

Town of Grant
9011 County Road WW
Annual Town Meeting
April 21, 2015

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Present: Schwab, Yetter, Winkler, Luecht and Zimmerman.
Chairperson Schwab called meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Municipal Elections were held on Tuesday April 7, 2015 with 210 residents voting for Town Officials. The following incumbents were re-elected for another two year term until April 2017, Town Chairperson-Sharon Schwab, Town Supervisor-James Yetter, Town Supervisor-Dale Winkler, Town Treasurer-Diana Luecht and Town Clerk-Vicky Zimmerman.

Swearing in of Officers:

Town Clerk Vicky Zimmerman administered the Oath of Office to Town Chairperson Sharon Schwab, Town Supervisor James Yetter, Town Supervisor Dale Winkler and Town Treasurer Diana Luecht. Town Chairperson Sharon Schwab administered the Oath of Office to Town Clerk Vicky Zimmerman. All officers signed Official Oath to be filed with Town Clerk.

Powers of Annual Meeting: Chairperson Schwab explained that the Annual Town Meeting is a meeting of Electors, where all residents have a say by the following three powers: Direct powers, Directive or grant authority to Town Board and Authorization to town board to appropriate money. At this meeting all Town of Grant residents have equal rights.

Motion: (Mary Kiedrowski, Lisa Ross) Move to dispense of the reading of minutes from Annual Town Meeting on April 15, 2014. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Motion: (Lisa Ross, Dave Luecht) Move to approve Annual Town Meeting minutes from April 15, 2014 as corrected. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Annual Meeting Minutes are to be available to review within five business days and posted within 30 days of meeting.

Volunteers to review draft of Annual Meeting Minutes for 2015: Diana Luecht and Sharon Schwab.

Annual Report: 2014 Annual Report was available on Election Day, April 7th, 2015. Clerk Zimmerman walked through layout and information in report. Residents had time to look over report prior to meeting and no questions were asked.

Motion: (Jim Wendels, Eldred Getzloff) Move to accept 2014 Annual Report as presented. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Guest Reports:

- **Fire Protection: Plainfield VFD:** no report:
- Grand Rapids VFD: Fire Chief, Don Bohn turned in 2014 Annual Report to Town Clerk ahead of meeting, so Board Members could look through before meeting. There were 17 fire calls in Town of Grant. Chief Bohn is concerned about grassfires this spring, due to very dry season and asked residents to be very cautious. The Fire Department is fully staffed with 41 Full Time members and 13 members working on attending 120 hours of schooling in order to be a State

Certified Firefighter. With less members on shift work, it is very hard to find members available during the day and that is why you may see 4-5 fire departments at a day fire. The department has purchased a used 1999 Pierce 75 foot Ariel Truck, which is a vital piece of safety equipment, for tall structures such as: Wildhorse Banquet Hall, local churches. Chief Bohn is very pleased with Town of Grant for replacement of reflective address signs that are a God sent at night. He encourages residents to have **Working Smoke Detectors** and to get out of 1st window available because new houses are burning 6-7 times faster. Chief Bohn can be reached at 715-424-1815 for non-emergency calls.

- **United Emergency Medical Response:** Grant Annual Meeting 2014 Year in Review indicated that a total of 67 calls in the Town of Grant with 34 medical calls, 29 trauma calls and 3 lift assists. Gary Johnson indicated that UEMR is entering its third year of Critical Care Paramedic Program (CCP) with 13% EMT's Paramedic and 20% Critical Care. UEMR continues to be Marshfield Spirit back up Critical Care Paramedic Service. In recent month UEMR responded to three cardiac arrests (pulseless non-breathing) patients in 911 communities and are happy to report all three patients were brought back to life of which one was on the Town of Grant boarder at a commercial business. UEMR is glad to report that they have donated an Automatic External Defibulator (AED) as well as the storage cabinet to Little League Association for the baseball park at Grant School. Gary Johnson informed residents that UEMR backs the town in its efforts to solve the discrepancies of County funds as it relates to ambulance subsidy. Gary Johnson can be reached at 715-423-7777. Copies of complete report are available.
- **Rigleman Appraisal Service:** Claude Riglemon reported that County Assessments was removed from State Budget but not dead yet. If this gets passed it would eliminate municipal government, Towns would lose their voice, school aid and shared revenue, much higher costs for county assessment would increase property taxes. Rural Assessing Group has partnered with Senator Bob Welsch to fight this. Residents will be notified by letter if assessment dramatically changes. Notices will be mailed on May 3rd, 2015. **Monday May 18th will be Open Book 3:00pm-5:00pm and Board of Review 5:00pm-7:00pm.** Claude Riglemon can be reached at 1-888-345-2914.

