

**Town of Grant
9011 County Road WW**

**Public Hearing
Monthly Board Meeting
January 13, 2010**

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

Public Hearing

Chairperson Schwab opened Public Hearing for Ordinance for Adoption of WI Uniform Dwelling Code at 7:00pm. Guests in the audience included: Jim Wendels, Plan Commission Chairperson; Julie Kramer, Plan Commission Secretary; and Nathan Wolosek, Plan Commission Member. Schwab explained the purpose of the ordinance and Jim Wendels' explained the two options presented to the public.

- **PAT BARTON:** Pat questioned if the ordinance included accessory buildings. No, it includes 1 and 2 family dwellings
- **MARTY RUTZ:** Marty shared monetary value amounts on permits issued dating back to 2005. 12 < \$20,000; 2 = \$20,000; 2 > \$20,000.
- **RICHARD GOLDBERG:** Richard shared contractor information. He stated that if an inspector isn't there within 48 hours for inspection, progress can continue. He stated that in Grand Rapids, if it has a footing it gets inspected. He also shared that beginning in 2012 or 2013; all electrical work will need to get a contractor. Sharon asked if Richard thought the dollar amount of \$25,000 was a responsible figure and he stated he thought it was too high.
- **KITTY GROSS:** Kitty asked if the town sets the fees. No, Dale Bates sets his own fees. Kitty feels that the \$25,000 is too low and feels that decks should be inspected.
- **CHARLIE GUSSEL:** Charlie stated that he was upset with the limit of 5 minutes of speaking time. He brought it to our attention that the content numbers do not match the numbers within the body of the ordinance. Julie stated that she will fix that. Charlie said that Sam Solberg would be our state inspector and that the state only inspects new construction. He thinks that this ordinance wasn't presented to the public very well and feels it's difficult to read. He feels the dollar amount should be raised to \$125,000. Ordinance doesn't mention multi family, accessory buildings and mobile homes. He was told they aren't mentioned because it only pertains to 1 & 2 family dwellings.
- **LARRY LASSA:** Larry feels that we are going in the right direction having our own inspector. He stated that if you're sticking a large dollar amount into home improvements it makes sense to have it inspected. Larry also feels that by keeping it local we won't be charged the high fees that the State may use for the large municipalities.

new members, and had a total of 65 runs for 2009. GCAC minutes are available at town hall. Items discussed are: High Capacity Wells, with 3,000 in the State, Lakes, Streams and Pumping in Central WI, Portage County is #1 County in terms of pumping groundwater, Well Abandonment Program. **Plan Commission:** Worked on Uniform Dwelling Code Ordinance, continuing updating of Dog Ordinance, review/revise Fire Ordinance. Other possibilities could be Nuisance Ordinance-junk in subdivision areas, Outdoor Wood Burners Ordinance-smoke in High Density areas. **Zoning:** Total for permits for Dec. \$825.00. 2009 brought in \$6,125.00 with 51 permits issued.

Financial Reports: Total receipts for month of Dec. \$15,226.32 **Motion: (Schwab, Goska) Accept Financial Report for Audit. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.** Raasch went through Authorizations & Credit Cards, she will send out letter to businesses that the Town no longer needs line of credit. Employees are to use Town issued credit cards for purchases. Zimmerman reported that she balances with the Treasurer on all bank accounts, reviewed end of year Budget Sheet. Fuel Tax Refunds for 2009 totaled \$2,241.52 with \$1,287.02 filed in Dec. 2009 and \$954.50 received in Jan 2009.

Resolution to Oppose DOR County Assessment: Takes away local control. **Motion: (Schwab, Goska) Accept Resolution #10-01 to Oppose DOR Countywide Assessment Proposal. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

Public Participation: Schwab talked about the miscalculating of scheduling with the co-mingle container and will talk to Veolia about more pickups or extra container for overflow. Mentioned about potential of solar compactor for garbage and possible separate container for cardboard in future. Eldred Getzloff asked about 90th St. (WW-Griffith) to confirm that the town will be doing that this year. It was brought up that Lake Rd should be graded to remove the slush.

Operator Licenses: Motion: (Kertis, Goska) Approve Operator Licenses for Jon Engelbrecht, Jon Jensen, and Kevin Garrigan from Antler Archers. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Garage/Heavy Equipment/Roads: Kertis reported that truck was taken in for repair of exhaust system, winging back snow, plows had been out about 3 times and he retro fitted spinner for sand/salt mix on trucks. After further consideration have decided to keep rather than sell auger.

Transfer Station: Meeting with Dale Marth from Veolia on Friday Jan. 15th. Haven't received draft of any signs as of yet. Goska mentioned about having garbage can by co-mingle dumpster for plastic bags.

Training Dates: Putting Your Comprehensive Plan into Action will be attended by Nathan Wolosek from Plan Commission on Jan. 14th.

Upcoming Meetings: Special Town Board Meeting at the Transfer Station on Wednesday January 20th at 8:30am.

Motion: (Kertis, Goska) Move to adjourn at 9:10pm. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Respectfully submitted by,



Vicky Zimmerman, Clerk