

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
Town of Ashippun  
Tuesday, April 14, 2009

The Annual Town of Ashippun meeting was held at the Ashippun Town Hall, starting at 7:30 p.m. Clerk/Treasurer, Vickie Schlieve, called the meeting to order in the absence of Chairman James Schoenike. Schlieve asked Supervisor David Wendorf to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Roger Kopfer was appointed to chair the Annual Meeting. Supervisor Kopfer introduced the town board and invited guests; Attorney Karla Chase, the town's attorney from Quincy, Becker, Schuesler and Chase; and Darin Krebill, Senior Accountant, from Johnson, Block and Company. Supervisor Kopfer recognized Chairman Schoenike for his eight years of service to the Town of Ashippun.

Clerk Schlieve read the minutes from the 2008 Annual Meeting. Supervisor Kopfer asked for any additions, corrections, or omissions. Seeing none, Dave Guckenberger moved, Ed Martin seconded to accept the minutes as read. All in favor and motion was carried.

Supervisor Kopfer read a year-end letter from Chairman Schoenike, which stated that he was proud of the town's accomplishment the last eight years. The town's affairs have been handled in a financially conservative manner. Equipment and roads have been maintained and upgraded to stay within budgets.

Annual Financial Report – Auditor, Darin Krebill, reported that the audit report shows that the fund balance at the end of the year was within \$6,000 of the budget. The Roosevelt Road rebuilding was projected at \$1.1 million with \$500,000 of borrowing and the borrowing did not happen. The full cost to date at the end of 2008 was \$700,000, so there was only about \$100,000 coming out of fund balance for both Roosevelt Road and the Erin Road projects. No variances were noted, except for the labor involved with the large amount of snow that was plowed last year. **Dave Guckenberger** asked if other sanitary districts operate at a 30% margin.

**Deonne Eske, Chief of the Ashippun Fire Department** presented the 2008 report with a PowerPoint presentation. All 38 members are volunteers who are dedicated to serving the community. The department responded to 155 calls for assistance last year. Eight-six calls were in the Town of Ashippun. Flooding last year found the department assisting in Ashippun and other communities. Training was completed in several areas, which requires time, energy, and commitment. Drills and meetings are required. Several programs were noted. New member, Kurt Kelly, was welcomed. George Birkel was recognized as the Firefighter of the Year at the State level. Chief Eske thanked the community for their support of the department.

**Assistant Chief Bill Linzenmeyer, Neosho/Rubicon/Ashippun Police Department** reported on the year's activities. There are nine part-time officers who are all full-time officers elsewhere. Training is achieved at their other jobs, which saves those costs to our township. The department is based out of the Village of Neosho village hall. He thanked the town board for their support and is looking forward to working with the new town board. They work approximately 350 hours per month, which includes all the paperwork involved. **Tom Jordens** asked why there are so many calls in Ashippun compared to the other jurisdictions. Assistant Chief Linzenmeyer commended the Ashippun Fire Department for their commitment to the town.

**George Monis, Planning Commission Chairman** reminded that their meetings are held the first Thursday of each month and that if you anyone needs to be on the

agenda they must contact him 15 days before the meeting. The Town of Ashippun operates under the Land Division Ordinance and copies are available or it is on the town's website. With the economic situation, there were 4 land splits last year and so far this year there have been no splits or meetings held. The Dodge County Planning Commission has done the same.

**Dave Guckenberger, Ashippun History Committee** introduced the History Committee members. Herb Heck displayed his Fontinini collection over the Christmas season and was attended by over 1,100 people. This will be displayed this holiday season also. A blacksmith shop will be recreated in the History Room. A Bucksinner Encampment will be organized and held the first weekend in October at the Town Hall grounds. Murals for the History Room are being considered. Dave thanked the town for their continued support.

**Don Christopherson, Building Inspector** reported that there were 5 single-family home permits and 1 duplex permit issued last year. The Ashippun Sanitary District is a \$4 million project started in 2008. No new building permits have been issued this year.

**Jim Schlieve, Recreation Committee** reported that there are four baseball teams using our two ball diamonds so far this summer. Tiling is needed at Stein Park and the town hall playground equipment area for drainage. New material is being put into Stein Park to improve the ball diamond. The playground equipment at Community Park is going forward.

**Recycling Report**, Clerk Schlieve gave the 2008 report on the total amounts of each type of recyclable material collected. Total money received from turning in those items was \$6,094. Grant from the State of Wisconsin this year was \$19,000 this year.

The dates for **Open book** with the assessor will be Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the town hall. **Board of Review** will be Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm by appointment with the clerk.

Supervisor Kopfer commented on the recent election.

**Spring Clean Up Days** are May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Recycling Center.

Attorney Karla Chase swore in the new town board members: Steven Panozzo, Town Chairman; James H. Meyer, Supervisor; William Bremer, Supervisor.

Clerk Schlieve reported that the election recount that was held earlier in the day showed that the votes were reported correctly at the Spring Election. No errors in votes were found. She thanked everyone for their continued support and encouraged all residents to support the new town board and to work together. Mabel Solveson, retired Chief Election Supervisor for the town was recognized for 32 years of service with a plant, gift card and a card.

Roger Kopfer recognized Clerk Schlieve for all she has done.

**Public Comment:** **Dave Wendorf** thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as supervisor the last two years. **Roger Kopfer** also thanked the community for their support the last 8 years. **Jim Franke** suggested that the United Fund savings account be used to create a foundation. **Syl Hoerth** asked if old television sets are collected at the Recycling Center. He was told they would collect them along with computers. **Mitch Hertneky** added that Best Buy does collect televisions also. **Ed Martin** recommended that people volunteer to be a poll worker. He reminded people be patient when they come to vote and to remember to state their name and address clearly. **Steve Panozzo** thanked Larry Krier for 16 years of service. **Jerry Liesener** questioned how Four Winds could turn their residential lots into agricultural land. Attorney Karla Chase explained

how the law applies to that situation. **Jim Schlieve** asked if the Four Winds lots would be penalized if sold separately. Ms. Chase did say the Agriculture Conversion Penalty would apply. **Peter Damrow** questioned if the town had ordinances to keep undesirable businesses out of town. Attorney Chase responded that our town ordinances do focus on that. **Dick Fieweiger** asked about recycling light bulbs and if we are paid for them when turned in. The amount collected in the Recycling Program does not include income from bulbs, the town pays for the bulbs turned in. **Roger Kuehl** explained how the bulbs were handled. Clerk Schlieve reminded residents not to mix antifreeze with the used motor oil that is collected at the Recycling Center.

Syl Hoerth moved to adjourn the annual meeting. Seconded by Dave Wendorf. All in favor. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. The next Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

Respectfully submitted:

---

Vickie Schlieve, Clerk/Treasurer