

**Town of Grant
9011 County Road WW
Monthly Board Meeting
August 14, 2013**

Present: Schwab, Winkler, Yetter, Luecht and Zimmerman.
Chairperson Schwab called meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Announcements/Correspondence:

- Franchise Fees received from Solarus-\$1,218.83 and Charter-\$215.47
- Broadband demand surveys were sent back to Nathan Sandwick, Community Resource Development Educator, Portage County UW-Ext. on Aug. 12, 2013
- Portage County Planning & Zoning working on a new “Planned Development” (PD) Zoning District (draft attached to notice). Also, Charles Lucht is no longer employed as Associate Planner, so at this time the County does not have any personal to help Towns with Comprehensive Planning updates.
- Stop the Wysocki CAFO Meeting Aug. 21st @ 2pm & 6pm Saratoga Town Hall
- Thank You card from St. Joseph Equipment for purchase of Woods Mower
- Service Motor Company is starting a parts drop box program, which will be at Mid State Technical College on 32nd St. N, Wisconsin Rapids.
- Letters were sent to residents on 100th St (Quarry-CTH W) and 110th St. (Deer Rd-CTH WW) explaining what road work was going to be done on those roads.
- United Emergency Medical Response sent brochures explaining their services

Minutes:

- **Motion: (Winkler, Yetter) Move to accept Board of Review minutes from June 12th to reconvene to June 19th, 2013 as written. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**
- **Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to accept Monthly Board Meeting minutes from June 12th as written. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**
- **Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Accept Town Board Closed Session meeting minutes from July 29th, 2013 as written. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**
- **Motion: (Winkler, Yetter) Accept Town Board Closed Session meeting minutes from August 8th, 2013 as written. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

Officers' Report:

- Schwab and Luecht met with representative at ODC to go over invoicing and ODC presented form to be on trailer for E-Waste collection.
- WTA meeting had a presentation by Portage County Treasurer on handling of Delinquent Taxes.
- Wis 54/County U Intersection Study will hold a Public Involvement Meeting at the Biron Municipal Building on Aug. 20th from 5:30pm-7pm.
- Choose to ReUse will be on Sept. 14th, 2013 at Transfer Station and other municipalities will also hold Choose to ReUse on same date.

- GCAC met August 1st and talked about High Capacity Well pumpage and Review of Central Sands Research among other topics.

Committee/Commission Minutes or Reports:

- **Ambulance Committee:** Laura Goetz reported that the committee met for the first time and had a good meeting.
- **1st Responders:** Jim Yetter reported there were 2 calls for month of July and the radio that had been lost was found. They have updated to Digital Radios.
- **Groundwater Citizen's Advisory Committee:** Ray Schmidt looking at water levels in Drainage Ditches taken down and history of groundwater.
- **Sesquicentennial Committee:** Resume meetings in September 2013. Dorothy Raasch gathered information to compile 100 page book, which is outstanding.
- **Plan Commission:** Re-visited WITT CUP and postpone Driveway Ordinance updates. Next meeting August 21st @ 7pm.
- **Zoning:** Four permits for the month of July totaling \$215.00. Two accessory buildings, one raze and one generator building addition.

Introduction: Keith Kreuger, Portage County Emergency Management Director:

- Keith Kreuger, appreciates rural areas and was Army Engineer for rural and development. His concerns are Emergency Management Services, will be honest broker, a looking at maps puts Town of Grant in Wisconsin Rapids area.
- Charles Gussel brought up about weather warnings – “Code Red” excellent program, but storm went through area, then phone rang of warning.
- Keith responded that these warnings automatically come from National Weather Service and may are not always timely. His concern is how to improve especially for College Freshman and seniors in rural communities. Will check into a siren for Town.
- Keith talked to Gary Johnson, UEMR and will try to bridge the gap. The Ambulance Committee would also like to talk with Keith.
- Keith Kreuger can be reached at 715-346-1265.