Resident Reports:

- **County Board:** County Board Supervisor, Kelley Steinke had died in Nov. 2014. Charles Gussel, Ron Becker and Jim Yetter had filed applications to finish her term. Charles Gussel was appointed by Portage County Chairperson. Charles Gussel reported that Portage County was getting out of nursing home business and a new nursing home would be built on Maria Drive on property owned by Sisters of St. Joseph, TOFF. Portage County is reviewing its EMS program, considering placement of ambulances and possibly abolishing County Wide Ambulance Services. Gussel questioned when the Town was going to make decision on litigation, because County is waiting to see what our next step is. Schwab said we were meeting with Attorney Harnish later in April to review documents and would file as soon as documents are ready for Declaratory Judgement and minimum 2014 EMS levy. County Supervisor, Charles Gussel can be reached at 715-424-2680.
- **First Responders:** Jerry Reinwand reported that they responded to 67 calls in 2014, have 6 members and always looking for new members, who have to have 90 hours of schooling. 1st Responders participated in 150th Anniversary Celebration, have received training, to recognize signs of a stroke and sharpen skills. 1st Responders will hold training session with a minimum of 13 people in AED and CPR. Members: Jim Yetter, Lisa Ross, Robin Mateer, Rob Mateer,

Christina Lamb and Jerry Reinwand. Thank you from team allowing them to serve you. Meetings are held 2nd Monday of month @ 6:00pm, Jerry Reinwand can be reached at 715-570-8720.

- **Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee (GCAC):** Mary Kiedrowski reported they meet every other month and the next meeting is May 25, 2015. In Mary's Annual Report she gives a history of GCAC and indicates that Ray Schmidt, water specialist has been at the helm since 1984, but has resign in March 2014. County planning department are urging changes/updates to the groundwater management plan which was approved and adopted by Portage County in 2012. Portage County has a "model" groundwater ordinance at this time. DNR and UWSP have sent their water specialist personnel to GCAC meetings and pass on a lot of data from research and from experiences. The county's groundwater ordinance is key to this committee. Each town may only advise about issues, but are heard and sometimes at great length. Remember, each town has its own map and best interests. That's why our town is participating in GCAC. Mary Keidrowski, 715-325-5119.
- Portage County Executive Patty Dreier is hosting a Groundwater Summit on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 from 6:30-9:00 pm in the County Annex, Rooms 1 & 2. Selected 30 individuals will look at results of Groundwater Listening Sessions, held from Sept. 2015 through Feb. 2015.
- **Historical/Sesquicentennial Committee:** Kathie Lee, who developed the Business Directory for Sesquicentennial is willing to help archive old historical documents. She will scan items the Town would like to have on premise and then the original documents will be archived at Portage County, UWSP facility. Kathie Lee 715-423-3891.
- Local Business Owners are taking the helm and continuing with celebration with a Kellner Parade, Farmer Markets on Saturday's downtown Kellner, and other festivities. The celebration will be Aug. 22-23, 2015.
- **Plan Commission:** Wendels reported that High Capacity Wells and Zoning District in Zoning Ordinance will stay as is. CUP's for the year were a total of three, revised Fee Schedule to comply with ACT 20 telecommunications fee set by State, Implements of Husbandry ordinance per State Statues, worked with Town Board and residents resolve dispute over use of town road right of way that is not formally developed into a roadway. 2015 brings in request for Snowmobile, and ATV/UTV routes in Town of Grant, looking at designated roads and ordinances other municipalities have. Nathan Wolosek checking out Farmland Preservation Act for exclusive Ag districts. Plan Commission meets on monthly basis, 3rd or 4th Wednesday evenings from 7-10pm. Jim Wendels 715-423-3496
- **Zoning:** Marty Rutz, Zoning Administrator provided list of 36 permits issued in 2014 for a total of \$3,460.00, which included 3 new residences, 18 accessory buildings, 1 pond, 2 additions, 3 decks, 4 porches, 1 sign, 1 outdoor wood burner, 3 addresses, 2 razes, 2 cell tower collocation, 1 structural alteration and 1 lean too. Marty Rutz 715-421-9200.

