

**Town of Grant  
9011 County Road WW  
Monthly Board Meeting  
December 16, 2011**

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

Chairperson Schwab called meeting to order at 6:30pm, following Potluck Dinner at 5:00pm.

**Announcements & Correspondence:**

- Schwab went through Announcements which included a number of Christmas cards received from businesses and the Town Board received a card from Betty Petrusky.
- County Executive Patty Dreier did not attend meeting, but sent a letter indicating that Portage County will pay the Town of Grant \$22,000.00 to contract Ambulance Service with provider we choose. Going forward looking to renew for a three year ambulance contract to coincide with City of Stevens Point and Fire District of Amherst schedule.
- United Ambulance Service response time is 11 minutes, whereas Plover would be 23-24 minutes. Gary Johnson and Town of Grant will have a contract in place by January 10, 2012.

**Level of Assessment:**

- Claude Rigelson attended meeting to explain why after re-evaluation market value was only at 95.8%. Claude indicated that he had planned to come under 100%, since the evaluation was done on local market value. Two reasons he indicated was that the State was high on market value and in a declining market you lose value and level of assessment will increase as market stabilizes. He also mentioned if residents had forest land that they could realize savings in taxes by enrolling their land into Managed Forest Law.

**Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Move to accept Monthly Board Meeting minutes from November 9, 2011 as corrected. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

**Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Accept Town Board Meeting minutes from November 11, 2011 as corrected. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

**Motion: (Schwab, Winkler) Move to accept meeting minutes from November 29, 2011 for Budget Public Hearing, Special Town Meeting and Town Board Meeting as corrected. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

**Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to accept minutes for Town Board Meeting on December 9, 2011 as written. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

**Officers' Report:**

- Town Hall water was tested and is **Safe to Drink**. The water is soft and has iron, is corrosive, no nitrates, good chloride levels
- Charles Gussel suggested that salt pile across the road be moved to back of land, since that property could house a new Town Hall, which would be on front half and the salt pile could be contaminating the ground water.

- Schwab & Zimmerman meet with Jennifer Huffman from DNR, to evaluate our Recycling Program. Jennifer left a number of brochures to look at and use for educational purposes, indicated that we have a very strong recycling program. Minimum state requirement of recycling materials per person is 82.4 lbs a year in rural communities is and Town of Grant does 278 lbs per person. She also gave us a number of links to be used on our Website to help inform residents and she indicated that DNR only requires a 3 year retention of reports.
- EMS Oversight Board Committee approved Town of Grant to move forward with United Contract.
- WTA-Portage County Unit meeting had Chancellor from UWSP speaking and indicated that the UW System brings in \$408 million annually to the area. He also said that State support is down from 50% to 17%.
- Wis. Rapids Water Quality next meeting is Jan. 25th, 2012

#### **Committee Minutes/Reports:**

- Board of Adjustments met on November 29, 2011 for two Public Hearings. The first one was for Amy Timm, looking to raise chickens on 94th St. in High Density Residential zoning district. After hearing comments and discussion a motion was made by (Luecht, Bottensek) Move to deny variance application to raise chickens in High Density Residential area, Ref: set backs on page 14, #3 of Town of Grant Zoning Ordinance.
- The second BOA Hearing was for Mark Walkush, on 87th St. to extend front of garage 8ft for a Utility Room, which would be only 64 ft from center of road instead of 68 ft. He wanted to put in Utility Room because it is hard for him and his wife to be going up and down basement stairs to do laundry. A motion was made by (Luecht, Sankey) Move to allow variance for 4 feet beyond setback for 8 foot extension on front of garage for utility room.
- 1st Responders next meeting is Dec. 19th, accepted resignation of Jennifer Dulcro and had handed out 2 applications to residents on south end of Town.
- GCAC is looking for committee members to work with Ray Schmidt, to bring Groundwater Management Plan up to date. Next meeting is Jan. 5th, 2012 at 7pm in Conference Room 5 at County Annex Building.
- Sesquicentennial Committee met on Nov. 16th, 2011. The plans now include a Parade in 2014, any stories get them to Dorothy Raasch, Town has a scanner, and so pictures can be scanned and returned right away. Next meeting is set for Jan. 18th, 2012.
- Plan Commission finished Utility Accommodation Policy and will bring to the Town Board at January meeting. Next meeting will be Dec. 21st, 2011.
- Zoning took in \$280.00 for building permits in the month of November 2011. Three permits were for accessory buildings and one for an addition.

