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Where do we go from Here?

This past April marked 10 years for me on the Town Board. I have been honored to serve with talented men and women who brought their unique skills to the board table. There have been many highlights for me, for which I am thankful. Perhaps the pinnacle was our sesquicentennial – the celebration of 150 years of the Town of Grant. So many of you were involved in the planning or participated in the various events. Either way, it was just plain fun, and the outpouring of support and enthusiasm was infectious. It's wonderful that this year our local businesses decided to continue the fun (hopefully, for years to come), with the Corn Fest.

We need to celebrate our successes. It's easy to be downcast about what doesn't get done or what doesn't work out to our satisfaction. During my tenure I have seen our overall capabilities change with Towns' diminished authority and declining budgets. Yet, more and more requirements are asked of local municipalities. It's frustrating, and I don't see it getting any easier moving forward. Yet, I am hopeful that the joy and enthusiasm that was demonstrated at last year's celebration and this year's festival can translate into tolerance and appreciation for what does get accomplished by the town board, dedicated committee members, and other local residents who serve as best they can.

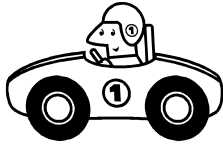
Sharon

→ **Regular Monthly Board Meetings** ←
2nd Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

Transfer Station Hours

	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Sep - Oct	11am – 5pm	9am – 5pm
Nov - Mar	11am – 4pm	9am – 4pm
Apr - May	11am – 5pm	9am – 5pm
Jun – Aug	11am – 7pm	9am – 5pm

[Newsletter compiled and edited by Sharon Schwab]



Roads, roads, roads...

Tower Road Bridge, located between 87th and 90th Streets is being reconstructed this fall. Portage County Highway Department's Bridge/Culvert Aid program will provide \$121,891 to the Town; 50% of the costs for: design, soil borings, inspection and construction oversight, bridge foundation, structure and road reconstruction. Design services were provided by Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc. (Wisconsin Rapids). The construction award went to Pheifer Brothers Construction Co, Inc. (Neenah).

Joint and crack-sealing occurred on the following roads: 100th Street (CTH FF - Elm), 100th Street (Mill – Quarry, 90th Street (Pine – Lake), Angle (110th – Birch, Griffith (CTH U – 90th), Larry's Court, Mill Road (CTH U – 90th), Ryan's Way, and White Pine Drive (CTH U – Deer). The contractor on this work was Fahrner Asphalt and Sealing, Inc. Warranty work has yet to be completed on 110th Street (Deer – Lake), Deer (86th – 90th) and Griffith (110th – termini) from last year's chip seal projects.

Similar to work done on Grant Street (110th – CTH F) last year, whole scale tree removal occurred on 110th Street south of CTH W past Quarry Road this summer. Zblewski Brothers was the contractor. Our town crew will restore ditches and rebuild this section of road. This will be followed by an application of 3-4" of ¾" gravel base with limited granite top-dressing on the north end. Similar work is slated for 87th Street (Tower – Evergreen).

In 2014, bridge/culvert inspections conducted by Portage County Highway Department staff identified the need to replace four (4) culverts on Evergreen where it crosses Ten Mile Creek. Fifty percent (50%) cost-share from the county will be available to complete this project in 2016. Culvert crossings over Buena Vista and Four Mile Creeks on 95th, 100th and 110th were found to have failing pavement, inadequate guardrails, and loss of wall integrity abutting the culvert pipes. Thankfully, the culvert pipes have retained their integrity through the years. The Town Board is considering extending the existing culvert pipes, adding rip-rap, and reconstructing these road sections next year. Cost-share options will be explored. Wetland determinations must first be completed to be in compliance with current Wisconsin DNR and US Army Corp regulations.

Restoration of Townline Road (CTH W south to drainage ditch) was completed this summer. This, following mistakes the Town made regarding conditions of a WDNR General Wetland permit. Quest Engineering LLC (Wisconsin Rapids) prepared the restoration plan and oversaw the project work. The contractor was ConsTrucks (Stevens Point). They regraded ditches, extended culverts, repaired fence and hydro-seeded.

In August the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) made a decision regarding the junction of CTH U (80th Street) and STH 54. They will install J-turns next year. This decision was a disappointment to the public officials who opted for an expanded median (similar to those on the newest section of CTH 10). For more information contact Tim Hanley, WisDOT Project Manager at 715-421-8050.



Snow from your driveway(s) cannot be plowed across or placed directly onto a town road. Snow left perpendicular to the road can harden, creating an obstruction that may cause injury to persons, vehicles, and Town snow removal equipment. This is a violation of Wisconsin Statutes affecting town roads and can carry a fine of up to \$50 per occurrence. To avoid a fine please refrain from plowing across or placing snow directly onto a town road.

