

**Town of Grant
9011 County Road WW
Monthly Board Meeting
February 11, 2015**

Present: Schwab, Winkler, Yetter, Luecht and Zimmerman.

Chairperson Schwab called meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Announcements/Correspondence:

- Charter Communications sent letter about channel lineup changes.
- Gary Johnson sent copy of EMS Professional that contained article about Town of Grant EMS.
- Struck & Irwin sent information about Slurry Seal/Micro-Surfacing Planning for 2015.
- Letter went out to Sheriff Michael Lucas re speeding on 90th St.; letter to James Sturm re complaint about his dog and letter to Matt Marshal re damage on 90th St. caused by fire from his snowmobile.

Minutes:

- **Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Approve Monthly Board Meeting minutes from Dec. 10, 2014 as written. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**
- **Motion: (Winkler, Yetter) Approve Town Board Meeting/Closed Session minutes from Jan. 14, 2015 as written. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**
- **Motion: (Schwab, Winkler) Approve Monthly Board Meeting minutes from Jan. 14, 2015 as corrected. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

Officers' Report:

- Town of Grand Rapids Recycling Committee set Choose to ReUse for 3rd Sat. of month on May 16th and Sept. 19th, 2015.
- Portage County Land Preservation committee met on Jan. 29th and will hold meetings throughout March. Farmland Preservation Plan will go into greater detail on agriculture than the Comprehensive Plans.
- Nathan Wolosek attended WTA-Portage Cty Unit meeting indicating that Portage County is going with Option F for IOH.
- Groundwater Listening Session Summary was posted on Feb. 4th online on Portage County Website.
- Public involvement meeting was held on Feb. 5th, 2015 re WI Hwy 54/County U intersection. WisDOT identified several safety issues including 11 accidents in past five years, which is above statewide average.

Public Hearing

- Chairperson Schwab opened Public Hearing at 7:00pm for CUP for Kari Pagel's photography studio Steines Photique at 10020 90th St. S
- Chairperson Wendels of Plan Commission went through conditions of CUP indicating that PC went for site visit and found the facilities well organized, by

appointments only, addressed complaints from neighbor to north and didn't find any legitimate. Plan Commission recommends approve with conditions listed on CUP.

- Kari Pagel wanted to confirm that CUP would go with property upon sale of their house and that hours indicated are times customers can make appointments and not that she is open the whole time during those hours.
- Floor was open for comments, following neighbors are for approval: Mike/Barb Arndt, Russ Brody, Wayne Brody, Mike Molepske and letter of approval from Sandy Wood. Amy Houtevelde excited and wish them luck in their business.
- With no more comments Public Hearing was closed @ 7:20pm.

Monthly Board Meeting resumed

Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Move to approve CUP for Kari Pagel's photography studio Steines Photique @ 10020 90th St. S. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Committee/Commission Minutes or Reports:

- **Ambulance:** Notice of Claim against Portage County was served to Portage County Clerk on Feb. 11, 2015 at 1:30pm. Charles Gussel questioned about how much budgeted for legal fees? Response \$10,000.00.
- **Fire:** no report
- **First Responders:** Christmas party was held on Feb. 9th, 2015, Christina Lamb will still be member of 1st Responders.
- **Green, Clean Action:** Talked about Choose to ReUse program
- **Greater Kellner Area Business Group:** Meeting Feb. 17th, 2015 @ 3:00pm at the Town Hall.
- **Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee:** no report
- **Historical Committee:** no report
- **Plan Commission:** Next meeting March 4th @ 6:30pm looking at Snowmobile Ordinance, Flowers Demolition, Ryans Way-pallets, Lone Pine Riding Stable-north of Pagels, revisit Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan from 2005.
- Wendels can be reached at 715-423-3496.
- **Zoning:** Total receipts for month of January 2015 was \$335.00 for 2 permits.

Financial Report & Updates:

- Treasurer Luecht went through bank reconciliation with total receipts of \$848,494.66 which included transfer of funds from money market tax account. Clerk and Treasurer are in balance for month of January 2015.
- **Motion: (Schwab, Winkler) Accept Financial Report for audit/review. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**
- Draft copies of financial review were received from Schenk to look over before filed.
- Notice of Claim was served today for \$33,214.90 by Town of Grant and 3 residents as claimants, along with the Town having the right to make claim for damages up to \$100,000.00.

Public Participation:

- Charles Gussel questioned that business can't take garbage to Transfer Station when ag business takes waste there, especially the church, can't have that much waste.
- Paul's Repair brings in a lot of oil filters, oil rags, business waste, should have own dumpster at place of business.
- Eldred Getzloff indicated if Paul's Repair isn't paying TS fee, he shouldn't take garbage to TS.

Roads/Equipment/Garage:

- Monthly Report: Winkler reported that hwy workers are plowing snow, mowing ditches and cutting trees back. Cones on 90th St. by dips. Priority is trees on 87th St. but haven't decided if doing road yet.
- Tower Road Bridge/Culvert project, DNR recommendation for bottomless arch > 20 feet.
- **Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Send out proposal for Tower Road arch over Ten Mile Creek. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**
- Evergreen Rd. culvert project Marc Hershfield, DNR indicated 4 culverts 45 ft., only 3 being used 4th one full of dirt, suggested putting in squash culverts. Winkler met with Marc and reported no wetland permit needed, doesn't need to be engineered, Steve Schlice said Portage County will go out and look at project, work would need to be done by Sept. 15th., could eliminate guard rails and improve road by lengthening culverts to 60 feet, would need general permit.
- Townline Road (CTH W-Swamp Rd.) repairs from 2014 road project will include: fix fence on Mel Potter property, driveway culverts will meet driveway slope if put 10 foot extensions, ditches need to be cleaned up, get bid from contractor to clean ditches.
- Request from Nathan Wolosek to fund E/W windbreaks on Grant St.
- **Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to reject proposal for windbreak cost share on Grant St. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**
- Juniper Lane situation has been turned over to attorneys, that road R/W made into road or private Revocable Occupancy Permit be issued.
- IOH look into which roads need to be posted with 10 ton road signs, could do this during spring road inspection.

Town Hall:

- Clerk picked up lap top on Feb. 3rd, and copier was set up on Feb. 10th, both items will have a learning curve, but are working out very well.
- Schwab would like to see town email addresses set up for chairperson, treasurer, zoning administrator and plan commission chairperson instead of using personal email accounts.

Transfer Station:

- Winkler questioned why certain businesses can take waste to TS, need to be the same for all.
- 3 businesses have permission for limited amount of waste per condition of CUP, which includes: Jay Goska-solid waste not to exceed 600lbs year; Amy Desterduct, Pet Grooming- one 30gallon bag of pet hair per week; and Al Witt household garbage from cabin rental property. All pay TS Fee each year.

Board/Employee training dates:

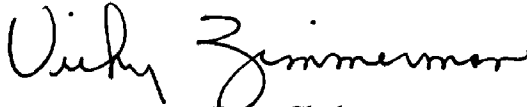
- Contech Bridge/Culvert Seminar on March 25th.

Upcoming meeting dates/topics:

- Town Board Roads Meeting March 5th, 2015 @ 3:00pm.

Motion: (Winkler, Yetter) Move to adjourn @ 9:35pm. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Respectfully submitted by,



Vicky Zimmerman, Town Clerk