

**Town of Grant  
9011 County Road WW**

**Monthly Board Meeting  
June 9, 2010**

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

**Announcements & Correspondence:**

- Patty Drier-Portage County Executive will be making rounds to municipalities.
- County Clerk sent notice about properties that will be cutting timbers
- Omni Associates sent letter of services
- US Census sent notice to return or destroy materials in our possession
- Received Check from Veolia Environmental Services for \$1,000.00 towards materials for upgrade to Transfer Station shack.

**Motion: (Schwab, Goska) Accept Monthly Board Meeting minutes from May 12, 2010 as corrected. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

**Motion: (Kertis, Goska) Accept Board of Review Meeting minutes from June 1, 2010 as written. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

**Officers' Report:** WTA-Portage County Unit meeting talked about Chicken Husbandry and indicated that some municipalities and cities like Madison and Milwaukee are allowing chickens in residential areas, but with strict guidelines.

**Committee/Commission Appointments/Minutes/Reports:**

- First Responders/Groundwater Citizen Advisory Committee-no reports
- Historical/Sesquicentennial: Next meeting August 2, 2010 @ 6:30pm

**Motion: (Goska, Kertis) Approve Authorization Release form for Historical/Sesquicentennial waiver for use of materials. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

- Plan Commission- Text changes to Zoning Ordinance passed by Portage County Board. Next meeting is June 23, 2010 @ 7:00pm. Chairperson Schwab appointed Ron Becker to a 3 year term ending May 31, 2013; Lori Ruess for a 1 year term till May 31, 2011; with option to continue for the full 3 year term. Julie Kramer was appointed as Plan Commission Secretary for one year until May 31, 2011. Other Plan Commission members are: Jim Wendels, Chair, Darcy Held and Sharon Schwab.
- Zoning: Five building permits were issued for a total of \$280.00 for the month of May and 3 Certified Surveying Maps are pending.

**Financial Reports:** Receipts for May were \$26,070.20. Zimmerman provided comparison monthly reconciliations for March and April with her books balance with Treasurer. No other report for May, since Treasurer was excused from meeting. Clerk went through Budget Sheet. Schwab reported receiving letter from State about a \$100.00 check for elections that was voided because it wasn't cashed.

**Public Participation:** Lee Lampert questioned why he was charged \$1,000.00 for fire run charge when we pay for fire protection on our real estate taxes? Schwab went through the History of Town of Grant Fire Protection Ordinance and copies were distributed to attending residents. According to the Ordinance residents that have a fire call are charged up to \$1,000.00 for fire service. Schwab also, indicated that if you have ambulance service at your door that you will be billed by the ambulance service even though you paid for Ambulance Service on your taxes. Wisconsin Towns Association indicated that this is not a double tax. That the fire call made is a direct benefit to the individual and the municipality can recover some of its' cost by billing the individual. Goska said that residents have been paying the fire run charges, until Mike Galles attended a meeting in Fall of 2009 questioning the legality of billing for fire runs, since we don't get a bill from Grand Rapids Fire Department. The Fire Protection Committee then looked into the Fire Ordinance and the way residents are billed. At the Annual Meeting on April 13, 2010 it was voted 17-3 against charging for fire runs, since the billing for Fire Protection is a lump sum and not per fire call, which was the case at the time the Ordinance was ordained. This brought up an explanation of the vote at the Annual Meeting which was an advisory ballot not a binding vote, which just gives the Town Board Members direction, residents at the Annual Meeting thought it was a binding vote. All billing was done according to current Fire Protection Ordinance on the books. After a lengthy discussion back and forth with majority of residents in attendance do not want residents to be charged for fire calls, this item will be put on the July 14, Monthly Board Meeting Agenda.

Pat Barten requested that a new flag be purchased to replace current flag. Charles Gussel questioned why the Board of Adjustments was meeting on chickens in residential area? He felt that would be Conditional Use Permit, but the Plan Commission felt it was a violation of Zoning Ordinance. Gussel would also, like to see that Plexiglas is put on posting board at Town Hall and Oak & Townline locations. Resident complaints about : Uniontel trucks on County D & Townline; Speed Sign down by 8631 Lake Road; Ag trucks on Oak St.

#### **Garage/Heavy Equipment/Roads:**

- Kertis reported that Subdivision by Juniper Lane has Slurry Seal Coating prep work done. 90th Street (Cty Rd WW-Griffith) will be pulverized the 3rd week of June and excavating around June 28th. Saeger has been mowing and grading roads. Lee Lampert reported that on 110th St. (Cty WW -Deer Rd) that ditches are disappearing, when grading everything is put in center of road, asked Kertis to go down road.
- 110 STOP signs were ordered, posts were gotten from Fastenal, waiting for Diggers hot line to mark intersections. Stop sign will be placed on 4" side of post. An assessment form will be kept for blanket replacement of STOP signs.
- **Motion: (Schwab, Kertis) Move to create a sign yard area 21 feet by 12 feet along East side of town garage. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**
- Fuel Tank inspections will be done by State, if Grand Rapids Fire Dept. doesn't sign a contract with local inspectors.

**Motion: (Schwab, Goska) Move to accept Class B Beer & Liquor licenses for Chat-R-Box, LLC DBA: V-ski's Kellner Tap, Kiwanis Club of Wisconsin Rapids, Kountry Kwencher, TNT Country, LLC DBA: Wildhorse Saloon and Charlie & Wanda's Kellner Klub. Approve Class B Beer Licenses for Antler Archers and Tri-City Riding Club. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

**Motion: (Schwab, Kertis) Approve Operator Licenses as listed: Kellner Klub:** Bonnie Worzella, Justin Fleischman, Julie Giese, Leanne Vroman; **Wildhorse Saloon:** Adam Hofer, Stephanie Pagel, Juli Johnson, Christine Webb; **Tri-City Riding Club:** Donna Schedel; **Kountry Kwencher:** Lisa Buglass, Brenda Schultz; **Kiwanis Club of Wisconsin Rapids:** Cara Dillman, Terry Lee; **V-Ski's Kellner Tap:** Joann Beacher, Linda Ortscheid, Michael Vechinski, Amanda Schelvan, Elizabeth Sievers. **Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

**Motion: (Goska, Kertis) Move to approve Cigarette License for Wildhorse Saloon and Kountry Kwencher. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

**Transfer Station:** Choose to Reuse; Saturday June 12th; 9:00am - 5:00pm.

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

- Ambulance Meeting: June 10, 2010 @ 7:00pm Grand Rapids Municipal Building
- Board of Adjustments: June 16, 2010 @ 10:00am Grant Town Hall
- Plan Commission: June 23, 2010 @ 7:00pm Grant Town Hall

**Motion: (Kertis, Goska) Move to adjourn @ 8:55pm. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,



Vicky Zimmerman  
Town of Grant Clerk