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715-326-1400

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715-423-3891

Summer 2017

In June the Town of Grant AVT/UTV Ordinance was approved 2:1 to add Phase 1(b) and Phase 2. Also enacted was a revision to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph. A copy of the Ordinance is included in this newsletter.

Unlike many ordinances in the Town, this one has caused strong emotions on both sides of the aisle. Some residents are advocating for the recreational opportunity and potential revenue to local small businesses, while others are citing known public safety concerns. Regardless of where you stand, we now must try our best to respect both residents and visitors in this new endeavor. However, if you have complaints that any rider is not following the enclosed Ordinance please call law enforcement listed below:

- Portage County Sheriff's Office Communication Center @ 715-346-1400
- Jon Scharbarth, WDNR Conservation Warden @ 715-340-3840;
- Let T. Grant Board of Supervisors know you have filed a compliant.

*Sharon*

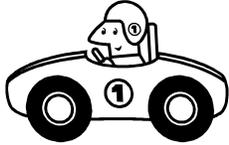
→ **Regular Monthly Board Meetings** ←  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

**Transfer Station Hours**

	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Nov - Mar	11am – 4pm	9am – 4pm
Apr - May	11am – 5pm	9am – 5pm
Jun – Aug	11am – 7pm	9am – 5pm
Sep - Oct	11am – 5pm	9am – 5pm

**REMINDER:** Choose to Reuse = September 9

*[Newsletter compiled and edited by Sharon Schwab]*



## **Roads, roads, roads...**

By Sharon Schwab

For the first time during my tenure we are in debt due to large road projects that were either mandated or represented urgent public safety concerns. Last year this included the required replacement of aging and deteriorated culverts on Evergreen Avenue where it crosses Ten Mile Creek. Following, Quarry Road (90<sup>th</sup> -100<sup>th</sup>) and Griffith (CTH F - ~3000 linear feet east) had to be upgraded so that school buses and resident vehicles could safely travel. High groundwater conditions and organic materials made these roads nearly impassable especially during high precipitation events (can you imagine what they would have been like this spring/summer)?

The upside to these projects was positive improvements to resident landowners and travel. The downside is that partially completed road projects such as those on Evergreen's culvert crossings and Elm Road (90<sup>th</sup> – 100<sup>th</sup>), are on hold. This is frustrating for both abutting landowners and the Town Board. The \$20,000 award to the Town of Grant through the Transportation Improvement Program to reconstruct Oak Street (minimum of 1700 linear feet east of CTH U) is also on hold. The estimated cost to finish Evergreen comes in at ~\$40,000 and both Elm and Oak will be well over \$100,000 each to reconstruct.

Borrowing for road work is never recommended by the Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA). It is a downward spiral that few municipalities can fully extract from unless bonding or additional taxation is fully supported by residents. A repeat from our last newsletter..."A recent WTA determined that road reconstruction in towns statewide are occurring every 80-140 years versus the recommended 20-40 years. Towns receive just over \$2,000 for every mile of certified roadway. The Town of Grant receives ~ \$250,000 in WisDOT funds each year. A conservative estimate for us to properly maintain and reconstruct our roads is \$5,750,000".

This year's projects must be small to stay within our limited public works budget. Slated for Joint and Crack-sealing are the following roads: 100<sup>th</sup> Street (CTH FF – Elm), 90<sup>th</sup> Street (Quarry – CTH W), Akron (Townline – CTH D), Evergreen (CTH U – termini), Lake (CTH U – 85<sup>th</sup>), Lake (100-110<sup>th</sup>), Larry's Court, Mill (CTH U – 100<sup>th</sup>), Pine (CTH U – 90<sup>th</sup>), Prairie (CTH F – 125<sup>th</sup>), White Pine (CTH U – Deer.

Cost estimates are currently being sought for culvert replacements on 100<sup>th</sup> Street just south of CTH WW, and 90<sup>th</sup> Street south of CTH W. The longstanding "dip" on 88<sup>th</sup> Street just south of CTH FF is another area slated for possible improvement this year, as well as possible ditch cuts, shaping, and road materials to select roads.

## **Water, water everywhere...**

Landowners along Buena Vista, Two Mile and Quinnell Creeks experienced higher than usual water tables this year. Letters from the Portage County Drainage District (PCDD) were sent to several, requesting them to remove "obstructions" from the creeks/streams. If not, the expectation was that the Town would engage in these activities (see Wisconsin Statutes Chapters 88 and 89). Three culverts on Quinnell Creek have been voluntarily removed by landowners and a few downed trees on Buena Vista Creek will be removed by the PCDD with permission from the landowner. All projects are subject to WDNR oversight as they involve both cold or warm-water fisheries and accompanying wetland laws.

