

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Town of Ashippun
Tuesday, April 10, 2007

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. Introductions of the head table included: Karla Chase, town's attorney; David Guckenberger, supervisor; Vickie Schlieve, clerk; Roger Kopfer, supervisor; and Jim Block, town auditor.

Jim Schoenike - Chairman's Report. Chairman Schoenike thanked everyone for the support they have given the town board this year. The extensive work done in the last six months on the Land Division Ordinance has been a long, involved process and is going to be complete soon. The town should be proud of the new patrol truck put into service this year. Chairman Schoenike showed his appreciation to John Wandersee and Larry Krier, highway department employees for their service this year. The Ashippun Fire Department and Deonne Eske were recognized for their service. The address sign grant that the town received from the fire department was returned to the fire department's new rescue squad fund. The Neosho/Rubicon/Ashippun Police Department was recognized for the exceptional service the Town of Ashippun receives. Another tornado siren was installed at County Road MM and State Road 67. Challenges include the Land Division Ordinance approval and following the guidelines set up with it. It will be a big plus to the Plan Commission in making the best decisions for the town as a whole. The Plan Commission members were recognized. The building in the town is down, but growth will be coming because of our location.

Vickie Schlieve read the minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting. A motion was made by Dick Fieweger to accept the minutes as read. Bob Guenther seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Deonne Eske, Chief of the Ashippun Fire Department reported that the department is volunteer and is committed to the area they serve. In 2007 the department responded to 181 calls. There were two house fires. Members are continually increasing their training. Five firefighters became EMT's for a total of 23. There are 4 certified instructors in the department. Many community safety programs were listed. Several federal grants were received for new equipment. A new grass truck was put into service. Several members were recognized for their years of service. In 2007 a new emergency response vehicle will be purchased. Appreciation was extended to everyone for their support in this project. This year will be the 90th anniversary of the department with a special celebration at the Firefighter's Picnic in July.

Chief Bill Linzenmeyer reported that the Neosho/Rubicon/Ashippun Police Department is unique. It is comprised of full-time officers that work part-time for the NRA. Ryan Borchardt was introduced as an officer for the department. They staff the department about 350 hours per month – mostly afternoons and evenings. The best way to contact the police, if it is not an emergency, is to call 920-625-3284 and leave a message. In an emergency the Sheriffs Department needs to be called at 920-386-3726. People should not be afraid to call 911 if they are not sure. There were 76 radar arrests last year, 16 miscellaneous arrests, 607 reports filed, 171 complaints, etc. Chief Linzenmeyer added that the department enjoys working with the town and serving the residents.

George Monis, Planning Commission Chairman reported on the work done with the Land Division Ordinance. He recognized the members, which include: Norm Greeb, Don McCollum, Jim Koepke, Clara Birkel, Sheryl Jaeger, Bob Guenther and secretary, Heidi Tunak. The Planning Commission meets the first Thursday of each month and everyone is invited.

David Guckenberger, Ashippun History Committee reported that Roger Johnson was not able to be at the meeting tonight. The committee is continuously working throughout the year. The new flooring that was installed in the history room is complete. On April 22nd the committee will be holding an open house to showcase their Indian research. Several guests speakers will bring interesting information on their Indian knowledge. Food will be served. Old St. Olaf records are

being researched. The committee thanked everyone in the town for their support. The history committee was introduced. The history room will be open after the meeting tonight.

Don Christopherson, Building Inspector reported that permit regulations have not changed. The county requires a permit for anything over 6' X 6' with or without a foundation. Anything that the county requires a permit for, the town will also require one. In 2003 there were 12 new home permits issued; 2004 there were 46; 2005 there were 21; 2006 there were 16; and so far this year there are 5 new home permits. In 1972 the town adopted the SE Wisconsin Building Code under the direction of Chairman Floyd Clemans. At that time Don was appointed the "temporary" building inspector and in June 2007 will be in the position for 35 years.

Jim Schlieve, Recreation Committee reported that there is a desperate need for parent volunteers to manage any youth baseball in the town. The wooden playground equipment at Community Park needs replacing. A committee is being formed to research the needs and what would be purchased. New sand was installed at the baseball diamond to aid in water runoff. The fence will be replaced after the Highway O resurfacing project last year. It was requested that regular replacement of wood chips (or sand) be done in the spring by the playground equipment.

Recycling Report – Chairman Schoenike recognized the Recycling Center for the fine work that takes place there. Employees were introduced. A brief report of collection totals included: 24 tons of plastic, metal, glass, aluminum, tin; 2325 gallons of liquids; and over 50 tons of newspapers were recycled in 2006. Chairman Schoenike asked everyone to be aware of people dropping off items when the center is closed. If anyone sees this happening they should report it to the town board or the police for follow through. Overall the Recycling Center has been a good thing for the Town of Ashippun.

Annual Financial Report – Auditor, James Block, presented the Financial Statements to the town board. He reported that the town is in "good shape" despite the states budget cutbacks. The town's interest on the reserve monies helped improve the bottom line. The budget in 2006 balanced. Several questions on the report were taken.

The dates for Open Book and the Board of Review were announced.

Thanks and appreciation was extended to outgoing supervisor, Dave Guckenberger.

Attorney Karla Chase swore in the new town board: Chairman James Schoenike, Supervisor #1 David Wendorf, Supervisor #2 Roger Kopfer and Clerk/Treasurer Vickie Schlieve. Spring Clean Up Days are May 5th and 12th.

Public Comment: Mitch Hertneky asked about the Netwurx Internet service in the town. Everyone was encouraged to contact Verizon to request additional internet services to Ashippun. This may result in services being extended here. Jerry Liesener stated that his home uses nconnect services out of Slinger. Sheryl Jaeger asked if the clerk/treasurer position may be put to another referendum to change to an appointed position. David Wendorf spoke about his election to the town board and his appreciation to the residents for their support. Jerry Liesener voiced concern about the poor condition of Roosevelt Road. Vangie Kuehl asked if the original blueprints for the Roosevelt Road construction are still good. Ron Mallow expressed concern about Davy Creek and everyone was encouraged to attend the May town board meeting when state officials will be present to discuss Davy Creek. Ray Zuercher supported the Davy Creek discussions. Willard Oschmann spoke on the Land Division Ordinance. Bill Bremer explained that Davy Creek had been dredged by Bob Borkenhagen. Jim Schlieve stated that the finish work on last years Highway O project will be done this spring.

Walter Dienelt moved to adjourn the annual meeting. Motion seconded by Edward Martin. All in favor. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vickie Schlieve, Clerk/Treasurer