Officers Reports:

- **Ambulance Services:** Ambulance Committee did a lot of research and attended meetings, locally and at county level, in the end the Town Board voted to file a Claim of Circumstance, which the County denied and Town of Grant is moving forward with litigation. Any questions call Sharon Schwab at 715-325-3827.
- **Choose to ReUse & Tire Day:** Hold Choose to ReUse and Tire Day on the same date.
Motion: (Dave Luecht, Kathie Lee) Move to have Choose to Reuse & Tire Day on May 16th, 2015, and a 2nd Choose to Reuse on September 19th, 2015. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

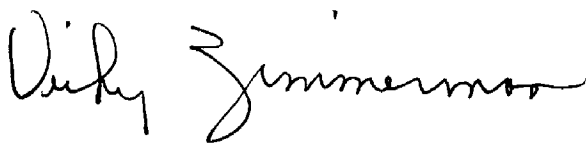
- **Outreach – Newsletter & Website:** Newsletters are sent to residents 2-3 times a year, along with postcard for Tire Day and Choose to ReUse dates. Town of Grant website address is: www.townofgrantportageco.com . Contact Kathie Lee at k.lee.rn@charter.net with information to put on website.
- **Town Property-out lot @ end of 86th Street to be sold:** Plan Commission recommends Town sells 0.26 acres of Town Road right a way at end of 86th St. Claude Riklemon suggested \$2,500.00 an acre, which would calculate to \$625.00 plus Title Transfer fees and surveying costs. **Motion: (Jodi Eberhardt, Jim Yetter) Move to sell Out lot 1 at end of 86th Street. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**
- **Roads:** 2015 Draft Road Plan handed out, with cost included for 2014 projects.
- Dale Winkler reported that roads were being graded with 38 hours spent in last two weeks. Looking at Road Plan we have an unrealistic budget and need to do crisis management when determining which road will be taken care of. The Evergreen culverts will be replaced this year as a County cost share project. Dale Winkler can be reached at 715-424-0501.
- Lee Lampert was wondering what was going to be done on Griffith Ave for poor road work in 2014.
- Lake Road Project: contact Earth Inc. to remove erosion materials, lower 35 MPH sign and reseed grass on Kitty Gross property.
- **Status of request for tornado siren:** Schwab is trying to get in contact with individual.
- **Surplus – outdated, or non-functional equipment for sale:** Town has been putting items on Wis Surplus Auction yearly since June 2012 with a total of \$13,474.69 collected, along with \$35,000.00 for old grader that was put towards new grader.
- **Upgrade street signs for 2015:** Mandate for signs have been removed, Town looking at replacing street signs by sections for safety and beautification. Money collected from items sold on Wis. Surplus Auctions could be possibility.

Other Directive to Town Board: None

Next Annual Meeting will be held on April 19th, 2016, which is the 3rd Tuesday of April.

Motion: (Dave Luecht, Eldred Getzloff) Move to adjourn @ 9:35pm. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Respectfully submitted by,



Vicky Zimmerman, Clerk Town of Grant