

**TOWN OF GRANT
9011 COUNTY ROAD WW
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING, SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, TOWN BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 29, 2011**

Present: Schwab, Winkler, Yetter, Luecht and Zimmerman.
Chairperson Schwab called meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Public Hearing

Chairperson Schwab opened the Public Hearing at 7:01pm. Proposed Budget Sheet, (totaling \$593,185.00), with detail line items were given to residents. Schwab and Luecht answered questions from residents, while Zimmerman recalculated the mill rates after finding out that the Manufacturing amounts calculated by Dept. of Revenue were not included in Statement of Assessments from Portage County Register of Deeds. The State did not post this information to their website until 5:00pm on Nov. 29th. After recalculating mill rates, copies of mill rates were given to residents for review. Kitty Gross questioned why we hadn't received the full amount under #43640 - Severance/Yield/Withdrawal Aid on managed forest property. Zimmerman indicated that amount had actual been received in 2010 and was put in budget for Assessor Fees for reevaluation. Zimmerman went through the Mill rate Input Sheet indicating total mill rate for each school district without School Tax Credit, which wasn't available from the State. It was questioned why the Aggregate Ration was only at 95.8% when we just did our reevaluation and should of been closer to 100%. Schwab said she would contact Claude Riglemon and find out why, but it probably had to do with adjustments that were made at Open Book and Board of Review. Schwab asked 3 times if there were any more questions. Hearing none the Public Hearing was closed at 7:30pm.

Special Town Meeting

Chairperson Schwab called Special Town Meeting to order at 7:31pm.

Motion: (Kitty Gross, Dave Luecht) Move to adopt tax levy for the Town of Grant 2011 to be paid in 2012 at \$1.495373, if all records are correct from Portage County. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Motion: (Charles Rickman, Charles Gussel) Authorize the Town Board to hire Town Officers as employees if needed and to receive same hourly wage as part time employees. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Motion: (Dave Luecht, Kitty Gross) Move to adjourn at 7:45pm. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Town Board Meeting

Chairperson Schwab called Town Board Meeting to order at 7:50pm.

Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to adopt 2012 Proposed Budget at \$593,185.00. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Transfer Station and Dog License Fees:

- Transfer Fee charges on tax bills will be \$75.00.
- Luecht reported that the Town will have approximate Animal Control bill of \$600.00 and suggested that we raise dog license to \$7.00 for spayed/neutered and \$17.00 for regular dog

license. The average license fee in Portage County for spayed/neutered is \$8.00-\$10.00. The \$6.00/\$16.00 we have now is what Portage County Humane Society requires and all is sent to them, we only keep any late fees and could keep any amount over \$6.00/\$16.00.

- **Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Accept Transfer Station fee of \$75.00 and \$7.00 dog license for spayed/ neutered and \$17.00 for non spayed/neutered. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

Final Tax Bill Inserts:

- Recycling Brochure - all fees stayed the same
- Sesquicentennial Notice - 2014
- Diana Luecht Dog Licensing information on back side of Sheriff's letter on Dog Licensing.

JCB Loader Repairs/cost:

- Winkler reported that when the JCB was in for repairs it was discovered that the backhoe boom was cracked. Service Motors sent pictures of the crack. They received estimate of an additional \$1,200.00 to have welded by Certified Welder. The work was done at a cost of \$990.00.

Fuel Delivery/Price Options 2012:

- At Nov. 11th meeting a motion was made to go with average pricing program. Frontier will watch the market from Nov. 15th until Jan. 31st and come up with an average price per gallon. We will then decide for sure how many gallons we want for that price from April 1, 2012 -Nov. 30, 2012. We will pay that price for x amount of gallons and pay current market price for remaining fuel. When the tank is filled we can decided if we will be billed from reserve price or current market price. If you purchase a grade higher at 5 cents more per gallon, you can recoup 16 cents per gallon in efficiency.
- Dick Kertis would like to know how many gallons of fuel the Town went through in 2010 and 2011.

Voting Wards and Redistricting:

- Zimmerman reported that the State finalized Assembly Districts and a portion of our Ward 1 got split between two Assembly Districts. So we need to create a new Ward 4 North of Creek and South of County Road FF. Wards 1, 2, 4 will be Assembly District 72 and Ward 3 will be Assembly District 71, which use to be 70.

TRIP-D Road Candidates:

- Schwab reported that 11 million dollars has been put into TRIP-D program in the next 2 years. Towns are encouraged to send in application for roads. The three things looked at are:
 - Safety
 - Co-operate with another municipality
 - Heavy Traffic Flow
- Dick Kertis believes we don't need to spend that kind of money on these roads, that we had an unusual Spring, a lot of rain in fall and deep frost.

Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Move to prepare applications for TRIP-D grants for Lake Road (80th-90th); Deer Road (100th-110th) and 100th St. (Quarry Road - CTH W). Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

- Larry Lassa complained that White Pine Court was deeded to the Town in 1976 and nothing has been done with the road.

December Open House:

- December 14th at 5:00pm

Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to adjourn at 8:40pm. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Respectfully submitted by,



Vicky Zimmerman, Clerk Town of Grant