# UPDATE

## Case No. 15-CV-176

In February 2017 an appeal was filed with the State of Wisconsin – *Town of Grant versus Portage County*. At this writing the case has not been reviewed by the Appellate Court. However, we remain confident that the court will rule in favor of the Town of Grant thereby eliminating the errant “County-wide EMS Levy” for an EMS system that is not county-wide.

In April 2017 the Town of Belmont opted to contract with GoldCross, a private ambulance provider from Waupaca. They will remove 14 of 36 sections of their Town from “Portage County Ambulance”. Their municipality/residents will also pay this errant tax until our case is resolved.

The Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA) filed a brief on our behalf.. They have also vowed to remedy the actions of Portage County legislatively regardless of the outcome of our case.

Last, the Resolution below was sent to every town and village in Portage County in late 2016. Of the 21 municipalities 14 signed it and presented it to: Portage County Chairman, County Executive and EMS Negotiations and EMS Oversight Board Chairs. The Portage County Board of Supervisors has failed to act – citing our case as the reason.

### **Resolution to Support Private/Public Partnerships for Equitable Ambulance Service in Portage County, Wisconsin**

Whereas, Portage County Emergency Medical Service (EMS) uses a response time of fifteen (15) minutes or less as a standard goal to achieve for ambulance service (the “standard goal”);

Whereas, two (2) Portage County ambulances based in Stevens Point and one (1) in Amherst do not meet the standard goal 90% of the time in seventeen (17) of the twenty-seven (27) municipalities of the County,

Whereas, the aforementioned Portage County ambulances to population ratio is 1:11,481, the lowest of twelve (12) ambulance services in central, north central and northwest areas of Wisconsin responding to a 2016 Portage County EMS System Analysis;

Whereas, all property owners from every Portage County municipality are levied upon annually, based on the municipalities equalized value, to support EMS;

Whereas, those municipalities where the standard goal is not achieved represent 28% of County population and 34% of County equalized value (2014 data);

Whereas, the current gap in service response times from municipality to municipality within Portage County varies from considerably better or considerably worse than the standard goal, which gap can serve to cause harm to injured or sick persons;

Whereas, those municipalities or portion(s) thereof that endure response times longer than the standard goal (20-30 minutes or more) could achieve it if permitted to engage with ambulance providers outside of Portage County;

Whereas, those property owners of primarily rural or outlying municipalities paying the same levy as those who meet the standard goal have deemed this unacceptable when paramedic-level ambulance providers are available nearby just outside of Portage County;

Whereas, ambulance services outside of Portage County are state licensed and already identified in two Portage County contracts for Mutual Aid;

Whereas, engaging in private or public partnerships with other ambulance providers will improve response times to meet the standard goal;

Whereas, by State Statute every Town/Village is responsible for protecting the “health, safety, and welfare” of its citizens, and consistent with SS 60.565 at least one Portage County municipality has contracted with a private ambulance provider since 1987 in order to reach its residents with ambulances to achieve the standard goal;

Whereas, consistent with the Portage County’s Mission Statement to deliver health care service to the community with compassionate, quality care in a timely and fiscally responsible manner in order to protect public health and safety for all residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all Towns/Villages are requesting county funding consistent with system policy to achieve the standard goal that allows for a contract with a private or public ambulance providers outside of Portage County; ;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the standard goal for response shall be fifteen (15) minutes or less and that all Towns/Villages that exceed the standard goal shall be compensated by the County in order to allow for that Town or Village to obtain an acceptable response time rating to save lives;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that every Portage County Town/Village shall be engaged in creating an EMS plan, including new private or public ambulance service providers;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town/Village Board of \_\_\_\_\_ does hereby support the immediate implementation of contracts and payments for Ambulance Services outside of Portage County as a function of the EMS program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Portage County, in cooperation with all licensed ambulance providers within a 15 minute or less response time reliability resolve to save the lives of any and all persons within Portage County in an equitable manner from this day forward.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016 by the Town/Village Board of

\_\_\_\_\_, Portage County.



## DOG NOTICE & APPLICATION – 2017

I allowed for 3 dogs on this form. If you have more, please feel free to copy this form



Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Dog	#1	#2	#3
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Dog(s) Names \_\_\_\_\_

Breed(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) Vaccinated \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Manufacture of Vaccine \_\_\_\_\_ Lot/S/N of Vaccine \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian Clinic \_\_\_\_\_

Male Neutered \$7.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Male \$17.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Female Spayed \$7.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Female \$17.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Multi \$55.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark with an "X" Yes \_\_\_\_\_ send back my veterinary information or No \_\_\_\_\_ it's a copy.

