

**Town of Grant**  
**9011 County Road WW**  
**Monthly Board Meeting**  
**February 10, 2016**

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

**Candidates for Portage Cty Circuit Court Judge:**

- Trish Baker appointed in 2012 by Portage Cty judges to the Office of Clerk of Circuit Court, worked as Assistant District Attorney for 10 years, private practice attorney. Community Involvement as Director or member of a number of local groups. Baker for Judge: Experienced, Strong, Right for Portage County Courts. Vote Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- Attorney Jared Redfield grew up and practicing law in Portage County. Diversity & Experience are essential qualities for a thoughtful and deliberative judge to render wise and prudent decisions. Atty. Redfield is heavily involved in our community and cherishes his time with organizations that make Central Wis a better and safer place to live.

**#8 Evergreen Culvert/Road Realignment: Scott Whitsett – Jewell Engineering**

- Scott Whitsett presented the Town Board with information and a couple of options for culvert replacement and alignment of Evergreen Ave. by Ten-mile crossing. The options included 2 Arch Culverts for \$155,500.00 and Concrete Slab Span Bridge for \$216,000.00. Map was provided showing the realignment of Evergreen Ave. to straighten curve at Ten-mile crossing.
- **Motion: (Schwab, Winkler) Move to go with 2 Arch Culverts on Evergreen Ave for \$155,500.00. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

**Public Hearing**

Chairperson Schwab opened the Public Hearing at 7:05pm to solicit citizen's input on a request from David Tosch for the rezoning of the eastern section of parcel number 018-22-0729-07.13. The approximately three acre section is located behind the Wild Horse Saloon at 9031 County Road WW, Wis. Rapids, WI. The request is to rezone the parcel from Low Density Residential District to Commercial District for the purpose of merging the parcel with property currently zoned commercial – parcel number 018-22-0729-07.08 (Wild Horse Saloon). The property is designated as commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the Town of Grant's Comprehensive Plan. Schwab asked if the Clerk received any comments in the mail and the Clerk replied none were received. Schwab asked Dave Tosch is he had anything to say and indicated no additional comments. Schwab then proceeded to ask 3 times if anyone had any comments hearing none the Public Hearing was closed at 7:07pm.

**#6 Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Move to approve Rezoning for parcel #018-22-0729-07.13 from Low Density Residential to Commercial. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

### **Announcements/Correspondence:**

- Portage County Listening Sessions held with Patty Dreier in 2014-2015 concerning groundwater in Portage County the information will be forwarded on to the Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee as they draft conclusions, goals and recommendations for groundwater sustainability in the County.
- Charter Communications sent a letter indicating pricing change effective Feb. 15, 2016.
- Portage County Planning & Zoning Committee will conduct a Public Hearing regarding Text Amendments for Portage County Zoning Ordinance on Jan. 26, 2016 at 5pm in Conference Room 1 & 2 in the County Annex.
- Town of Grant and Plan Commission received a letter from Rep. Katrina Shankland regarding Assembly Bill 582.
- Betty Petrusky sent a Thank You note to Town of Grant and Board Members for her Retirement Party held prior to Jan. 2016 Board Meeting.
- Letter from U.S. Census Bureau that they will be conducting a 2016 Government Units Survey.
- Clerk Zimmerman reminded everyone that they had to have a Photo ID to vote and went through the list of acceptable photo ids.
- Reminder that Rabies Clinic will be held at the hall on Sat. Feb. 13, 2016 from 9:00am to noon.

### **Minutes:**

- **Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Move to accept Monthly Board Meeting minutes from December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as written. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**
- **Motion: (Schwab, Winkler) Accept January 13, 2016 Monthly Board Meeting minutes as corrected. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**
- **Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Approve January 13, 2016 Town Board Closed Session Meeting minutes as written. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

### **Officers' Report:**

- WTA-Portage County Unit meet on Jan, 25, 2016, with an overview on the Comprehensive View on Floods, role of Local Government in Emergencies and update on Material Recovery Facility and Recycling Program. Talked about Portage County Ambulance for all residents, which Town of Grant does not participate in program.
- Mertz Subdivision was pulled from TRID program and Jim Wendels, Chairperson for Plan Commission submitted an application under Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) to have road rebuild with pathways for bikes, pedestrians, wheel chair access. This projected for 2020.

### **Committee/Commission Minutes or Reports:**

- **Ambulance:** Portage County not interested in Mediation Procedures, but they sent list to contract with United Emergency Medical Response under their conditions and Town of Grant would not get any reimbursements. County refused to go to mediation.
- **Fire:** NA

- **First Responders:** No meeting
- **Green, Clean Action:** Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of month at McMillian Library at 4pm.
- **Greater Kellner Area Business Group:** NA
- **Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee:** No meeting
- **Historical Committee:** NA
- **Plan Commission:** Update Comprehensive Plan, draft ATV Ordinance, routes taken off table next meeting concerning ATV's will be Tues. March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm, Town Hall.
- **Zoning:** Seven permits were issued in January 2016 for a total of \$215.00.
- **County Board:** Charles Gussel reported that they want to keep County Jail in same area down town by the Court House. Security Issues right now with prisoners walked across roads, use public elevators, can only have one prisoner per cell, and take a lot of prisoners to Waupaca. Looking at Nursing Home situation, study done in 2002 that the County could have a partnership with the Sisters of St. Francis and they would use their 40 acres on Maria Drive across from Pacelli High School or they could repair old building that needs AC, Heat, Plumbing updates and will have to have only one resident per room. Schwab and Yetter indicated that they should have a new jail in same area and partner with the Sisters on a new Nursing Home.

#### **Financial Report & Updates:**

- Treasurer Luecht reported receipts for the month of January were \$1,031,565.82, which included a transfer from MM Tax Account for \$845,000.00 to issued checks for January Tax Settlement. EMS check received in Feb. for \$4,185.23.
- **Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Move to accept Financial Report for audit or review. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**
- Clerk Zimmerman reported that invoice for damages to Townline Road to Waldenburg Trucking from Oct. 2014 had been sent twice, but Mr. Waldenburg indicated that they did not cause all the damage and would like to meet with Town Board outside a regular meeting, this meeting was never scheduled. ATV damage to Elm Rd and 110<sup>th</sup> St. was not billed to ATV operators.
- Clerk Zimmerman will meet with Stuart from Schenck Associates on Tuesday, February 11, 2016 to give him information for 2015 Review.

#### **Public Participation:**

- None

#### **Roads/Equipment/Garage:**

- 2016 Road work preparations: 110<sup>th</sup> St-None; 87<sup>th</sup> St.-None, Oak St.- Professional Services Agreement with Quest Engineering was approved at January 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Evergreen Ave. motion earlier in meeting to use Jewell Engineering for the project.
- Winkler reported that snowplowing was frustrating because one of the plow trucks was out of service, operators could only work a few hours at a time, had Dave Feit come in and plow with grader on Wednesday morning.

- January priorities was snow removal and removing fallen trees and branches. February priorities will be to keep Roads Open.

**Town Hall:** Training will be held in March.

**Transfer Station:** Injury Report *forms* given to Transfer Station employee to put in file drawer.

**Board/Employee training dates:** Copies given to Plan Commission for training dates

**Upcoming meeting dates/topics:** NA

**Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to adjourn at 8:50pm. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

Respectfully submitted by,

*Vicky Zimmerman*

Vicky Zimmerman, Town Clerk  
Approved March 9, 2016