

Town of Grant
9011 County Road WW

Monthly Board Meeting
April 7, 2010

Present: Schwab, Kertis, Goska, Raasch and Zimmerman.
Chairperson Schwab called meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

Presentation Rural Insurance: Jennifer Howen is the Rural Insurance representative from the Marshfield office. She has worked in the insurance business for 25 years. Jennifer gave each Board Member a packet on insurance coverage and premiums. The total package price for Property, Auto and Liability would be \$5,153.00 which includes \$45.00 for Farm Bureau Membership. Jennifer didn't quote a price for Workers compensation rates because they are set by the State of Wisconsin, so the premium will be the same regardless of which company the Town chooses. She also listed recommended differences which are included in quote.

Announcements/Correspondence:

- Kertis reported that he had talked to and received estimates from Ronnie Casper of RJ Seal Coating on Slurry Seal mix instead of chip sealing for some town roads. It was indicated that Slurry Seal lasts longer than Chip Sealing on roads and you don't have to deal with loose stones afterwards. Slurry Seal had been used on roads, parking lots, airports, etc.
- Make sure everyone fills out Census Form, total of 10 questions.
- Annual Meeting will be held on April 13th at 7:00pm
- Prairie Chicken Festival will be held on April 16th-18th with activities being held on Saturday at Marsh House at the end of Kellner Road.
- ODC will except Electronic Recycling of computer towers, mouse, keyboards for FREE and monitors for \$15.00.
- Hot Meal at Kiwanis Lodge on Wed April 28th. at noon, if interested call Mary Ann Sankey @ 715-347-0365 by Monday April 26th. A donation of \$3.00 would be appreciated.
- Received Dividend of \$606.00 from Horton Insurance
- Charter sent a letter concerning rate changes
- Letter from Dept of Commerce for Uniform Dwelling Code, that everything is in order
- May 5th Fluorescent Lamp & Computer/Electronics Recycling Day @ Portage Cty Highway Garage from 9:00am - 2:30pm
- 2010 Spring Cash & Carry Bin and Pail Sale - May 1st & May 15th
- Raasch reported that she received a letter from Okray Family Farms that Larry Sawyer has abandoned a trailer on their property and should not be responsible for personal property tax in the amount of \$76.71. Raasch said she would charge off the \$76.71.

Presentations: Horton Insurance Representative, Tom Ketchum the Towns current insurance agent presented a packet to the Town Board Members. He went through the information and pointed out the Guaranteed Replacement Cost, a police report

should be filed for damaged road signs. The package price for Property, Auto and Liability would be \$6,431.00, plus Workers Compensation.

Grand Rapids Fire Department Chief, Scott Bernette 1st Qtr. Report included that they are staffed with 1 full time chief, 55 fire/ems members and 7 ems only members (Currently 28 members trained in ems), all 10 department vehicles are currently in service/operational with no maintenance issues. The department responded to 2 structure fires in the Town of Grant in first quarter and 51 calls within entire contract area. Scott indicated that there wouldn't be any issues on Narrow Band switching of radios. Chief Bernette answered a number of questions concerning the fire on April 5th at Huber property on County Road WW. Residents were very satisfied how this fire was handled and applauded the Fire Department and DNR.

Motion: (Schwab, Goska) Approve Monthly Board Meeting minutes of March 10th with one correction. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Motion: (Schwab, Kertis) Approve Special Town Board Meeting minutes of March 17th as written. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Officers Reports:

- Minutes from Portage County EMS Oversight Committee meeting was emailed to Board Members for review. United Emergency Medical Response provided 2009 Annual EMS Report, which included comparison of runs for 2008/2009.
- WTA Portage County Unit meeting had Jeanne Dodge update on Justice Center, Jennifer Steward talked about Prevailing Wage Law and where to find information. Patti Drier and Jim Gifford, County Executives candidates attended the meeting.

Committee Minutes/Reports: Plan Commission has completed Dog Ordinance, will look at Outdoor Wood Burners in high density areas, Wind Turbine Ordinance, or Nuisance Ordinance. Next meeting will be April 21st at 7:00pm. **Zoning:** Total collected for the month of March 2010 for Building Permits was \$420.00. **First Responders, Groundwater Citizen Advisory Committee and Historical/ Sesquicentennial Committee** haven't meet since last Board Meeting.

Financial Reports: Total receipt for the month of March totaled \$11,824.65. Treasurer Raasch received copies of bank statements from First Responders checking account for December 2009-February 2010.

Motion: (Schwab, Goska) Accept Financial Report for audit. Carried. Unanimous Ayes. Zimmerman reported that March reconciliation and Budget Sheet wasn't updated for March. Will need to replace memory card on computer in order to updates Quick Books at a cost of \$90.00 from Zaxx Computers. First Responders asked Clerk about what should be done without dated equipment. It was decided that an inventory should be made of discarded equipment and 1st Responders should check with EMS on how to dispose of equipment.

Public Participation:

- Charles Rickman suggested that the Town hire Dale Winkler to disk roads with All American Disk to retrieve gravel from ditches for \$100.00 and hour for equipment and personnel.
- Anyone interested in Area Rummage Sale in May should contact Pickett Fence
- Dale Winkler suggested that money left from address sign project be used to replace signs.
- A question was brought up why Rutz doesn't use town truck instead of paying him mileage? The response was that it would cost more to have him come to the town hall to swap trucks especially if working on south end of town.
- Krohn commented on the good job that was done grading Washington St.

Fire Protection Ordinance: Goska went through Fire Committee Meeting Minutes from March 31st, 2010, explaining recommendation from committee for charges for fire runs in ordinance. No discussion was held and this would go to the Electors at the Annual Meeting on April 13th @ 7:00pm

Garage/Heavy Equipment/Roads:

- **Road Bid Review:** Updated Draft Five Year Road Plan was presented, along with actual Road Bids and a copy of Bid Request ad. Board Members were to look over materials and ad would be placed week of April 12th with Bid Opening on April 28th. at 7:00pm

Transfer Station: Schwab received Veolia Contract, but needed to talk with Dale about one item.

Spring/Newsletter: No Draft.

Upcoming meeting dates:

- April 13th Annual Meeting @ 7:00pm open forum
- April 28th Road Bids Opening @ 7:00pm

Review Bills/Sign Checks

Motion: (Schwab, Kertis) Move to adjourn at 9:35pm. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Respectfully submitted by,



Vicky Zimmerman, Clerk