2015 ROAD PLAN

To: Town of Grant Board Members and Constituents

Date: March 11, 2015

From: Sharon Schwab, Chair

Projected Annual Road Construction Budget: \$ 125,000

Projected Annual Road Maintenance Budget: \$ 50,000

TOTAL \$ 175,000

Portage County Bridge/Culvert Aid:

Evergreen \$ 33,000

Tower \$ 100,000

TOTAL \$ 133,000

Year 2015 Road Construction Project Candidate Listing

Road	Termini	Improvement	Length
Birch Drive	130 th Street S – Townline Rd	1X chip seal	1 mile
Elm Road	90th Street S – 100th Street S	AC Overlay	1 mile
Grant Street	100 th Street S – 110 th Street S	1X chip seal	1 mile
Griffith Ave.	100 th Street S – 110 th Street S	1x chip seal	1 mile
Grove Ave.	CTH U – 84th Street	Pulverize/Prep (ditch cuts, add swales), gravel, 2x chip seal	1/3 mile
Lake Road	90th Street S- 100th Street S	1X chip seal	1 mile
Lake Road	110 th Street S – CTH F	AC Overlay	1 mile
Mill Road	CTH F – 100th Street	Prep/gravel/AC overlay/shoulders	2 miles
Oak Street	CTH U – 90th Street	Prep/pulverize/gravel/AC overlay/shoulders	¾ mile
Oak Street	CTH F – 110 th Street	Spray patch/wedge, 2X chip seal or AC overlay	1 mile
Quarry Road	90th Street – 100th Street (flooded in 2011)	Common excavation prep/gravel/2X chip seal	1 mile
Townline Road	CTH W – 1 st driveway on west side	Restore ditch cuts, repair fence, correct 3 driveway culverts, add material	½ mile plus culverts
100th Street	Elm St - cranberry marsh	AC Overlay/Shoulders	¾ mile
100th Street	CTH WW – Lake Road (low priority)	Prep/gravel/AC overlay /shoulders	½ mile
110 th Street	Quarry – CTH W	Survey centerline, mark, remove trees to 3 rod width, add material	1 mile
87 th Street	Evergreen – Tower	Prep/gravel/2X chip seal	1 mile
90 th Street	CTH W – Griffith	Culvert replacements	1 mile
95 th Street	Evergreen – termini	1x chip seal	½ mile

Year 2015 Road Maintenance/Materials Project Candidate Listing

- **Joint & Crack-sealing (TBA) = ~\$10,000**
- **Bridge Maintenance (PRIORITY):**
Work includes but not limited to: fixing wash-outs, adding vertical end walls, installing beam guards, replacing structures
 - 95th Street crossing Buena Vista Creek
 - 95th Street crossing Four Mile Creek
 - 100th Street crossing Buena Vista Creek
 - 100th Street crossing Four Mile Creek
 - 110th Street crossing Buena Vista Creek
 - 110th Street crossing Four Mile Creek
 - **Evergreen Avenue crossing Lateral No. 2**
 - **Tower Road Bridge (87th – 90th Street S)**
- Buena Vista Road (CTH F – 130th) –PRIORITY = clean ditches, reclaim materials, add granite as needed
- Deer Road (110th – CTH F) – granite @ 1” = \$6,120 – 4” = \$24,862
- Four Mile Lane (95th – termini) – top dress with granite (short-term), gravel & 2x chipseal (long-term) [Note: road tends to pond water]
- Griffith Avenue (110th – CTH F & CTH F – 130th) – excavate soft spots/ditch cuts/sand lift/gravel
- Kellner Road (CTH F – 130th) – granite
- Lake Road (CTH F – Town Line) – granite
- Mill Road (CTH F – Town Line) – take material from ditch bank build/lift road
- Timm Road (~1/2 mile 100th Street – termini) – granite 1” = \$3,060 – 4” = \$12,431
- Tower Road (CTH F – Town line) = lower priority
- Town Line Road (Buena Vista – Plover Maint.) – excavate soft spots/sand lift/gravel (300 lf)
- Town Line Road (Swamp Road – CTH W) – gravel
- 100th Street (Cranberry Marsh – STH 54) – ~ 1 mile of gravel 1 ¼ inch @ 3” thickness/24’ width = \$27,724
- 110th Street (Griffith – CTH WW) – excavate soft spots/sand lift/gravel (300 lf)
- 130th Street (Buena Vista – Maple) - gravel
- Dust control on select gravel roads?

