

Town of Grant
9011 County Road WW
Monthly Board Meeting
November 8, 2017

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

Announcements/Correspondence:

- Chairperson Schwab announced the passing of Ben Bottensek on 11-02-17.
- GRVFD Chief Don Bohn, concern of Fire Inspection Violation @ Wildhorse Saloon for blocking of exit door.
- Anderson Law Office price increase from \$150.00 per hour to \$185.00 per hour in 2018.
- Schwab drafted letter to Jon Rose, President Portage County Bank, with concerns of closing Portage County Bank Kellner Branch on 12-31-17.
- Town Board accepted letter of resignation from Lisa Ross, 1st Responder.
- Letter received from Nathan Check, Hwy Commissioner on 2017-2018 Procedures on purchasing salt or sand/salt from Portage County.
- Safety Recommendations for 1st Responders re: Fentanyl with actions to take to protect themselves from exposure, when exposure occurs what to do.
- Ambulance Board Meeting November 9th, 2017 @ 7pm.

Minutes:

- **Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Move to accept Monthly Board Meeting of October 4, 2017 as corrected. Unanimous Ayes. Carried.**
- **Motion: (Schwab, Winkler) Move to accept Special Town Board Meeting of October 25, 2017 as corrected. Unanimous Ayes. Carried.**

Officers' Report:

- **WTA Convention:** Clerk Zimmerman attended 3 Hr. Election Seminar, new item is Electronic Polling Books: software would be free, equipment estimate cost is \$1,500.00 each for laptops or tablets, registration would automatically put resident in poll book. E-Polling Books would replace printing out paper poll books & used for checking in, registration, and absentee ballots. Pilot Program for 2018 Spring Election and available to all municipalities for August Elections.
- Chairperson Schwab attended a number of programs including: Road Management, 2020 Census, Public Notice Requirements, PASER Program, and Recycling-Drop off Centers.
- **County Board Budget Hearing:** Town of Grant requested amendment to County Budget in the amount of \$39,111.00 to cover fee for United Emergency Medical Response. Vote failed 20-5; Town of Belmont also requested amendment to County Budget for Ambulance Service, vote failed 21-4.
- Portage County EMS Budget will increase by 60.23% for 2018.

- Treasurer Luecht was concerned that County Board voted no to increase funds for Portage County Nursing Home.
- Charles Gussel indicated that a decision hasn't been made for Nursing Home to be Public or Private Entity.
- **TRIP-D:** Meeting Dec. 4, 2017, Chairperson Schwab will put in to change order for \$20,000.00 for Oak St. to be moved to another engineered project.
- **Portage County Drainage District** fee will be \$3.50 per acre to recoup funds spent in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Committee/Commission Minutes or Reports:

- **Ambulance:** Letter from Attorney Formella if the Town Board wishes the next step in Litigation against Portage County would be Supreme Court. WTA assessment is that this needs to go through Legislation for solution.
- **Fire:** No report
- **First Responders:** No new members
- **Green, Clean Action:** 1st Wednesday of the Month @ 4pm McMillian Library
- **Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee:** No report, 3rd Thursday every other month.
- **Historical Committee:** Items still a State Level, will be archived @ UWSP
- **Plan Commission:** Last 2 Chapters of Comprehensive Plan
- **Website:** Check it out, things always added
- **Zoning:** Month of September had 4 permits for total of \$325.00
Month of October had 2 permits for total of \$80.00

Financial Report & Updates:

- Treasurer Luecht reported that Receipts for month of October were \$65,582.25. Treasurer Luecht and Clerk Zimmerman were in balance for October 2017 with Cash on Hand in the amount of \$264,290.33.
- **Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Move to place Financial Report on file for audit or review. Unanimous Ayes. Carried.**
- Clerk Zimmerman distributed Balance Sheet to Board Members, Draft 2018 Proposed Detail Budget Sheet was available for Residents to look at.
- Resident questioned why Snowplowing Expense for 2017 was over budget? Supervisor Winkler replied because of ice at beginning of 2017 a lot of sand/salt was spread on roads.
- **Motion: (Winkler, Schwab) Move to pay per Diem of \$45.00 to 1st Responders for attending full day of training. Ayes: Schwab, Winkler; Recused: Yetter. Carried.**

Request from Saratoga ATV Club for ATV/UTV Routes open year round:

- Supervisor Yetter: one complaint from Sheriff Dept. after routes closed on Nov. 1st, complaint 3-ATV's traveling on roads @ 11 pm.
- Supervisor Winkler indicated will review @ April 2018 meeting.
- **Motion: (Yetter, No Second) Move to go forward and open Phase 2 route all year round. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND!**

- **ATV/UTV Routes are CLOSED AS OF NOVEMBER 1ST, 2017.**
- Will request list of complaints from Sheriff Dept. & DNR. Portage County needs to be leader so all ordinances are the same for ATV/UTV Routes.

Public Participation:

- Mitch Zimmerman: Mill Road not a route ATV's going past house in excess of 45 mph, heading down Mill Road toward Town of Saratoga. Also 4 Wheelers no muffler, heard for a mile. Roads signed as "No ATV's" signage.
- Wayne Brody: snowmobiles run roads
- Schwab: Golf cart no lights in Mertz Subdivision
- Kitty Gross: current Meeting Minutes on Website.

Review Ordinance No. 1-83 to include fire-code violations:

- Information past out on Ordinance #1-83, need to review for later discussion re Fire Violations.

Roads/Equipment/Garage:

- Winkler: Joint/Crack Sealing good to go, 88th St. done satisfactory
- **Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Move to have BB Asphalt do 90th St. for \$925.00 and 88th St. for \$3,946.00. Unanimous. Carried.**
- Monroe Trucking invoice for hydraulic pump for Truck 21, high due to extensive labor.
- Trucks back from Wood County, plows on ready to go.
- Schwab & Luecht working on PASER/WISLR road ratings
- November still mowing/brushing, vehicles all ready, Bob Pickard doing maintenance on trucks.

Town Hall: No report

Transfer Station:

- **Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Move to allow Brian Rosenthal to take used motor oil from Transfer Station. Unanimous Ayes. Carried.**

Board/Employee training dates: NA

Upcoming meeting dates/topics:

- **Budget Hearing, Special Meeting, Town Board Meeting Nov. 27th @ 7 pm**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Vicky Zimmerman

Vicky Zimmerman, Town Clerk

Approved: January 2, 2018