

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING OF Thursday, July 9th, 2026.**

**The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 Hiltz made a motion to approve, pending change of Mike Couri spelling in June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Regular Meeting, Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote. Clerk Stevens will correct the spelling of Mike Couri.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Slough read Treasurer Slough report of fund balances as General \$34,017.58, Road and Bridge \$1,118,782.14 Fire Fund \$7,167.21, with outstanding items of \$65.00 for a total cash on hand balance of \$1,161,266.93, 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 seconded unanimous roll call vote.

Treasurer Slough will ask for a better description in the future on the invoices from Bemidji Wildlife Removal.

**VISITOR/CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairman Hiltz made a motion to appoint, Joan Miller, Lester Hiltz, Nancy Lamke, Evie Johnson, Keith Christanson, and Kayley Stevens to serve as election judges for the Aug 11, 2026 Primary election, motion amended to add Mike Monfroe, seconded by Supervisor Hiltz, Discussion about making motion for whole year, going to appoint for each election. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Clerk Stevens and Treasurer Slough couldn't get into the training in June, they will attend a CTAS training on July 20<sup>th</sup> in Crookston.

Summer buy propane- Need 400 gallons, Chairman Hiltz will call and get prices for 400 gallons of propane.

Running contracts- Clerk Stevens will create a document of all the current contracts and post in the office.

Window screen was found on ground earlier this week, the Board will check security cameras and notify the Sheriff's Dept if need be.

**OLD BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

Stop sign on Kimmur and Fern Lake needs a new sign- Keith Christanson will replace.

Resident asked for a "Watch for children sign" on Juneberry Rd. There is a post already there. Keith will pull two posts by the Townhall as well. Chairman Hiltz made a motion to add "watch for children sign" on Juneberry, Supervisor Hiltz seconded the motion, passed unanimous roll call vote.

Countryside/Fern Lake rd- The DNR is requesting a cultural review is required. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to call the two nearest archeologists and get prices, motion seconded by Supervisor Eckman, motion passed on unanimous roll call vote.

Road Tour complete? Yes, Keith's sign is in, he will install. In Annalee there is trees down from after the last storm.

Culverts- Annalee has 8 residents without culverts and Mid-Valley has 1 driveway without a culvert.

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to ask Jason Hill, if what we can do in a development, we have a developer that is building houses, did not put culverts in, can we make him put them in? Can we make a developer or home owner put in a culvert after bought? We have 60 plus lots and 9 do not have culverts. It is in our road policy that it is required. This was brought to our attention by a home owner; we looked at it on our road tour and sent letter to contractor working on it now. Jeff Dickson said he will not put in a culvert at the latest one until everyone else puts one in. this is required for safety and drainage. Motion seconded by Chairman Hiltz and carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Pera- Keith, Kayley and Janelle are putting contributions in for PERA this month. There is a claim on this month and PERA will bill us, they asked for paystubs for 3 years back.

MN PAID LEAVE- July 20<sup>th</sup> Clerk Stevens, and Treasurer Slough will have more info

Overlay/Crack seal- Hidden Trail needs one soon. The Board was hoping to do this with Fern Lake rd. Fern Lake rd is on hold until the DNR approves it. Discussion of waiting until we are able to do more roads, it will be expensive to do only one road at once. Discussion of looking at cracksealing. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion for Chairman Hiltz to contact Astech and get a price for all developments as one price and roads for another price. Motion seconded by Supervisor Eckman, motion passed unanimous roll call vote.

Treasurer Slough would like to state that the MAIT check June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, (#10124) needed to be voided and rewrote. It said "Agency". The new check number is #10137 for the Spring Short Course 7/9/2026, MN Association of Townships.

Chairman Hiltz is attending a July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting for annexation info/update at Bemidji Township.

Carmen Dr is getting bad again with trash outside. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to send letters to homeowner and Beltrami Co in regards to garbage. Motion seconded by Supervisor Eckman and passed on unanimous roll call vote.

Thank you card received from "Let's Go Fishing".

Letter from WhiteRock Holdings LLC, asking for exchange of a leased area and the Township could expect a one-time lump sum payment in exchange for perpetual easement. They sent the letter on June 9<sup>th</sup>, and wanted a response on June 19<sup>th</sup>. The township did not meet in that timeframe.

#### **REPORTS:**

Fire- Two meetings this month.

Animal Control- No meeting, gophers will be coming in. Supervisor Hiltz made a Motion to sign the resolution from Animal Control Township received a resolution to approve, sign and send back. Resolution #26-2, Resolution approving the State of MN Joint Powers Agreements with the Township of Grant Valley on Behalf of its prosecuting attorney.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Eckman and passed on unanimous roll call vote.

#### **ROADS:**

Fuel surcharge is staying the same.

New door? On hold until next month.

As there was no further business, Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 PM, seconded by Supervisor Eckman and carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kayley Stevens, Clerk