Year 2014 Road Construction Projects Completed & Final Costs

Road	Termini	Improvement	Length	Cost
Lake Road	CTH U - 85 th Street	Total Reconstruction	½ mile	\$254,778.65
110 th Street	Deer Road – CTH WW	2x chip seal	2 miles	\$ 36,896.00
Deer Road	86 th Street - 90 th Street	2x chip seal	¼ mile	\$ 10,512.00
Griffith Ave.	110 th Street – CTH F	2x chip seal	¼ mile	\$ 3,750.00
Grant Street	110 th Street – CTH F	Clear/grub/prep/gravel	¾ mile	\$ 38,540.18
Pine Street	90 th Street – 105 th Street	Clear/grub/prep/gravel	¼ mile	\$ 12,956.22
85 th Street	CTH WW – South Park	“Slag” seal	¼ mile	\$ 7,975.00
			TOTAL	\$365,408.05

\$\$\$ Tax Payments

The Portage County Treasurer collects all real estate tax payments for the Town of Grant. This includes both your first and second installment payments.

Make your check payable to: Portage County Treasurer. Then mail or deliver your payment(s) to: Portage County Treasurer, 1516 Church Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Also, if your address on any tax bill is incorrect, please let the Portage County Treasurer's office know the correct address for all future mailings.



Grant First Responders

The Grant First Responders was formed in January, 1998 with eight members. The current roster has five. If you'd like to join, please contact Jim Yetter at 715-213-2000.

Lot Averaging

Are you thinking about splitting a parcel? If so, you might want to consider *lot averaging*. Persons who use this option do not have to comply with current minimum lot size requirements. Instead, smaller divisions are clustered together to retain as much open space as possible. For example, a 40 acre single parcel might be divided into four parcels – three two (2) acre home sites secured next to 34 acres. This larger parcel can be retained for farming, woodlands, or other large lot needs. For more information contact Plan Commission Chair Jim Wendels at 715-423-3496 or Portage County Zoning Director Jeff Schuler at 715-346-1334.



Dog Licenses

Why buy a dog license? According to Wis. State Statute 174.05 all dogs over the age of 5 months must be licensed. The cost for a license is \$7.00 if the dog is spayed or neutered; otherwise \$17.00. After March 31st there is a \$10.00 late fee. The license is good for one year and expires on December 31. As of January 1st of every year, a new license is required to be purchased. The fees collected defray the cost of the contract that the Town has with the Humane Society of Portage County.

Sometimes dogs stray from home...having a tag helps them find their way back home to you! In the past, calls have been received from residents who were looking for the owners of dogs that had appeared in their yard. All dogs had tags so it was easy to look up the numbers and find their owners.

Please complete the form on the next page and mail with check payable to *Town of Grant* to: Diana Luecht, Treasurer, 8811 90th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494



Town of Grant

DOG NOTICE & APPLICATION – 2015

If you own a dog, or have renters that own a dog, I'd like to take this opportunity to share an important message about Dog Licensing (Landlords, we rely on you to inform your renters on the dog license requirements!)

State Law 174-05, Portage County Animal Control Ordinance, and Town of Grant Dog Ordinance REQUIRE EVERY DOG OVER THE AGE OF 5 MONTHS TO BE LICENSED. CURRENT LICENSES EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2014.

FAILURE TO OBTAIN A LICENSE OR HAVE A DOG VACCINATED AGAINST RABIES IS \$169.00 to \$263.50. The Town of Grant works closely with Portage County Humane Society (agency responsible for the enforcement of animal control) to ensue compliance of the laws.

For each dog at your residence being licensed you must provide (either send or bring to me) a copy of the current rabies certificate. If you are sending for a license, you must include the following items or a license will not be mailed:

- 1. Rabies Certificate with dates and Serum Number (if your dog is currently licensed and the shots are still in effect) you do not have to send #1 or #2 because they should already be in my computer.)
2. Proof of dog being neutered or spayed.
3. Fees (see below) [Note: Late fee of \$10.00 per dog for application after April 1, 2015].

Mail to: Diana Luecht Treasurer
8811 90th St. So.
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

[Note: if paying in person or with questions, please call ahead at 715-325-3134]

* I allowed for 3 dogs on this form. If you have more please feel free to copy this form

Owner's Name _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____

Table with columns: Dog, #1, #2, #3. Row: Dog(s) Names

Date(s) Vaccinated _____

Expiration Date _____

Manufacture of Vaccine _____

Lot/ S/N of Vaccine _____

Veterinarian Clinic _____

Male Neutered \$7.00 Male \$17.00 Female Spayed \$7.00 Female \$17.00

Late Fee (after April 1st) \$10.00 Total Enclosed \$

Town of Grant Ordinances (date of adoption or revision)

