

**Town of Grant
9011 County Road WW**

**Monthly Board Meeting
September 14, 2011**

Present: Schwab, Yetter, Winkler, Luecht and Zimmerman.
Chairperson Schwab called meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Announcements/Correspondence:

- Flu Shot Clinic at Town Hall October 14th from 10:00am-11:30am
- Letter was constructed to send to High Density Residential areas pertaining to Outdoor Wood Burner Ordinance
- Portage County Emergency Management recommending non renewal of ambulance contract with United Emergency Medical Response: top management not attending meetings, not reduced Red Lights & Sirens, top management staff does not meet the expectation of the Team
- Open Book options are Oct. 10th or 11th and Board of Review Oct. 17th or 18th

Public Hearing

Chairperson Schwab opened Public Hearing at 7:05pm to solicit citizen's input on a request from Irwin Bruce and Carlene Sanborn for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to establish a hobby farm at 3421 80th St. South located in a Low Density Residential Zoning District. Plan Commission Chairperson Jim Wendels indicated that the location is 7.37 acres (couldn't be split) at the corner of County Road U and Lake Road, which was operated as a hobby farm by the Sanborns years ago. Wendels went through the conditions of the CUP, which included what kind of animals would be allowed and that this CUP would be transferable. The Sanborns have the property for sale and potential buyers have asked about having horses on the property. The Plan Commission has recommend approval.

Carlene Sanborn talked about when they had a hobby farm that the location and how residents would bring their children and grandchildren to see the animals and that they never had any complaints from neighbors. Comments from residents:

- Kelly Steinke: animals clean & neat; people stop with children to see animals
- Kitty Gross: enjoyed animals and kids loved them
- Charles Gussel: no complaints, didn't feel should be ag; no to rezoning
- Scott Provost: good for area
- Marty Rutz: Low Density Residential-grandfather in; better chance of selling property
- Realtor-Beatrice: potential buyer will receive copy of CUP conditions
- Charles Gussel: CUP not used within time of issuance, does it expire?

Wendels indicated that the CUP would expire unless extension is requested and granted by the town. It was decided to change expiration from six months to 12 months before it will expire, giving owners more time to sell property.

Schwab closed the Public Hearing at 7:25pm.

Monthly Board Meeting reconvenes

CUP for hobby farm in low residential zoning district:

Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to accept Conditional Use Permit for Hobby Farm at 3421 80th Street South. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Motion: (Winkler, Yetter) Move to approve Closed Session meeting minutes from August 10th, 2011 as written. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Move to accept Monthly Board Meeting minutes of August 10, 2011 as corrected. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to accept Town Board Meeting minutes from September 6th, 2011 as written. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Officer's Reports:

- Wisconsin Rapids Water Quality Meeting : County Road W north to Hwy 54 and East to 100th St. included in swap on plan
- Next meeting Oct. 5th at Grand Rapids Municipal Building at 8:30am
- Schwab meet with Portage County Executive- Patty Dreier regarding letter sent to United Emergency Medical Response concerning contract.

Committee Minutes/Reports:

- **1st Responders:** Yetter reported that the First Responders are meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month. Looking for new members.
- **Groundwater Citizen Advisory Committee (GCAC)** Scott Provost reported last meeting was on High Capacity Wells; extra testing for land splits, Ray Schmidt could hold up CSM approval, if water isn't safe. Town of Grant offering water testing for home owners at \$44.00 per sample.
- **Sesquicentennial Committee:** Haven't meet since May 2011, will be meeting in next few months
- **Plan Commission:** Wendels reported that Plan Commission rejected a request from Mike Galles for a pole building 80'x130'x15' for personal storage and boat storage through Galles Marine in high density residential area (10,400 sq ft) by comparing the size of Banquet Hall at Wildhorse Saloon which is 60'x100' to get an idea of how big Galles building would be. Plan Commission felt the Galles would be using building for Commercial Use in Residential area. Will be working on Driveway Ordinance.
- **Zoning:** Marty Rutz reported that 6 permits were issued for August 2011 totaling \$705.00

Financial Report:

- Total Receipts for month of August were: \$93,560.30, which included August tax settlement and transfer of funds from Chase Bank account. Checkbook balance at end of August was \$84,792.21.
- Clerk went through Budget Sheet updates: explaining what was posted to Hwy Mtnc and Hwy Construction accounts and that check for \$80.00 for radio upgrades was for town radios and not 1st Responders. These accounts will be corrected.
- Flood Damage Aid Program/Wis Emergency Management Program updates: State application needs to be filled out within 60days of damage which

occurred in April/May. We didn't receive any information from County until the end of July, which was already past deadlines. Schwab/Luecht talked to State and they are considering our request, although after deadline.

Public Participation:

- Charles Rickman: Culvert by County Road W/Townline Road? That culvert is in Ditch 4, so it's part of Drainage District. Might be wise for Town to check market on fuel, home fuel Cooper Oil was 12 cents a gallon less than Frontier. Culvert ends need to be put back on the culverts on 90th St.
- Charles Gussel: Lake Road needs work, brush cut between 80th St. - 85th St. can't see cars coming. Lake Road hazard-brushing/shouldering materials
- Kelley Steinke: mowing needs to be done again: 100th St/Grant; 95th/Lake Rd; Portage County Farm Technology days 2014
- Scott Provost: Sign post; Griffith/80th St.
- Jim Wendels: Utility pole/tree; Elm St./90th St.
- Charles Gussel: For sale sign with in vision triangle; 80th/Lake Road
- Kitty Gross: Be aware of people going through mailboxes looking for prescription drugs; 4-5 people on Lake Road

Operator Licenses:

Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to accept new operator licenses for Shelley Rothermel, Carrie Schramm and Shellie Hansen to bartend at DJ's Corner Bar. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Board of Adjustment Petition Form:

Motion: (Schwab, Winkler) Approve Petition Form for Board of Adjustments. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Roads/Heavy Equipment/Garage:

- Winkler: Angle/Birch, Maple Roads work completed; 110th St. (Washington-Birch) was graded, 110th St. (South of W) lift road with material alongside of road; Pine St. damage has been repaired.
- **HSIP Grant for Guard Beams: Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Reconsider September 6th motion and order all materials in amount of \$28,553.38 from County Materials for all 3 projects and keep materials at County Materials until needed. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**
- Culvert replacement on Birch/110th and 90th St (South of Hwy 54) will be done by late Oct. Half reimbursement from County in 2012. County is recommending to put bridge on Pine/110th.
- Upgrade to Town Garage: sign yard exit door installed; Fire cabinet for flammable materials postponed to later date
- Energy Audit: Cold area-lighting; Warm Area-lighting, windows, entrance door replaced, programmable thermostat. Will look at recommendations and see what we want to do and budget for them.

Transfer Station: Recycling Grant application due Oct. 3, 2011; Clerk working on application.

Summer/Fall Newsletter: Draft given to board members

Website: No updates

Board/Employee Training/Dates:

- Wisline Teleconference Workshops available
- Budget & Finance Workshop-September 28th; Schwab, Luecht & Zimmerman attending

Upcoming meeting dates:

- Open Book Monday Oct. 10th, 2011 9:00am-5:00pm
- Board of Review Monday Oct. 17th, 2011 8:00am-10:00am.

Motion: (Schwab , Yetter) Move to adjourn at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by,



Vicky Zimmerman, Clerk