

Town of Grant
9011 County Road WW
Monthly Board Meeting
August 9th, 2017

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

Announcements/Correspondence:

- Portage County appointed John Eron as County Weed Commissioner to serve through 2018.
- On-the-Farm-Twilight Meeting on August 28th from 6:00pm.-8:30pm @ Brooks Farms, N1757 Cty Rd.A, Waupaca, WI.
- Focus on Farming Saturday, August 26, 2017 from 11am-1pm at Brock Beef Farm, 5443 Arpin Hanson Road, Arpin, WI 54410.
- WDNR Close Out Letter to Eric Kadlec, dated July 26, 2017, for alleged violations for unpermitted bridge and culverts casings.
- Historical information for Quinnell Creek/Two Mile Creek from Dave Cook was given to Sharon to review and copy. Jim would like a copy also.
- Information for LUCA Training for 2020 Census.
- Solarus 2nd Quarter Franchise Fee received for \$1,725.93.

Presentation: Cecile Stelzer-Johnson, Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee Delegate.

- Cecile Johnson presented a questionnaire to the Board Members to get their comments on water quality concerns:
- **Greatest concerns for municipality with regards to groundwater?** Schwab-nitrate-nitrogen, pesticides, iron/tannin, corrosivity (related to minuse of water-softeners), availability of regular testing (e.g. every 15 months); Winkler-quality & quantity of manure spread on fields.
- **Groundwater information that Portage County could provide to municipalities?** Schwab-Sampling/screening programs, groundwater quality monitoring, education @ Grant Elementary School, handouts for students regarding conservation measures they can do at home, precautions regarding lead solder in copper pipes; Winkler-information on how often to test water.
- **Groundwater related topics or issues?** Impact of agriculture on water quality and quantity.
- **How would you like to receive this information?** Hard copy, also insert for bi-annual newsletter, email - both in brief information not large transcripts.
- **What means of communication is the most useful for your municipality?** Put information in newsletter, on Town Website, WTA Unit Meetings, GCAC rep @ town meetings 4x/year, annual visit by Portage Co. Water Resource Specialist, .
- **How often would you like to receive these communications?** At least 2xs/year; preferably quarterly. Water testing should be same time of each year.
- **Any other concerns you would like Portage County & Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee to know about?** Know what Portage County Drainage District is doing.
- **Anything else groundwater related that would be highly beneficial to your municipality?** Information on cost-sharing for well testing, schedult availability of private well-testing every 15 months, encourage residents to establish water quality baseline for their private wells.

- GCAC Delegate Cecile Johnson can be reached @ 715-325-1930 or email frenchieonspyder@gmail.com

Minutes:

- Not available, computer down.

Officers' Report:

- **WTA-Portage Cty Unit Mtg:** Hoarding Task Force – unsafe conditions in homes for elderly, re: throw rugs on floor, clutter, safe bathrooms. Yetter was interested in Denise Schultz talk about EMS Communication Command, with concerns that only 2 people man 10 stations from 3:00-5:00am. Schwab interest in condemnation report from Chris Mrdutt, e.g. nothing being done at Rekowski residence on Townline, which in Portage Co. jurisdiction under shore land zoning, now back in our court. .
- **PASER/WISL Training:** Schwab- extensive training, powerful program if know how to use for budgeting, materials etc. Luecht-explained how to find roads in system, interaction among group. Beneficial to input through-out year vs at end of year when report is due, our Township has most miles, overall good speakers. Town should make commitment to do ratings in spring and really look at roads, not just drive by.

Committee/Commission Minutes or Reports:

- **Ambulance:** Appellate Court waiting for Judge Assignment to review and write an opinion, then will be reviewed and discussed by 3 judges.
- **Fire:** No calls
- **First Responders:** Yetter- 3 calls last month
- **Green, Clean Action:** Grand Affair downtown Wis. Rapids on Sept. 10th, 2017. Next meeting September 13, 2017.
- **Greater Kellner Area Business Group:** Kellner Corn Fest Aug. 18th-20th, 2017, Parade on Sunday Aug. 20th @ Noon.
- **Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee:** Direction for Ordinance, what Town needs are.
- **Historical Committee:** No report
- **Plan Commission:** Working on Chapter 7 or 8 of Comprehensive Plan, next meeting August 22nd @ 6:30pm.
- **Zoning:** Month of July receipts were \$950.00 which included: 2-new residences, 6-accessory buildings, 3-addresses, and 1-UAP.