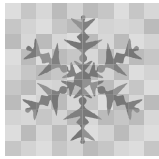
Want to read or download these Ordinances? Check out the Town of Grant website:

townofgrantportageco.com

1. Special Road Weight Restrictions (May 13, 2015)
2. Implements of Husbandry (January 14, 2015)
3. Driveways (October 9, 2013)
4. Extend Town Officer Terms (April 10, 2012)
5. Split Shift for Election Workers (March 14, 2012)
6. Utility Accommodation *Policy* (February 27, 2012)
7. Outdoor Wood Burners (May 11, 2011)
8. Dogs (August, 11, 2010)
9. Zoning (June 23, 2010)
10. Adoption of Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code (February 10, 2010)
11. Solid Waste (September 9, 2009)
12. Recycling (September 9, 2009)
13. Issuance of Citations for Violations of Town Ordinances (June 6, 2008)
14. Wireless Telecommunication Towers and Antennas (May 14, 2008)
15. Creating Keg Registration (July 12, 2006)
16. Plan Commission (October 11, 2004)
17. Protecting Town Water Supply (July 9, 2002)
18. Master Cable Television Regulation (July 5, 2001)
19. Subdivision and other Division of Land by Owner or Owners (November 2, 1978)
20. Road Construction (September 9, 1997)
21. Building Permits (April 9, 1997)
22. Prohibiting Issuance of Alcohol Beverage Licenses for Nonpayment of Taxes, Assessments and Claims (June 7, 1983)
23. Junk Dealers (May 7, 1966)

Type	Conservancy/Residential/Agricultural	Commercial/Industrial
New residence including mobile home (new or old) & commercial/industrial building	\$200.00	\$400.00
Additions: Structural alteration for Primary residence or Commercial/Industrial Building	\$100.00	\$200.00
Establish an address	\$50.00	\$50.00
Moving a previously located residence or commercial/industrial building into the town	\$300.00	\$400.00
Moving residence or commercial/industrial building within the town	\$200.00	\$400.00
Moving accessory building within the town	\$100.00	\$200.00
Moving accessory building into the town	\$200.00	\$400.00
Moving building through the town on town roads	\$30.00	\$30.00
Accessory building or addition under \$1000 or 100 square feet or less	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accessory building or addition above 100 square feet to 200 square feet	\$30.00	\$60.00
Accessory building or addition above 200 square feet to 2500 square feet	\$50.00	\$100.00
Accessory building or addition above 2500 square feet	\$75.00	\$150.00
Utility Accommodation Policy (UAP)	\$20.00	\$20.00
Outdoor wood burner furnace installation	\$25.00	\$25.00
Razing any building	\$15.00	\$15.00
Signs and Billboards	\$25.00	\$50.00
Public Hearing	\$150.00	\$300.00
Certified Survey Map review and processing	\$20.00	\$20.00
Driveway	\$25.00	\$25.00
Quarrying – Permitted Use	\$50.00	N/A
Quarrying – Conditional Use (does not include public hearing fee)	\$250.00 minimum plus \$50.00/acre greater than 1 acre in size with a maximum amount of \$1,250.00 (Example for 3 acres: \$250 + \$150)	
Decks, Porches, Pools	\$15.00	\$30.00
Telecommunication Tower	\$500 – Class 2, \$3000 – Class 1 and new installation	
Penalties – Failure to purchase a permit prior to construction, moving or demolition shall result in twice the cost of such permits		
Fees are charged by current zoning district or proposed zoning district at the time of construction		

Town of Grant Zoning (building) Fees – Effective July 1, 2014



***ATTENTION!
YOUR MAILBOX SHOULD BE PROPERLY
INSTALLED BEFORE THE SNOW FLIES...***

Mailbox Installation

Place your mailbox according to the diagram shown below. There are two key aspects of the installation:

1. Face of mailbox is directly over the edge of shoulder
2. The suggested mounting height to 41-45". Refer to:

<https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>

If the face is aligned over the edge of shoulder gravel this allows us to clear snow and bench it back from the main traveled roadway and shoulders. This also allows your mail carrier to keep at least one set of tires on a surface that provides traction. In the case of an all gravel, granite, or sand roadway, this edge is defined where the road material meets the grass line.

Your cooperation with these installation details would be greatly appreciated by both the Town Board and the US Postal Service. Thank you!

\$\$ Business Directories Available \$\$

There are several hundred copies of *The Town of Grant & Greater Kellner Area SESQUICENTENNIAL Business Directory - Eat, Drink & Buy Local* available. Although a few businesses have changed since last year, the booklet is still a wonderful addition to your home or business. Whether you want 10 or 100 copies we can provide them!

Contact Clerk Vicky Zimmerman at the Town Hall at 715-423-9193 or Plan Commission Secretary Kathy Lee at 715-423-3891 to get your copies today!

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