

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Town of Ashippun

Tuesday, April 11, 2006

The Annual Town of Ashippun meeting was held at the Town Hall, starting at 7:30 p.m. Town Chairman, Jim Schoenike, called the meeting to order and led the pledge to the flag.

Jim Schoenike - Chairman's Report. Chairman Schoenike noted that residents should be proud of Ashippun; a good place to live and work. The Smart Growth/Comprehensive Plan was completed this year. A volunteer donated time, materials and labor to the repainting of the ball diamond's concession stand. All residents in the town received new fire number signs, with a portion of the money coming from the Ashippun Fire Department's grant. Dick and Karen Bertrand were thanked for their donation through a grant from the Oconomowoc Foundation Fund to the Town of Ashippun to be used for Town Hall roof repairs and new road signs. The Town Board and Planning Commission will be assisted by a new Town Planner. The Chairman thanked the Ashippun Fire Department and the Neosho/Rubicon/Ashippun Police Department for their efforts in 2005. A new tornado siren will be installed this month on the corner of State Road 67 and Town MM. Appreciation was given to Town Clerk Vickie Schlieve and Supervisor Dave Guckenberger for the development of the town newsletter, *The Ashippun Insider*, which is distributed strictly by e-mail to residents.

Challenges noted were: Subdivision growth in the township; cooperation with the fire department and the police department; cooperative agreements with area EMS Departments; Highway 67 by-pass could bring additional traffic to Ashippun; Land Division Ordinance will require updates and changes with the new planner's assistance; road construction this summer on County Road P, from O south to the Waukesha County line, will be detoured on County Road O, south on 67 to Hwy CW; equipment updating, which will include a new patrol truck to assist with the town's growth; budgeting will be an area of concern given the changes coming in the proposed Taxpayer's Protection Act which is coming down from the State of Wisconsin; the Town Hall roof is in need of repair. In conclusion, Chairman Schoenike noted that residents should be proud of Ashippun. Chairman Schoenike also thanked Clerk/Treasurer, Vickie Schlieve, for all her contributions the past year.

Vickie Schlieve read the minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting. Correction noted by Chairman Schoenike to change the Police Report to read: "NRA budget of \$64,000". Motion by George Monis to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Jim Schlieve, all in favor. Motion carried.

Ed Virnig, Town Auditor, reported that the audit of the financial statements for 2005 have been completed and are available in the clerk's office for examination. The results of the revenues and expenses show \$119,000 excess in revenues opposed to expenses and the budget was balanced. Karla Chase, Town attorney, was introduced and appreciation for her efforts was announced.

Deonne Eske, Chief of the Ashippun Fire Department reported that 180 calls were answered in 2005 compared to 159 in 2004. She listed the training programs department members are involved in, numerous activities that benefit the Ashippun community, four new members, members who have achieved recognition for years of service, the addition of the new thermal imaging camera, the FEMA grant, and her involvement in training and meeting attendance. She announced the Community Wellness program to be held on May 20, 2006. She thanked the community for their continued support.

Chief Bill Linzenmeyer reported that the Neosho/Rubicon/Ashippun Police Department is a part-time department with personnel having many years of experience, which is cost-effective for all communities involved. He announced the phone numbers to reach the department. The numbers of responses in the Town of Ashippun for the year were reported. Comments from the audience included that the State Patrol is ticketing in the area; speeders are on Lincoln

Road and Hwy P; and comments on traffic problems in adjoining towns. He thanked the Town Board for their cooperation.

George Monis, Planning Commission Chairman, reported that the commission is an advisory committee to the Town Board dealing mainly with land splits and zoning issues. Members include: Norm Greeb, Don McCollum, Jim Koepke, Clara Birkel, Sheryl Jaeger, Bob Guenther and secretary, Heidi Tunak. Contact George or the Town Chairman if you are interested in being on the Planning Commission, which meets the first Thursday of each month.

