

**Town of Grant
9011 County Road WW**

**Monthly Board Meeting
August 11, 2010**

Present: Schwab, Kertis, Goska, Raasch and Zimmerman.

Chairperson Schwab called meeting to order at 6:30pm to review bills.

Announcements/Correspondence:

- Choose to Reuse Program this Saturday August 14th from 9am-5pm.
- Bancroft State Bank in Kellner is offering free shred personal shred days in November
- Golden Sands RC & D Council, Inc. has sent letters and brochures regarding conservation programming to residents in Adams, Clark, Marathon, Portage and Wood counties. Some Town of Grant residents may have received this information.
- Notification has been received from the U.S. Census Bureau regarding destruction requirements of LUCA materials.

Public Hearing

Chairperson Schwab opened Public Hearing at 7pm to solicit citizen's input on a Conditional Use Permit request from Carol Wesenberg to operate Dog Star Resort at 5321 County Rd U/W. Carol Wesenberg explained to the residents that she would like to build a dog resort to provide boarding, grooming, daycare, exercise area for dogs on 17.5 acres. She provided a layout of the facility showing where fences would be and a detail drawing of the building itself. Carol had worked at the Guardian Inn dog facility before it was sold to Wood County Humane Society. Jim Wendels' chair of Plan Commission went through the conditions of the Conditional Use Permit and indicated that Carol had provided plenty of information concerning the facility. She had informed the Plan Commission that all dogs would be indoors by 8:30pm, there are no windows that open where the dogs are kept, when the dogs are outside for exercise someone from the facility will be outside also to play with them. If they have a dog that is scared say of a storm they do have an area that is well insulated to help with the anxiety. The Plan Commission recommends to the Town Board to approve this CUP. The Clerk had sent out 37 notices to area residents informing them about the Public Hearing. A total of 25 letters were received by the Clerk all in favor of allowing the Dog Star Resort in the Town of Grant. A number of residents and non residents spoke on behalf of Carol Wesenberg, mentioning the following:

- Dogs have structured play time
- Similar to Guardian Inn, Special Needs Day Care didn't hear any barking, hunting dogs bark more outside at night.
- Resident neighbor trusted Carol with his children and knows she will do an excellent job
- Former owner of Guardian Inn, Colleen indicated that Carol has high standards and morals
- Darcy Held toured a couple of facilities in Wis Dells and recommends approval
- Raasch indicated that at the Guardian Inn while working at adjacent business you couldn't hear the dogs barking

Schwab asked three times for any more comments. Public Hearing closed at 7:45pm.

Motion: (Schwab, Goska) Approve minutes from Monthly Board Meeting of July 14th as written. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Officer's Report: WTA-Portage County Unit meeting discussed:

- Prevailing Wage Law - raised minimum threshold
- New Shared Revenue Formula
- Property Assessment
- Wind Turbines
- Fire Protection-fair formulas

Committee/Minutes/Reports:

- **First Responders** didn't have a regular meeting the last two months, next meeting is Sept. 13th. Reopened checking account at Bancroft State Bank.
- **Grand Rapids Fire Department:** 2nd Qtr. Report in the Town of Grant request for services 2-Wildland Fires, 1-Vehicle Fire, 2-Vehicle Accidents, 1-Power Pole Fire and 2-MA EMS. Held a number of training sessions, public relation participation and held or attended a number of meetings. Lee Lampert asked if Town was billed for these services.
- **Historical/Sesquicentennial Committee:** Raasch reported 4-5 stories in the works, no meeting in Sept. otherwise meets on the First Monday of each month at 6:30pm. October meeting looking for information on businesses, Rob Nory Historical Land Survey, looking for pictures, articles. Town purchased a scanner, external hard drive so information can be scanned and returned right away.
- **Plan Commission:** Wendels' reported that they finished Dog Ordinance. Next meeting is August 18th @ 7pm. Looking at Outdoor Wood Burners Ordinance in high density residential area.
- **Zoning:** No permits issued in the month of July.