Late Fee per Dog (after April 1<sup>st</sup>) \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Mail to:

Diana Luecht, Treasurer, 8811 90<sup>th</sup> Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

[Note: if paying in person or with questions please call ahead at 715-325-3134]

Type	Conservancy/Residential/Agricultural	Commercial/Industrial
New Residence including mobile home (new or old), or Commercial/Industrial Building	\$200.00	\$400.00
Additions: Structural alteration for Primary residence or Commercial/Industrial Building	\$100.00	\$200.00
Establish an Address	\$50.00	\$50.00
Moving a previously located Residence or Commercial/Industrial Building into the Town	\$300.00	\$400.00
Moving Residence or Commercial/Industrial Building within the Town	\$200.00	\$400.00
Moving Accessory Building within the Town	\$100.00	\$200.00
Moving Accessory Building into the Town	\$200.00	\$400.00
Moving Building through the Town on town roads	\$30.00	\$30.00
Accessory Building or Addition under \$1000 or 100 square feet or less	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accessory Building or Addition above 100 square feet to 200 square feet	\$30.00	\$60.00
Accessory Building or Addition above 200 square feet to 2500 square feet	\$50.00	\$100.00
Accessory Building or Addition above 2500 square feet	\$75.00	\$150.00
Utility Accommodation Policy (UAP)	\$20.00	\$20.00
Outdoor Wood-Burner furnace installation (OWB)	\$25.00	\$25.00
Razing any Building	\$15.00	\$15.00
Signs and Billboards	\$25.00	\$50.00
Public Hearing	\$150.00	\$300.00
Certified Survey Map review and processing	\$20.00	\$20.00
Driveway	\$25.00	\$25.00
Quarrying – Permitted Use	\$50.00	N/A
Quarrying – Conditional Use (does not include public hearing fee)	\$250.00 minimum plus \$50.00/acre greater than 1 acre in size with a maximum amount of \$1,250.00 (Example for 3 acres: \$250 + \$150)	
Decks, Porches, Pools	\$15.00	\$30.00
Telecommunication Tower	\$500 – Class 2, \$3000 – Class 1 and new installation	
<b>Penalties – Failure to purchase a permit prior to construction, moving or demolition shall result in twice the cost of such permits</b>		
<b>Fees are charged by current zoning district or proposed zoning district at the time of construction</b>		

**Town of Grant Zoning Fees – Effective July 1, 2014**

TOWN OF GRANT  
PORTAGE COUNTY WISCONSIN  
**AMENDED JUNE 7, 2017**  
**ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/UTILITY-TERRAIN VEHICLE**  
**ORDINANCE**  
ORDINANCE NO. 2016-01

**SECTION I – PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle routes in the Town of Grant and to regulate the operation of All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle in the town.

**SECTION II AUTHORITY:**

The Town Board of the Town of Grant, Portage County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority to adopt this All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle Route Ordinance under s. 23.33 (8) (b) and (11), Wis. stats.

**SECTION III ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:**

This ordinance, adopted by a majority of the town board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, provides the Town of Grant the authority to designate All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle routes in the town and provides for the regulation of the use of those routes and of All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle in the town.

**SECTION IV –OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES:**

Pursuant to s. 23.33 (4) (d) 4., Wis. Stats., except as otherwise provided in s. 23.33 (4), Wis. Stats., no person may operate an All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle on the roadway portion of any highway in the town except on roadways that are designated as All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle routes by this ordinance. Operation of All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle on a roadway in the town that is an All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle route is authorized only for the extreme right of the roadway except that left turns may be made from any part of the roadway that is safe given prevailing conditions.

**SECTION V – DESIGNATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE ROUTES:**

The following routes are designated All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle routes in the Town of Grant:

1. Phase 1 (a) Tower Road from County U to Town Line Road
2. Phase 1 (b) Town Line Road (Mill Rd-Griffith Ave.)
3. Phase 2 (north on 87<sup>th</sup> St. to Evergreen Ave, then east 1,238 linear feet (LF), then north on 90<sup>th</sup> St. to driveway of Wild horse Saloon 524 LF north of CTH WW.