Roger Johnson, Ashippun History Committee, reported that Clayton Swanton retired from chairing the History Committee after over 20 years of service. Members include: George Monis, Lyn Johnson, Shorty Schuett, Dave Guckenberger, Bob and Harriet Campbell, Diane Heerhold, Jenny Norton, Bill and Carol Klug and Clayton Swanton. Roger also reported that the group is growing and encourages anyone to join the group in preserving the history of Ashippun. Activities include the "Memories of Ashippun" afternoon with one hundred people attending. Upcoming Indian display at the Ashippun Firefighter's Picnic will be held this July.

Don Christopherson, Building Inspector, reported that he has been in this position for 33 years. In 2003 there were 11 new homes, 2004 there were 46 new homes, 2005 there were 21 new homes and so far in 2006 there are 7 new homes.

Jim Schlieve, Recreation report, announced that the painting of the ball diamond pavilion was a donation. Thanks to Steve Davy for his assistance when sand was delivered to the ball diamond ahead of schedule. There is some interest in ball teams on town fields, but there is room for more. Teams should contact Jim if they are interested in using diamonds in the town. Oconomowoc Soccer will be using their own fields this fall. Playground equipment from the old Summit School is being sought. The fence at the ball diamond along Hwy O will need to be moved due to the road construction later this summer.

Recycling Report – Chairman Schoenike thanked the staff at the Recycling Center and noted that the town frequently receives positive comments regarding the operation. Total tonnage of recycled items was given.

Chairman Schoenike reported that a referendum at the fall election may be held to change the Clerk/Treasurer's position from an elected to an appointed position. Ed Martin stressed that a qualified person be in the position. Ernie Borchardt added that the position definitely needs to be appointed. Ernie Borchardt moved to hold a referendum to change the Clerk/Treasurer position from an elected to an appointed position. Seconded by Ed Martin. All in favor. Motion carried.

Announcement was made of the Open Book to be held at the Town Hall on May 22, 2006 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Any questions on appraisals should be brought to the assessor at that time. Board of Review will be June 7, 2006 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Spring Clean Up days are May 6 and May 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Recycling Center.

Public Comment: Bill Bremer asked about the possibility of having a 5-man Town Board. Attorney Karla Chase explained the need to change the ordinance. Bill Bremer moved to pursue a 5-man board on an advisory basis. Jim Schlieve would see this as an increase in the town's budget. Ernie Borchardt sees a 3-man board favorable. Motion seconded by Dave Wendorf. Motion defeated. Jim Schlieve recommended that a committee be set up to dispose of old files and publications in the Clerk/Treasurer's office. Aldon Schlieve asked if the right-of-way on Roosevelt Road has been purchased. Chairman Schoenike stated that when the Hickory Hills subdivision continues its development the roadwork would be addressed. Syl Hoerth asked if the road-building grant would be pursued. Chairman Schoenike assured the group that a grant would be sought. Ray Zuercher spoke on the Davy Creek clean up. He is looking for a committee to continue the work. Bob Guenther spoke regarding preserving farmland through a "Purchase of Development Rights" (PDR) plan. Bob is looking for community input. Mrs. Zuercher says farm owners should have a say in what is done with their

property. Keep the area rural. Roger Johnson supported to form a committee. Dave Guckenberger spoke on the PDR program. Shorty Schuett asked who would pay for this program. Jim Koepke spoke regarding the Natural Resource Conservation Service. Jim Schlieve asked how many acres of farmland has been lost in the Town of Ashippun. Bob Guenther asked how many acres does the town need to loose before action is taken. This issue may come to a future referendum. Roger Kopfer referred to an individual building a development in a different township than his own. Bill Bremer asked for a show of hands on interest. With not enough information being available, Chairman Schoenike urged people to attend Planning Commission and Town Board meetings where future discussion will be held. High-speed internet service to town residents is available through Netwurx. Additional equipment has been added to an existing tower for better service. Names of interested individuals have been given to Netwurx.

The next annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. Syl Hoerth moved to adjourn the meeting, Ed Martin seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m. Refreshments were served.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vickie Schlieve, Clerk/Treasurer