#### **Financial Report:**

- Total receipts for the month of November \$78,399.29, which included final payment for Shared Revenue.
- **Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to accept Financial Report for audit/review. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

- Zimmerman presented Budget Sheet update and didn't have anything to report on Fuel Tax refund.
- Luecht was gathering information for flood damage from Marty Rutz on mileage and truck expenses. She has all information and needs to pull off what is needed for report.

**Public Participation:**

- Street Light out on the corner of Lake Rd and 80th St. Town looking into getting a list of all Street Lights in Town of Grant and checking to see if residents in the subdivisions could be charged for lights, instead of having Town pay for them. Grand Rapids pays for all of their lights.

**Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Move to nominate the following election inspectors for the 2012-2013 term as follows: Democrats: Julie Kramer-Chief Inspector, Diana Luecht, Jean Zeman, Thea Provost, Sandy Brody; Republicans: Kelley Steinke-Chief Inspector, Avis Schroer, Garnet Tucker, Elaine Eberhardt, Marge Wenfurtner; No party designation: Vicky Hess and Jan Lassa. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

**Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to approve Ordinance 2011-02, Reimbursement for Emergency Rescue/Extrication Services on State or County Highways in the Town of Grant. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

**Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Approve Amended Resolution #2011-02 Re: Election Wards to include Ward 4. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

**Laptop Computers for Treasurer/Other Officers:**

- Luecht would like the Town to purchase a Laptop for position of Town Treasurer to keep Dog Licenses, Bank Reconciliations, fuel information etc. If the Treasurer had a laptop this information could just be passed on to new treasurer without having to download information from treasurer's personal computer. Also, with Town information on personal computers, if an investigation/audit was ordered these personal computers could be taken, because Town information is stored on them.
- Yetter indicated that the First Responders will also need a laptop, since they are going to be required by the State to do reports on line instead of paper reports and don't want to use personal computers. This also would keep all information together and can just pass on laptop to next 1st Responders.

**Roads/Equipment/Garage:**

- Monthly Work planning includes trimming trees back, all trucks are ready to go for snowplowing.
- WISLR/PASER work is completed. The work involved Jim Yetter, Dale Winkler, Marty Rutz, Garry Saeger, Sharon Schwab and Diana Luecht. All 116.3 miles of roads were certified, which needs to be done every 2 years. New this year was all road work maintenance needs to be listed including patching, grading, gravel added, etc not just construction of roads.

- LRIP-D Results: The following roads were submitted and accepted for consideration for LRIP-D grants, along with ranking: Deer Road (100th-110th) #2 for Safety; 100th St. (Cty Rd W-Quarry Rd) #4 for Safety and Lake Road (80th-85th St.) #5 for traffic (700 cars daily). Deer Rd. and 100th St would be for 2012 and Lake Rd would be for 2013. The final decision is made by the State, with the final applications submitted by Portage County Highway Department by Jan. 7th.
- Culvert replacements- DNR permitting process within 30 days; materials have been ordered.
- Garage/Hall-audit updates being worked on including Fire Cabinet, door between warm/cold storage.

**Transfer Station:**

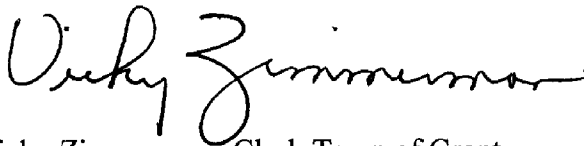
- Get recycling brochures out to Realtors to give to new home buyers.
- Ministry Saints will be doing a Job Function Description and Tests in January

**Website:**

- Renew domain name with Go Daddy
- Take a look at Town of Carson site

**Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to adjourn at 9:05pm. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

Respectfully submitted by,



Vicky Zimmerman, Clerk Town of Grant