Motion: (Schwab, Goska) Accept Conditional Use Permit request from Carol Wesenberg for Dog Star Resort at 5321 80th St. South. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Dog Ordinance: Wendels' went through Section 4 definitions in the Dog Ordinance. Mentioned that there is no restriction on breed of dogs allowed in Town. Lee Lampert asked if dog is picked up by the Portage County Humane Society will residence get a bill from the Town, no.

Motion:(Goska, Schwab) Approve revised Dog Ordinance 10-2. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Revocation of Fire Protection Ordinance: Schwab informed residents that it was brought to the Board's attention that the Ordinance I-95, should be rescinded with an Ordinance not a resolution at previous meeting.

Motion:(Schwab, Goska) Accept Ordinance 10-3, Ordinance regarding rescinding Town of Grant Ordinance I-95. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

With the rescinding of Fire Protection Ordinance I-95, any fire charges outstanding prior to this motion are considered valid and payable to the Town. Lee & Julie Lampert

would like to make this retroactive back to Jan. 1, 2010, since it was in the works to change Fire Protection Ordinance and the books are still open per say for 2010. As of this date nothing has changed and outstanding bills are still valid.

Motion: (Kertis, Goska) Move to sell used culverts to Eldred Getzloff. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Public Participation:

- Dave Luecht- should have fan for audience
- Dale Winkler questioned Why have we done dust control? With all the rain.
- Marv Raasch- Thank You from residents for Dust Control
- Darcy Held-option on table to have Fire Protection charge per parcel on tax bill, Schwab commented to stir away from that because it is wrong and Rome & Saratoga are in trouble.
- Jim Wendels'- Dust control is good, need to remove dip signs on 90th Street.
- Kitty Gross- request to mow more, every road needs mowing
- Charles Gussel- Culvert on 90th St. plugged - took flow away by putting lower.
- Wendels' mentioned that end walls are sticking out farther on one side than the other. Should seed with seed mix #20.
- Patch job on Oak and 90th.

Financial Report: Total Receipts for the month of July are \$73,134.55. Treasurer and Clerk's reconciliation are in balance. Clerk went through Budget Sheet generated by QuickBooks Program, which also included checks written for this meeting.

Garage/Heavy Equipment/ Roads:

- 90th Street is completed, need to look at culverts.
- Goska-any roads constructed in last 5 years needs to be looked at for crack sealing.
- Need to address which other roads need crack sealing, looking at newer roads to preserve
- Stop Signs replaced on south side of Town
- Put a Stop sign on Angle Drive and move truck traffic to Birch Drive. Marv Raasch indicated you would have to improve 110th St if you wanted traffic on Birch Dr. Schwab would like to have a meeting with residents and companies using roads to access safety issues, damage to road, usage and reconstruction.
- Request for Stop Ahead Sign on 110th St. before it reaches County Rd FF. Rule of thumb is if you can't see STOP sign for 500 feet you put up Stop Ahead Sign.
- Bret Mathews indicated that there are HSIP Grants for Ditch Crossings Beams. Town needs to get Grant application together. Town doesn't have proper equipment to install beams properly.
- Kertis and Goska would like Town to purchase street sweeper. A-1 sweeps Grand Rapids road for \$10,000.00 a year. Kertis indicated when shouldering you need to do sweeping and can purchase a broom for around \$6,500.00.
- Problem with 3 new culverts on 100th St. S (Quarry-Mill) need to strip off pulverized material and add sand by each culvert area.

Motion: (Kertis, Goska) Strip off 240 feet of pulverized material at each culvert , apply sand and put pulverized materials back. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

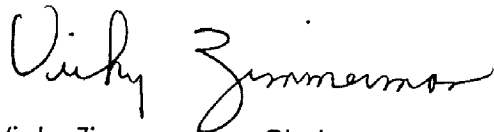
Transfer Station:

- Choose to Reuse August 14th and September 11th along with Tire Day.
- Electronic Waste banned from landfills September 1st. Working on contract with ODC for recycling of electronics. ODC would set up trailer on cement slab by TS Shed.

Summer Newsletter: Do a Mini Newsletter on Electronic Waste.

Motion:(Schwab, Kertis) Move to adjourn at 10:25pm. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vicky Zimmerman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Vicky Zimmerman, Clerk