is under the guidance that they are not issuing violations but Animal Control Officer Christianson was directed to call a Deputy to issue violations/tickets. Deputy Ruport will look into the citation issue and get in contact with Animal Control Officer Christianson. Discussion on Road right-a-ways, home owners are putting their garbage cans in the way of the operators. These cans are placed in a snow removal zone.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dale Vogt is here requesting an extension for 3 years for his contract. Discussion of the contract, can the Board extend it again? We haven't advertised for road maintenance quotes since 2018. Clerk Stevens will verify if we can legally accept his request, we do not have to put it out for bids until April. The questions we have are, "can you extend the contract? How long can the contract last?" Vogt's Dirt Service has 10 townships, they designate 3 pieces of equipment for Grant Valley, starting no later than 3:00AM. He has purchased a new machine to help pack down the roads. Supervisor Eckman made a motion to contact attorney, Can we extend the contract? Does it need to be put out for quote every 2 or 3 years? Can you extend an existing contract? Is it per hour quote, per job or year quote? Call Chairman Hiltz if needed. The contract is up in June 2025. Or do we even need a contract that is quoted or bids? The motion was seconded by Chairman Hiltz and it carried on unanimous roll call vote

Review proposed budget about 6% increase.

The Board will invite Wes Hegna to the next meeting.

Supervisor reports for annual meeting, Chairman Hiltz will write up a road report, and fire Supervisor Hiltz will report on Animal Control, Supervisor Eckman will report on the history, and elections.

Motion to appoint election judges on March 8th and March 11th Marlys, Keith, Les, Joan, seconded by Supervisor Eckman.

No upcoming rentals until May 2025.

OLD BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Country Side- No update

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to accept the 2025 Wages and Rates of pay seconded by Chairman Hiltz

Review road work log- updates made, subject to change all year long

2024 Wages and Rates of Pay reviewed changes made and will bring back next month.

Chairman Hiltz made a motion to have Supervisor Eckman order propane at the cheapest rate, 200 gallons seconded by Supervisor Hiltz.

Looked at Townhall Rental will look for adjustments and discuss in March.

No Special Assessments out

REPORTS:

Fire- Levy is going up. Chairman Hiltz payment will come from Grant Valley now, a special meeting will get paid from Fire Dept. Looking at 3 new fire fighters. Contract has an operations committee now. Long meeting on January 26th.

Animal Control- Great River Rescue is working on a contract for the animals to be brought too. No feral cats, only good cats and dogs. April 29th is the next meeting. 3 dog bites- 1 in Grant Valley. Discussion on ordinance to not allow feeding of cats outside. Discussion on Townships discouraging not to feed feral cats. Budget is staying the same as last year.

ROADS:

Roads have been quiet, few drifts have been called in.

As there was no further business, Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to adjourn seconded by Supervisor Eckman and carried on unanimous voice call vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayley Stevens, Clerk