

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING OF Thursday, October 9th, 2025.**

**The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Grant Valley Town Hall.**

**Board Members present were, Chairman Hiltz, Supervisor Hiltz, Supervisor Eckman, 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 Eckman made a motion to approve the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Meeting, with few edits, Supervisor Hiltz seconded the motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote. Edits- make a note that the resolution to adopt a ballot question will not be a SPECIAL ELECTION, the ballot question will be for the March 2025 (option b. appoint Clerk) Township election, add Danny's last name which is Erke in the animal control section. Chairman Hiltz noted an error in the August minutes, the Township is not purchasing land from the DNR, it would be an easement to be purchased.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Slough reported fund balances as General \$65,521.86, Road and Bridge \$951,498.38 Fire Fund \$74,616.28, with outstanding items of \$77.50 for a total cash on hand balance of \$1,091,714.02, Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit, Supervisor Eckman 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. Discussion on the Vogt's Dirt Service bill, Clerk Stevens was told the amount would be taken off next bill, Chairman Hiltz was told the road was a typo on the bill and it was in township. Chairman Hiltz will look into this further.

Clerk Stevens and Keith Christianson will get together and work transfer pictures and invoices, (Keith sign's, Dale for class5- under section D). Road clean up goes under Section A. Chairman Hiltz has more information about the sections to list invoices under. All pictures and bills will be uploaded ( Two invoices total- Keith Christianson invoice is the first one, the second is Christianson and Lofgren).

**VISITOR/CITIZEN COMMENT:**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Review year to date budget- Board will review this and discuss in November.

Mailman stopped Keith Christianson on Wooden Cross Rd and Melby Dr to report where gravel is needed, it is soft and sandy, the mailman is getting hung up, they will need at least 4 loads of gravel along the curve (one at each mailbox and one at the curve). Chairman Hiltz will get ahold of Dale Vogt to drop off class 5.

Buchanan- Stop ahead sign down and trees are hanging over the road, Pete Fredrickson from Bemidji Township told Keith Christianson that this was Grant Valley Township's responsibility. Grant Valley Township will send a letter to Bemidji Township Chairman Hiltz letter stating that they need to brush and remove the trees on the East side of Buchanan, signage is also their responsible responsibly. We will mow the ditch as per agreement. Seconded by Supervisor Eckman and carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Keith Christan has a question about weight limit signs, there are 3 of them and they are not in the appropriate spots or necessarily needed, Keith Christianson will pull the weight limit signs off the road.

**OLD BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

Country Side Rd- Matt Boyer (DNR) and Chairman Hiltz talked today, still on hold until the surveyor from 2010 gets back to them. Matt Murray read through the minutes and noted that August mins have that the land will be purchased but we are purchasing an EASEMENT. Clerk Stevens will be fixing this. Permit needs to be filled out and paperwork from Matt Murray, we would have approx.. 8-12 weeks to get the permit back, our goal is by the January meeting to have all paperwork done. The paperwork should be coming back (approved) by April, then we can start the work on Fern Lake. Touch base with the Attorney on the rest of the road, as far as we know the road is still there, the road order states the road going E-W, never found anything around road going N-S at Buchanan. Would this be under the Buchan Rd order/petition. Clerk Stevens and Supervisor Eckman will work on finding the Road Order for Buchanan.

Fern Lake Road- as of today dirt is done being moved, ready for seed. Black dirt will be added tomorrow and seed, before the rain is coming this weekend. Road is coming along nicely, both driveways done, culvert is in and class 5 has been added where the shaping is needed for drainage. Discussion of snowmobiles and the corner/ditch, Christianson will work on this. The township faced a delay because of locator issue. Rest of the work is lined up and will be done soon.

Question about Fern Lake Rd- if we were able to modify Fern Lake Rd, could the snowmobile trail be moved? The DNR will not let the Township move the trail, Section 36 is a non-motorized section (to the DNR a snowmobile is a non-motorized section. This is up to the DNR, question about when the snowmobile club is wanting to move a trail, do they clear it with the DNR? yes- believe so. Wilgrens and Rockensoks mailboxes will be set by Keith Christianson.

Mailboxes- Later date? Yes- mailboxes were deemed a hazard at the Annual meeting, what is the next step? Discussion of the cost of mailbox posts through the County and on County roads. Supervisor Eckman will call the County back and ask for more information in writing. Board members will think about this.

Road Policies- Clerk Stevens will update a few changes to the Snow and Ice Removal Policy and bring back to Nov meeting

Insurance- Insurance check never received. Clerk Stevens checked in about it and is waiting for a check to be sent.

Chairman Hiltz made a motion to order signs that are needed, motion seconded by Supervisor Hiltz and carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Committee volunteers, one resident (Tommy Brown) saw the post online and attended the meeting, he is interested in helping the township. Supervisor Eckman stated that the Board will approve the policy as they see fit, members of the township are welcome to share input and ideas but the Board would need to make the decisions. Discussion of what restrictions Mississippi Headwaters has on calcium chloride. The Township might need to adjust budget to increase the money received for roads. Discussion about work sessions in the next few months to update policies.

#### **REPORTS:**

Fire- Sherwood is not doing the SAFER Grant, it does not pay out 100% for the 3 years, like previously stated. The next fire truck is 2.5 years out. What is the budget/levy going to be this year? Chief Sherwood did not give out that information to the Township, discussion on budget.

Animal Control- Danny Erke is well (he had a mild stroke), mot many dog calls.

#### **ROADS:**

Wade Thoring reported that roads are dry but not terrible. He has a new blade operator. The Township has been hearing great reviews. The gate on Quiet Pond has been seen open, trees are over the road, you wouldn't be able to travel far down the road. Once road is cleared Christianson will lock gate.

Trees off Fern Lake RD will be cleaned up.

Before it freezes Wade will blade as many roads as he can.

Reports of Oliver Kelm- drives a white Chevy with fuel pump in back, he is tearing up Fern Lake/ Sportsman's/ and Leonard Way Roads, he has received 2 citations. Discussion of the Township billing him for the repairs if this continues.

Rental in May asked Clerk Stevens if they can have a grill outside, the Board said yes, as long as it is on the blacktop (parking lot). Clerk Stevens will add to rental agreement.

As there was no further business, Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to adjourn at 9:24 PM , seconded by Supervisor Eckman and carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kayley Stevens