

Minutes of the Town of Ashippun  
April 12, 2005 7:30 p.m. Annual Meeting  
Ashippun Town Hall, W1266 Hwy O

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Ashippun Town Hall by Chairperson Jim Schoenike. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Ed Vernig, auditor, and Carla Chase, Attorney, were introduced. Also in attendance were Treasurer-Clerk Evangeline Kuehl, Gerald Hoefs, incoming Treasurer-Clerk, Chairperson Jim Schoenike, and Supervisors Leroy Rupnow and Roger Kopfer.

Chairperson's report: The Smart Growth Initiative, at a cost of \$10,000, will be brought to the town board for approval. Recodification of town ordinances in the past 12 months has been completed with the exception of land division ordinances. Using the NRA as a police department has been cost effective and is working well. A new patrol truck has been purchased for the town. The town hall grounds have seen an increase in use since the installation of playground equipment. Thank you to George Monis and the Planning Commission for the effort put forth to plan for our town. Forty-six new homes have been started in the past year, which is up from ten in the previous year. Thank you to the Ashippun Fire Department and Rescue Squad. The recent changes should work well.

Challenges ahead of us include subdivision development. There are concerns about the fast growth. We need to cooperate with adjacent communities to keep cost down. The bypass is close to completion and as a result we will see increased housing.

Land division ordinance needs to be revamped. Currently it requires 500 feet of frontage and five acres on unsewered lots.

Most of the town equipment is in good shape. Concerns about the budget include the town's portion being cut from the state budget. Road appropriation will affect our sixty miles of road. A little is done each year to keep the roads up.

Minutes from last year's annual meeting were read by Evangeline Kuehl. Tom Jordans/Sylvester Hoerth moved to approve. Carried.

Auditor Ed Vernig confirmed that the audit is completed. All went well in terms of the bottom line. This was the first year that we were required to move to the new accounting system using full accrual basis. Inclusion of fixed assets such as road and bridges are also required now. There were no discrepancies in the numbers during the audit.

Bill Bremer/Don Kehl moved to approve the report. Carried.

The Ashippun Fire Department report was presented by Chief Deonne Eske. She thanked all the members for their participation and support. There were 156 calls in 2004 in comparison to 133 in 2003. This is a 15% increase in call volume. Lebanon and Stone Bank have helped out by covering our station during mutual aid events. Training participating in by members includes 12 EMTs completing monthly drills and 30 hours of refresher courses, 5 First Responders taking 12 hours of refresher and attending monthly drills, 3 new EMTs, 11 members taking the MPO class, 9 firefighters taking CPR/AED certification, 32 firefighters completing OSHA required blood borne pathogen training, 4 firefighters taking the RIT/HEET training and 2 firefighters becoming instructors.

The police report was presented by Chief Bill Linsemier. We currently have six officers working part time. All of these officers hold full time positions as police officers in other jurisdictions and represent a great deal of training. The NRA budget is \$6400 and they respond to call anywhere in the Neosho-Ashippun-Rubicon

territory when called when they are on duty. As the community continues to grow, the need for police assistance increases. A member of the community questioned whether officers carry tazers. Chief Linsemier answered in the affirmative and proceeded to demonstrate his tazer.

Planning Commission report was presented by George Monis. Chairperson Schoenike thanked the committee for the work they do. The meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. and Mr. Monis invited all to attend. This is a volunteer group acting as advisors to the town board. Members were introduced as follows: Norm Greeb, Bob Guenther, George Monis, Cheryl Jaeger, Don McCullum, Clara Birkel, and Tiffany Brewer, secretary.

The Historical Committee report was presented by Clayton Swanton. The back of the town booklet has the report if those present wish to review it. A week and a half ago an event was held by the group that drew over 100 people. Many people donated time and items to this event. The History of the Town of Ashippun book, published in 1994, is available for sale. All community members are welcome to join the group.

The Building Inspector's Report was present by Don Christopherson. In 2004 there were 46 new homes, and 351 inspections. In 2005 we already have four new permits for homes. A great deal of growth has occurred over the 2000-2004 time span.

The Recreation Report was presented by Jim Schlieve. No one currently is interested in starting a baseball program. Contact Jim if you are interested. Oconomowoc Soccer Club is making good use of our soccer facilities. The ball diamond by the town shop needs redoing. It needs new sand, paint for the shed, and new playground equipment.

The Recycling Report was presented by Jim Schoenike. Our facility is an excellent facility and is noted statewide as how a center should be run. The center is open Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Spring clean up days are May 7 and 14.

Open Book Review will take place May 17 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. and June 1 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the town hall.

Concerns from the floor: There was discussion regarding the park fund. The tornado siren fund and united fund were also discussed. The monumenting fund is an escrow account for the Four Winds subdivision.

Bill Bremer asked about the how to go about forming a five person town board. The ordinance currently states we have three so the ordinance would have to be changed. He moved to form a five person board, which was seconded by Terry Prust. The attorney stated that the motion was invalid. Bill then asked if we could have an appointed clerk instead of the elected one. Again, this has to be changed in the ordinances. He also said we need daytime hours for the clerk.

Clara Birkel requested we go to an appointed clerk as many other towns do this. Then we could get a qualified clerk.

Jim Schlieve asked for an update on Radtkes. The permit was issued October 7, 2002 and the building still isn't done. Money is an issue with the completion.

Sylvester Hoerth asked if Radtkes will have their liquor license pulled.

The property south of the post office will have all costs borne by Dodge County. The town will purchase the property for \$1.00 and keep as green space.

Bill Jaeger asked about having a garbage can by the post office corner. It was abused in the past by people putting large household garbage in it so that was why it was removed, explained Larry Krier.

Chad Christenson asked about the weeds by Heather and Amanda Streets and asked that they be trimmed.

Cheryl Jaeger said we should approach the stat about the Hwy 67 and Roosevelt property to purchase it.

We need a spot for the siren and a water tower some time in the future so we should be watching for property for the future.

Ed Martin requested we try to get wireless internet for the town members.

Aldon Schlieve asked if the right of way on Roosevelt was purchased. Mr. Schoenike replied that it has not but after the Oschmann expansion something may happen.

Bob Guenther asked if the town can condemn the property on Roosevelt. Mr. Schoenike said yes but it would be very expensive.

New board members were sworn in. David Guckenberger as town supervisor, Gerald Hoefs as clerk-treasurer, Jim Schoenike as chairperson and Roger Kupfer as supervisor. Thank you to Evangeline Kuehl and Leroy Rupnow for your many years of service.

#### Announcements

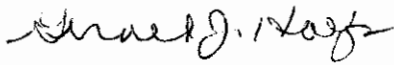
The Lions Club rummage sale will be May 20 and 21. See forms at local businesses.

The town dog catcher, Judy Wige, may be contacted at 474-4501.

Next annual meeting will be April 11, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the town hall.

#### Adjournment

Tom Jordans/Syl Hoerth moved to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



Gerald Hoefs  
Town Clerk-Treasurer