

**Town of Grant**  
**9011 County Road WW**

**Monthly Board Meeting**  
**April 6, 2011**

Present: Schwab, Kertis, Goska, Raasch and Zimmerman.  
Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Schwab at 6:30pm.

**Announcements/Correspondence:**

- Election Results April 5, 2011
- Town Board Chairperson: Sharon Schwab  
Town Board Supervisors: James Yetter  
Dale Winkler  
Town Treasurer: Diana Luecht  
Town Clerk: Vicky Zimmerman
- Schwab: Thank You Dick Kertis and Jay Goska for your hard work, and a Welcome to Jim Yetter, Dale Winkler, and Diana Luecht .
  - Annual Meeting will be on April 12th @ 7:00pm.
  - Letter from Kitty Gross, address Lake Road work that needs to be done.
  - Annual Report for 2010 was available at Elections and more copies on table
  - Draft of Annual Meeting minutes will be posted on boards
  - Auburndale Oil & Propane was sold to Frontier FS, effective April 1, 2011
  - 2011 Compost Bin & Pail Sale: April 30th and May 14th, Flyers on table
  - April 7th, 2011 meeting @ 7 pm re: extension of contract between Portage City Municipalities and Portage County Solid Waste Board.

**Public Hearing**

Schwab opened the Public Hearing for Outdoor Wood Burner Ordinance for all high density residential zoning districts @ 7:00pm. Jim Wendels, Chairperson Plan Commissioner went through points in certain sections: some items pointed out included but not limited to:

- if existing wood burner creating nuisance; take steps to eliminate problems
- units should be shut down from May 1st -Oct. 1st
- replacement of existing wood burner, must comply with new ordinance

**Comments:**

- Scott Provost - financial burden
- Dave Cook - shouldn't be just high density residential zoning districts; haste makes waste
- Jim Orth - many ordinances on the books; better description of nuisance; table ordinance
- Gary Wierzbicki - health issues, quality of life; affecting people's health
- Charles Gussell - look into nearest municipality that has similar ordinance; table ordinance
- Jim Wendels - written to address the problem we have right now; be open minded about Ordinance to residents that have problems

Results of forms filled out: In favor -6; Opposed - 5; Undecided - 1  
Public Hearing was closed @ 7:55pm.

**Minutes:** Not available

**Officer's Report:** WTA-Portage County Unit: Goska reported that Bill Weronek talked about

- gravel roads be 22 feet wide
- Portage County has a disk and don't use it to recover gravel in ditches
- gravel in favor instead of granite
- County does maintenance on municipal equipment
- County has large equipment to check out to municipalities if they have break down

**Committee Minutes/Reports:**

- 1st Responders - Met March 14th, 2-sets of flash cards left to hand out with different emergency situations, ordered EMS ball caps for all members, Christmas Party is Sat. April 9th at Wildhorse Saloon. Cocktails @ 6pm, dinner @ 6:30pm. Next meeting April 11th @ 6:00pm
- Historical/Sesquicentennial: 150th Anniversary 2014, main topic is Celebration, more detail @ Annual Meeting. Next meeting will be May 25th @ 6:30pm, looking to get businesses involved. Everyone is welcome to come.
- Plan Commission- working on Utility Accommodation; will look at comments from Public Hearing on Outdoor Wood Burner Ordinance.
- Zoning - 1 permit for month of March for structure alteration, have been receiving lots of calls now. Things should start to pick up with warm weather.

**Financial Reports:** Total Receipts for the month of March were: \$58,716.73. Charge backs for personal property taxes not paid total \$162.01. Budget Sheet given to board members, no new activity.

**Motion: (Goska, Kertis) Accept Financial Report for audit/review. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

Schwab thanked Dorothy Raasch for her many years of service to the Town of Grant. Schwab reported that we could see a decrease in Shared Revenue and GTA with the proposed State Budget. She also commented that the Town is in a healthy financial state and could possibly ride out the decreases for a couple of years.

**Outdoor Wood Burner Ordinance/Revised Zoning Permit Fees:** Postpone decision until after recommendations and comments from Public Hearing go back to Plan Commission.

**Motion: (Kertis, Goska) Move to sign Yard Waste Agreement with City of Wis. Rapids/Town of Grant, to allow for residents to take yard waste to Rapids sites for a fee of \$35.00 payable to City of Wis. Rapids. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

**Public Participation:**

- County to bring in more crushed concrete for 100th St. by Becker residence
- Scott Provost - Keep cushion in bank- watch Budget
- Gussel- Heard of new regulation on abolishing exclusive ag, could have to make payment to State if pull out of Exclusive Ag. Schwab didn't hear anything, but was wondering if it had to do with Farmland Preservation.

**Roads/Equipment/Garage:**

- Goska- moisture and ice on 100th St., Quarry, Deer, Tower; Check to see how roads hold up in 3-4 weeks in Spring. Gravel Roads-maintain in worst areas, find soft spots, keep on top of these. Should look at small areas that are gravel and have them chip sealed (4-mile lane, 94th off Lake). Reconsider projects for road bids-do some chip seal and look at gravel roads.
- Kitty Gross - Lake Road breaking up
- Gussel - Lake Road, 100th St. (Cty W-Lake)

**Motion:(Goska, Kertis) Move to put bids out on Washington Ave., 100th St., 93rd St. and Four Mile Road. Roll Call Vote: Goska-yes; Kertis-yes; Schwab-no. Motion Failed.**

**Transfer Station: Recycling Grant Program**

- Individuals - still required to recycle
- State funding and mandatory recycling facilities would be abolished.
- "KEEP RECYCLING" long term

**Website:** working on

**Board/Employee Training:** New Board Members -WTA Town Official Workshop May 5th

**Motion: (Kertis, Schwab) Move to adjourn @ 9:10pm.**

Respectfully submitted by,



Vicky Zimmerman, Clerk