**SECTION VI –CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE ROUTES:**

Pursuant to s. 23.33(8)(d), Wis. Stats., the following restrictions are placed on the use of the town All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle routes designated by this resolution:

- A. Routes shall be marked with uniform All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle route signs in accordance with s. NR 64.12 and. NR 64.12(7)c, Wisconsin Administrative Code. No person may do any of the following in regard to signs marking town  
All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle routes:
1. Intentionally remove, damage, deface, move or obstruct any uniform All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle route or trail sign or standard, or intentionally interfere with the effective operation of any uniform All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle route or trail sign or standards if the sign or standard is legally placed by the state, any municipality or any authorized individual.
  2. Possess any uniform All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle route or trail sign or standard of the type established by the department for the warning, instruction, or information of the public, unless he or she obtained the uniform All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle route of trail sign or standard in a lawful manner. Possession of a uniform All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle (ATV/UTV) route or trail sign or standard creates a rebuttable presumption of illegal possession.
- B. Operation shall be subject to all provisions of s. 23.33, Wis. Stats., which is adopted as a part of this ordinance by reference, pursuant to s. 23.33(11), Wis. Stats.
- C. A copy of this ordinance shall be forwarded, by the Town Clerk to the Portage County Sheriff's Department, the Wisconsin State Patrol, and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
- D. The ordinance will be reviewed annually at the first regularly scheduled Town Board meeting in April.
- E. Additional restrictions are as follows:
- ATV/UTV operators of all ages are encouraged to complete a certification course.
  - The maximum speed on ATV/UTV routes is 25 miles per hour.
  - All ATV/UTV operators shall slow the vehicle to 10mph or less when operating within 150 feet of any dwelling.
  - All ATV/UTV operators shall slow the vehicle to 10 mph or less when operating within 100 feet of any person who is not on a motorized vehicle including a horse rider. Care must be taken not to spook a horse.
  - Operation of an ATV/UTV on the designated route is limited from 8:00 a.m. until one hour after sunset.
  - All ATV/UTVs must be operated in single file.
  - All ATV/UTV operators under the age of 18 must wear a helmet. All other operators are highly encouraged to wear a helmet.
  - All ATV/UTVs must have headlights and taillight on at all times.
  - All ATV/UTVs must be operated on (paved, graveled, or maintained) road surfaces only.
  - No ATV/UTV's may be operated on road shoulders or in road ditches. No straddling of the shoulder or ditch is allowed.
  - Any load carried on the ATV/UTV must be secured to avoid loss of the load and to avoid increased instability of the vehicle.
  - The ATV/UTV routes will be closed from November 1 through April 30.
  - Any or all ATV/UTV routes may be closed at any time at the discretion of the Town of Grant.

**SECTION VII – ENFORCEMENT**

This ordinance may be enforced by any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the laws of the state of Wisconsin.

**SECTION VIII – PENALTIES**

The penalties under s. 23.33 (13) (a), Wis. Stats. are adopted by reference.

**SECTION IX – SEVERABILITY**

Should any portion of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

**SECTION X – EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance is effective upon publication or posting. The Town Clerk shall properly publish this ordinance as required under s. 60.80, Wis. Stats.

The Town of Grant voted to adopt this Ordinance on June 29, 2016  
The Town of Grant voted to amend this Ordinance on June 7, 2017

Ordinance #: 16-01

Signed:

Witnessed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

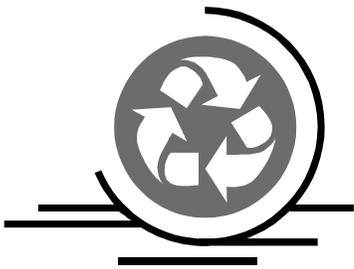
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Town Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor

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Dated

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor

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Posted: Town Hall, Transfer Station, Town of Grant Website



## Changes @ the Transfer Station

**Watch for new signs!** There are now two roll-away containers for metals. One will house freon-based appliances: refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, and air conditioners. Residents will no longer have to pay to drop off these items. The other container will house all other metals, including microwaves. Again, there will be no charge.

We will now be charging for some fluorescent tubes. Residents are permitted to drop off the first two tubes for free. After that, tubes 4 feet or under will cost \$0.50 each and tubes longer than four feet will cost \$1.00. There is a limit of eight (8) tubes.

Additional oils will now be accepted in our oil barrel and soon we will have a drum for used oil filters. No business waste is accepted for any of the above.

**FUN FACT!** *Town of Grant residents recycle four times the per capita collection standard for rural communities (82.40 pounds). We weigh in at 333.69 pounds per capita! That's certainly something to cheer about! Hopefully these new changes will make our rate even better.*

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