

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING OF Thursday, August 13th, 2026.**

The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday, August 13th, 2026 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 July 9th, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes, Supervisor Hiltz seconded the motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Slough read Treasurer Slough report of fund balances as General \$58,645.33, Road and Bridge \$1,331,062.95 Fire Fund \$96,344.20, with outstanding items of \$567.77 for a total cash on hand balance of \$1,486,620.25, 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 Eckman made a motion to pay bills as submitted, motion seconded by Supervisor Hiltz seconded unanimous roll call vote.

VISITOR/CITIZEN COMMENT:

Chad Blake is inquiring about class5 on 16th street, 4" lift. Also requesting further discussion on stop sign on 16th street and Monarch, create a true 90-degree corner or add stop sign at both ends of road. He is requesting stop sign because of the speed that vehicles are still traveling that portion of the road. He did contact the Sheriff's dept. about a specific video they have from a Ring camera. The deputy spoke to the individual and the resident said they will drive more respectfully but they have not been doing so. He is looking for a stop sign heading West so they need to stop at that corner before they turn North. Supervisor Eckman agrees this is an issue and hazard to public safety and we can't do much besides adding a stop sign, we can't lower the speed but we could add a stop sign. Discussion about stop sign's and speed in development.

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to put stop sign on each side of the West end of 16th Street SW and South end of Monarch Dr SW, notify each person in development and notify owners of adjacent property- (duplexes) and request they notify tenants, motion seconded by Supervisor Eckman, noted that is for public safety. Motion passed unanimous roll call vote.

Keith Chirstanson will install stop signs.

Jeff, resident on Stone Lake Rd is inquiring about the 90-dregree corner, there is no recommended speed limits. Jeff is wondering if we can have actual speed limit sign, not just a recommended speed limit sign. Or if we can add recommended speed limit signs at least. Discussion on what we have for signs in the garage.

Chairman Hiltz made a motion to add a recommended speed limit signs of 20 MPH, going North on Stone Lake N, when the road turns West, both sides of 90-degree corner. Continue to West and when road turns to the North, both sides of that, seconded by Supervisor Eckman, again for public safety, motion passed unanimous roll call vote.

City of Bemidji is sent out a flyer asking for what we (residents) would like the city to be. This came in the mail to residents; the board hopes that residents will fill this out. This came in the Bemidji Buyline, it is posted around town as well. They are offering a chance to win \$250 if you give your information in the survey. The Board is encouraging residents to fill out the survey. In 2027 when they redo Adams Ave, the city wants to put water/sewer under it. This will cost millions of dollars. The city will need a lot of tax base to help pay for this. When Adams Ave is redone, there is a good chance that the City MAY try to annex parts of Grant Valley, Eckles and Bemidji Township.

Townships near Adams Ave are working together to send a letter to the County requesting to stay informed and part of the process. Discussion of the costs.

Chairman Hiltz made a motion for Grant Valley Township sign the letter to Beltrami CO Board of Commissioners the letter **Re: Request for Township Involvement in the Planning of the Proposed Roundabout at 15th Street NW and Adams Ave NW**, Motion seconded by Supervisor Hiltz, motion passed unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer Slough needs a new computer for the Windows update to run CTAS. Supervisor Eckman made amotion for Treasurer Slough to purchase a new computer for up to \$1000, motion seconded by Supervisor Hiltz, passed unanimous roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Countryside/Fern Lake rd- Cultural/ Architectural study, Chairman Hiltz has been going thru the list from the State he called many on the list and got someone from Duluth Archeologist Center LLC, Susan C. Mulholland, President. He sent her the letter from Jill Bitker, she explained the phase, there are two possible phases, unsure what the DNR is asking and the process. She has called Jill Bitker 4x and emailed 2x, Jill Bitker hasn't responded yet.

Susan priced it out for each phase they may be needed. Phase 1a would be \$1,419.72 Phase 1 would cost \$ 4,912.24, possibility of more phases or combined phases.

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to hire Susan C. Mulholland from Duluth Archeologist Center LLC, for phase 1 A or Phase 1 or a combination of them, up to \$8,400, motion seconded by Supervisor Eckman, passed unanimous roll call vote.

Culverts- Chairman Hiltz will call Jason Hill in regards to Annalee and Mid-Valley culvert situation

Birch Hill Rd culvert was hit by the ditch mower.

Clerk Stevens will contact the County about some blue house numbers that need to be replaced.

Trophy Buck- Clerk Stevens will respond to the resident that sent an email about the ditch mower, mowing too far into this property lines and mowing over popple saplings he has been trying to establish. Plat was reviewed; the mower did go too far off the road-right-of-way.

Where Division St meets Balsam Ridge, needs trimming again- Keith will check it out.

Pera- Keith, Kayley and Janelle will receive para, we are caught up. Supervisor Eckman made a motion to adopt resolution 26-3 regarding paid leave

MN PAID LEAVE- filled out online, brought us to MN unemployment, we are now signed up, and have an account

Insurance- Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to hire KC Bobcat for up to \$3600 to do shingles on garage and fix spots on hall, seconded by Supervisor Eckman.

Propane- lakes \$1.59, Northdale is \$1.49. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to order and fill propane from Northdale for \$1.49.

Door- next month

Overlay/Crack seal- Astech haven't had a chance to meet yet.

Record retention- on hold

Sunlight access-Maddie Cash, attorney to MN Ass, of Townships is working on a general response for the members to respond to emails about records.

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to add Treasurer Slough to the list to be paid at a general labor for filing/uploading docs, Motion seconded by Supervisor Eckman, passed unanimous roll call list.

REPORTS:

Fire- Trying to get new contract, current one is up end of year, change by-laws to hire a secretary/treasurer if needed. Operations community met 2x with fire chief on day to day stuff, about ready to order next truck, if ordered by Oct 1, should have some benefits, no true dollar amount yet, around \$700,000. 8 openings on POC to fill.

Animal Control- check for \$200 to deposit, for 2 impounds in Grant Valley. 3 dog bites in Grant Valley, 1 in Northern, 1 in Bemidji, 1 dog put down in GV and 1 dog bite another dog in Grant Valley- Next meeting Oct 27th.

ROADS:

Fuel surcharge is staying the same. Fuel is \$4.35

Clerk Stevens will notify Bemidji Township that Astech will be looking at our roads in the future, we will let them know what Astech says.

Discussion of signs needed to be ordered Keith and Chairman Hiltz will be in touch.

Roads may need brushing.

As there was no further business, Supervisor Eckman made a motion to adjourn at 9:16 PM, seconded by Supervisor Hiltz and carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Kayley Stevens, Clerk