

**Town of Grant  
9011 County Road WW  
Monthly Board Meeting  
January 11, 2012**

Present: Schwab, Winkler, Yetter, Luecht and Zimmerman.

Chairperson Schwab called meeting to order at 6:30pm to review bills.

**Announcements/Correspondence:**

- Local Road Certification submitted
- Schwab and Luecht working on Municipal Flood Grant Application
- Portage County Unit WTA will have a meeting on Jan. 23rd
- Compliance checks were conducted at all five bars in Town of Grant. Kountry Kwencher did not pass the check. They had served underage buyer, even after driver's license was presented.
- Mike Rutz met with Clerk to obtain information to present insurance quote to Town Board. Also Jennifer Howen, Rural Insurance would like to present insurance quote.

**Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to approve Monthly Board Meeting minutes from December 16, 2011. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

**Officer's Report:**

- Portage County EMS Oversight Committee: Draft of Memorandum of Understanding between Portage County and Town of Grant on Ambulance Service. Agreement with United is ready to sign.
- Green, Clean & Welcoming Committee: Meetings are held on 1st Wed. of every month @ 4pm at McMillan Library. January meeting indicated that Choose to ReUse be held on 2nd Saturday in May, June, and July, with tire day in May. Only concerns were so called scrapers that sit around and wait for anything with metals that can be turned in for cash.
- Portage County Unit WTA meeting on Jan. 23rd at 6:30pm. Park Lodge in Junction City.

**Committee Minutes/Reports:**

- 1st Responders next meeting is Mon. January 16th, at 6:00pm. Two new members have been signed on to the 1st Responders.
- Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee: Talked about Town of Hull drinking water contaminant advisory areas, Well Abandonment Program, Discussed meeting dates for 2012.
- Sesquicentennial Committee: Meetings have been postponed until further notice. At the last meeting the following items were suggested for 2014: Fri: School Reunion, Sat: Parade of Businesses, Sun: Kellner Parade, bake off. If you have stories, pictures, ideas, get in contact with Dorothy Raasch.
- Plan Commission: Looking into private family burial on own property, accessory building on Lee Chipman property that has housing, plumbing, heat, etc, which was not permitted. Next on table is Nuisance/Junk Ordinance, Driveway Ordinance. Next meeting Jan. 25th @ 7pm.
- Zoning Report: Total for month of Dec. \$105.00 for two accessory buildings.

**Financial Reports:**

- Luecht reported total deposits for Dec. was \$11,318.42, which included transfer from Chase account.
- Budget Sheet update not available, new budget amounts needed to be inserted.

- Clerk will be dropping off materials at Schenck on Jan. 20th, so they can do a Box Review starting Jan. 23rd.
- Luecht presented spreadsheets with information for reimbursement for Spring Flood Damage. If accepted the Town could be reimbursed up to 70% of costs.

**Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to accept Treasurer Report for audit/review. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

**Presentation:** Jim Wendels, Chairperson Plan Commission:

- Wendels explained the contents of Utility Accommodation Policy. The need for such a policy came about with design work on Deer Road finding that utility lines were in the driving lanes. The UAP gives direction and notifies the Town when utility lines are being installed. The Plan Commission also developed a permit form that would need to be filled out by utility companies. Since we have our own Zoning Ordinances, to make the Policy effective there was a need for an Ordinance relating to Utility Accommodation that Wendels also presented. After discussions from the Board and residents, minor changes need to be done to the Permit and Ordinance.
- Wendels talked about Conditional Use Permit for irrigated cropland. Residents had concerns about property value, groundwater running dry and quality of groundwater where Center Pivot irrigation systems are installed. This notice brought in 10-15 local farmers with big concerns. Charles Gussel indicated that Center Pivot Agriculture is large business, CUP would limit conditions and large capacity wells are regulated by the State. After long discussion, the Town Board was informed that the Potatoes & Vegetable, Growers' Association does research and collects data on Water Quality, and has a number of resources with information and could answer the questions of residents. It was also noted that if residents have a problem with their wells or groundwater because of irrigation systems they can contact the State and the State will deal with farmer to correct a problem if one exists.
- A proposal was brought up about Sandborn CUP to allow Tree Farm. (Public Hearing was held earlier and CUP permitted to be Hobby Farm). After discussion it was determined that a CUP wasn't necessary at this time because the conditions of CUP would expire before owners would even know if they would sell trees, and anyone can plant trees on their property.

**Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Move to approve Utility Accommodation Policy. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

- Utility Permit and Ordinance Relating to Utility Accommodation was postponed and returned to Plan Commission for minor changes.
- CUP for Irrigated Cropland was postponed.
- No action was taken on amendment to Sandborn CUP to include Tree Farm.

**Public Participation:**

- Nathan Wolosek has concerns for heaving on Buena Vista Road (County Road F/Buena Vista). He would like to cost share the work and clean road side ditch 3/4 mile and extend another 3/4 mile. Clean ditch on West side of County F, has little water in summer and freezes in winter, by cleaning out fallen trees and garbage the water should flow properly.

**Ambulance Services:**

**Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to enter into agreement with United Emergency Medical Response for ambulance service in Emergency Service Number 213. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

Note: Resolution # needs to be assigned.

**Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to approve MOU between Portage County and Town of Grant for Calendar Year 2012. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

**Roads/Equipment/Garage:**

- Snowplow trucks are ready to go, when snow arrives. In the meantime working on cutting trees in right-of-ways and finishing organizing garage.
- DNR Permits received for culvert replacement on 90th St. and 110th St. on Two Mile Creek.
- Local Road Improvement-Discretionary applications for Deer and 100th St. should find out if awarded in February 2012 and Lake Road in July 2012.
- Garage: weather seal put on door between warm and cold storage.

**Transfer Station:**

- Brian Pacyna provided a Job Function Description for Transfer Station Attendants, along with a Job Function Demand Summary listing work day frequency in percentages. Saints Health Services will administer the Job Function Test for new hires for \$67.00 each.
- Suggested that some kind of sign for dump hours be put on gate. Ex: Wed 11-4; Sat. 9-4 (this would be changed with seasons). Apparently people don't notice sign on side of road with all hours.

**Motion: (Schwab, Winkler) Move to purchase Lenovo Think Pad from RCO Computers or Zaxx Computers for no more than \$800.00 for Town Treasurer and WISLR. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

**Motion:(Winkler, Schwab) Move to adjourn at 9:55pm. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Vicky Zimmerman, Clerk Town of Grant