Financial Report & Updates:

- Treasurer Luecht went through July Bank Reconciliation with total receipts at \$112,658.19, which included GTA and MFL Withdraw. Total cash on hand is \$225,595.18. Luecht reprinted May Bank Reconciliation to correct typing error for check amount.
- Treasurer and Clerk were in balance for the months of May, June and July 2017.
- Talked about Building Fund and Park Fund CD's that will come due in October 2017. Kitty Gross indicated that Park Fund had specific conditions and to check late 1990's minutes. Building Fund was originally Equipment Fund, could use balance for tuck pointing of hall

foundation or change back to Equipment Fund and add \$10,000.00 that was budgeted for equipment.

- **Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Move to accept Financial Report for audit or review. Unanimous ayes. Carried.**
- Clerk Zimmerman presented Balance Sheet to Board Members and reminded them about being vigilant when spending money on roads and equipment.
- Rutz is gathering street signs, guard rails, 4x4's, to set up one more sale for Wis. Surplus Online Auction. Zimmerman would like to add the Eagle Voting Tabulator and printer in office that isn't being used since we can now print to the copy machine.

Public Participation:

- Rutz indicated large potholes on Tower Road, grading not helping.
- Charles Rickman questioned if residents should be taking items from metal dumpsters and said we should eliminate Choose to ReUse.
- Schwab indicated that some good items are left outside of dumpster, but it isn't Transfer Station Attendants job to keep people out of them if they find something that they could use; same with Choose to ReUse are items that are still useable, but person owning them doesn't need anymore and maybe someone else could use them instead of throwing in the garbage.
- Winkler questioned town liability @ Transfer Station if residents are taking items from metal dumpsters. Schwab indicated our liability is not different than someone climbing steps to get to trash dumpsters.
- Kitty Gross indicated that Town should leave Lake Rd. (85th St.-90th St.) as is.

Roads/Equipment/Garage:

- Schwab provided copies of ATV Signage notes from Jon Scharbarth indicating signs that needed to be corrected.
- Schwab will contact Byran Nevala from Fahrner Asphalt to see when they will start Joint/Crack Sealing work.
- **Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Move to go with Dale Ladick, Inc. for culvert replacement on 90th St. S (south of CTH W) for \$3,195.00. Schwab, Yetter – Ayes, Winkler-Nay. Motion Carried.**
- **Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Move to go with Dale Ladick, Inc. for culvert replacement on 100th St. S (south of CTH WW) for \$2,768.00. Schwab, Yetter-Ayes, Winkler-Nay. Motion Carried.**
- **Motion: (Schwab, No Second) Accept Bid for 88th St (south of CTH FF) from Earth, Inc. for \$3,880.00. Motion Failed for lack of a Second.**
- **Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to go with Dean Altmann for work on 88th St. (south of CTH FF) for \$4,165.00. Unanimous Ayes. Motion Carried.**
- Supervisor Yetter received estimate from HydroBlasters, Inc. for \$2,200.00 to clean out culverts on Washington St. Yetter reported that T. Grand Rapids had damage to culverts after using same method, so after discussion it was decided to postpone decision until more information and options could be collected.
- Quarry Road & Washington Ave. culverts, bring back to next meeting.

- **Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Move to award Ladick Road Materials ¾” crushed hard rock road base for White Pine Court for \$3,305.00. Winkler, Yetter-Ayes; Schwab-Nay. Carried.**
- Talk to landowner on Juniper Lane Stub.
- Monthly Report: Winkler reported that month of July Rutz was mowing, working on signs, tilling and ditching. Rutz said that harvesters tearing up 130th St; wanted them to be using Lake Road or Kellner Road during harvest. Winkler said large farms still watering roads with irrigation systems.
- Supervisor Winkler presented maintenance records on equipment and vehicles.
- Supervisor Yetter excused @ 9:00pm for work.

Town Hall: Wasn't clear if gutters should be installed on south side of hall for \$325.00.

Transfer Station: Larger dumpster is needed for metals, since they are picking up too often.

Newsletter: Winkler questioned if Town Board approved Summer Newsletter, indicating that Newsletter was printed and mailed out for cost of \$788.00. Schwab indicated town has had newsletter since 2006, Board Members were given draft copies with some changes made and no other comments. Moving forward articles will be written by other Board Members also.

Board/Employee training dates:

- 2017 Fall Town & Village Workshops being held at Holiday Inn on Wed. Sept. 13th from 8:00am-3:00pm.

Upcoming meeting dates/topics:

- Request to move October Monthly Board Meeting to October 4th, 2017.

Motion: (Winkler, Schwab) Move to adjourn @ 9:45pm. Unanimous Ayes. Carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Vicky Zimmerman

Vicky Zimmerman, Town Clerk

Approved: September 13, 2017