Financial Report & Updates:

- Total receipts for the month of July were \$73,440.71, which included GTA and Shared Revenue payments.
- The Treasurer and Clerk are in balance for the months of May, June and July reconciliations.
- **Motion: (Schwab, Winkler) Move to put Financial Report on report for audit or review. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**
- Clerk Zimmerman presented Budget Sheet to Board Members for review.
- After going through invoices and credit with ODC we issued a check for \$380.09. Luecht suggested that Town employee take ODC trailer in monthly and that she checked with Horton Ins. and town policy would cover trailer in case of an accident.

- Invoice for damage on 100th St. N will be forwarded on to Construcks, since they were doing the hauling. St. Joseph Equipment credited the town for repair invoice.

Public Participation:

- Lee Lampert hopes that Keith Kreuger, Emergency Management Director can bridge gap, doesn't blame Town for going with UEMR.
- Kelley Steinke commented that Judicial Committee returned \$45,000.00 to Portage County that they didn't use and that could have covered cost of Ambulance Service for Town of Grant.
- Portage County Board overrides Executive Director, Patti Drier. Town of Grant needs to get on County Board agenda for October re: Ambulance Service.
- Tires in ditch on Griffith past 110th St.
- Charles Rickman inquired on what the wages are for grader operator-\$14.75 hour.

CUP-ARM WITT (revisited):

- CUP conditions #5, #6, and #7 added on to Conditional Use Permit
- **Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Move to grant CUP for ARM Witt LLC, "Witt's Linger Longer" at 8631 County Road W for the purpose of recreational rental of facility and property. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

Driveway Ordinance and Resolution-Plainfield Fire Dept.: postpone to later date
Operator License:

- **Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to approve Operator Licenses for Jennifer Downey and Christopher Van Kuiken for DJ's Corner Bar. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

Roads/Equipment/Garage:

- Monthly Report: Finished mowing along the roads, put material down on Deer Rd (90th St.-86th St).
- **Motion: (Schwab, Winkler) Move to add an additional five loads of material on Timm Ave. beyond the \$7,000.00 limit. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**
- Will start putting material down at Transfer Station on Thursday August 15th.
- Culvert Bids were received from Construcks and Earth, Inc., Board Members are to look over and consider at a later date.
- First informational meeting for Lake Road was held July 25th, with a lot of concerns. Quest will look at concerns and suggestion and hold another meeting in Oct. 2013.
- New Woods mower is working well.
- **Grader:** Winkler received information from Brooks-John Deere, Catco-Cat and Aring Equipment-Volvo. Copies were given to Board Members to take along and look over. Keith, John Deere Representative from Brooks gave detail information on different grader models and talked about new emission requirements that are coming in 2014. Decision will be postpone to later date.

- **Garage Windows with vents:** A request for 2 of 4 garage windows to have vents. More information will be presented next time as to what exactly is being requested.
- **Status of surplus items:** none on line at this time
- **Flat roof photovoltaic ballast system:** Look into Solar Electrical System, garage roof good candidate. This would be for future years 2014 beyond.

Town Hall:

- Revised bid for Hall Ramp: Additional bid of \$7,164.00 was submitted by Altmann Construction for hall ramp to meet ADA requirements, after misunderstanding of drawing that was used for bids. No part of old ramp could be used because by adding 3 inches to platform the 12:1 pitch no longer existed. After discussion board members decided to postpone decision until Supervisor Yetter acquires more information.
- GAB polling place onsite accessibility compliance report was submitted; need to make copy for Chairperson.

Transfer Station:

- **Advance Disposal:** Change of Terms to Contract: postponed.

Board/Employee training dates:

- PASER & WISLR to Manage Your Roads: August 21st in Marshfield, WI. See if Employees Dave Feit and Marty Rutz would attend.
- FISTA Training: August 21st in Rhinelander

Upcoming meeting dates/topics:

- Town Board Meeting August 27th, 2013 @ 7:30am.

Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to adjourn at 9:45pm. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Respectfully submitted by,

Vicky Zimmerman, Town Clerk