

Town of Grant  
9011 County Road WW  
Annual Town Meeting  
April 16, 2013

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

**Swearing in of Elected Officers:** Clerk Zimmerman swore in Sharon Schwab-Town Chairperson, James Yetter –Town Supervisor, Dale Winkler-Town Supervisor, Diana Luecht-Town Treasurer and Vicky Zimmerman-Town Clerk.

**Powers of Annual Meeting:** Chairperson Schwab explained that the Annual Town Meeting is a special 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: (Kelley Steinke, Nathan Wolosek) Move to dispense of the reading of minutes from Annual Town Meeting on April 10, 2012 and approve as written. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

Volunteers to review draft of Annual Meeting Minutes for 2013: Diana Luecht, Sharon Schwab.

**Annual Report: (Budget Review, Year-End Financial Reports)**

- A review was done by Schenck & Associates instead of an audit. Jon Trautman attended the March 13<sup>th</sup> Monthly Board Meeting.
- Nathan Wolosek asked where in the Annual Report you would find information on mileage paid out. Clerk responded mostly under Highway Other, Clerk Expense, and Legislative Board Expense, depending on who requested mileage reimbursement.
- Charles Gussel requested that 2013 Annual Report be available at April 2014 Election.
- **Motion: (Nathan Wolosek, Lisa Ross) Approve 2012 Annual Report as written. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

**Guest Reports:**

- **Fire Protection: Plainfield VFD:** Fire Chief Dean Wiese reported that Plainfield Fire Department had a total of 137 calls for 2012 and 2 of those calls were from the Town of Grant, one was a structure fire and the other a vehicle accident. They cover five municipalities. The Fire Dept. is working on a fire truck replacement by setting aside money from municipalities fire protection fees. All calls are dispatched through Portage County and there have continued to be issues.
- **United Emergency Medical Response:** Gary Johnson indicated that as of February 1, 2013 the entire Town of Grant is covered by United Emergency Medical Response (UEMR). In 2012 they responded to 250 calls, which included 47 calls in the Town of Grant. As of January 1, 2013 the Paramedics are certified in Critical Care. There are only 10-15 services that have Critical Care in Wisconsin. UEMR ambulances have 57 different medications on board, Patients are given option to which hospital they would like to be transported to.
- **Grand Rapids Volunteer Fire Department:** Fire Chief Don Bohn reported that in 2012 they responded to 18 fire calls and 7 EMS assists in the Town of Grant and provided business inspections of buildings. GRVFD responded to 316 calls for the year. They have training

meetings twice a month. Chief Bohn talked about metal roofs on buildings and indicated that the gases get trapped in the house and residents are being overcome by the gases. It is also difficult to walk on a metal roof, especially in the winter when they are wet and slippery.

- **Rigleman Appraisal Service:** No report
- **Quest Civil Engineers LLC – Lake Road (CTH U-85<sup>th</sup> St.):** Representative Jim Wendels indicated that an average of 700 vehicles per day travel on Lake Road. He presented a diagram with Trans 204 Reconstruction Standards as follows: 11 ft travel lanes, 4 ft shoulders (min) or 5ft paved shoulders that would qualify for bikes/pedestrian path, end slope of 4:1, which allows car to get back on road. Will try and save as many trees as possible, but if trees in clear zone they must be removed. Quest will have soil boring samples taken and survey Lake Road. First meeting for Lake Road residents and subdivision residents will be July 2013.

#### **Resident Reports:**

- **County Board:** Kelley Steinke reported that she had tried to attend EMS Oversight Board meeting on Ambulance Service, but was told to leave because they were going into Closed Session. County Board meets 3rd Tuesday of every month @ 5pm. Farm Technology Days will be held at Kenny Feltz Dairy Farm on August 14th-16th, 2014. Food Committee is looking for groups to participate, and need to finalize by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. Kelley also said that she will be running for County Supervisor next year. Kelley Steinke 715-423-3123.
- **First Responders:** Lisa Ross reported that they responded to 40 calls in 2012, have 5 members and always looking for new members. The education and experience varies for each member. They have members that are EMTs, nurse, paramedics. 1<sup>st</sup> Responders will be holding a Brat Fry on May 4<sup>th</sup> at W Grand IGA from 10:00am-3:00pm. Lisa Ross – 715-459-2493
- **Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee (GCAC):** Mary Kiedrowski reported they meet every other month. Ray Schmidt is working on re-writing the Groundwater Ordinance which would go to County Board after the GCAC approves. Mary turned in a very nice report, which is available from the clerk. Any questions or concerns call Mary Kiedrowski 715-325-5119.
- **Historical/Sesquicentennial Committee:** Dorothy Raasch reported that she will not hold any more meetings, and has passed that on to the Town Board. She will finish her work on the book and is still looking for information on the Kellner School, & Oak Park School, Sears Roebuck Houses and business names and locations that sold Christmas Trees. She has finished with family stories and half of the book is in the editing stages. Some of the ideas from residents included Friday School Picnic/Dance, Sat: History at Town Hall; Street Dance, Sunday Parade. Please call Dorothy Raasch with information, comments @ 715-423-6589
- **Plan Commission:** Jim Wendels submitted report for Plan Commission which was available for residents. Ordinance for 2012 was the Driveway Ordinance, which went back to Plan Commission for additional study after public comments. The Driveway Ordinance is near completion for 2013. The Plan Commission looked at six Conditional Use Permits for 2012, hosted open meeting with representatives from Golden Sands Dairy, worked with Portage County on revisions to its Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, County All Hazard Mitigation Planning Project, Town of Grant Comprehensive Plan. Work in 2013 to post Ordinances, Permits, Comprehensive Plan, Maps, Agendas and Minutes to Town of Grant web Site. Plan Commission meets on monthly basis, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday evenings from 7-10pm. Jim Wendels 715-423-3496
- **Zoning:** Marty Rutz , Zoning Administrator provided list of 47 permits issued in 2012 for a total of \$4,355.00, which included 6 new residences and 22 accessory buildings. Marty Rutz 715-421-9200

## Officers Reports:

- **Ambulance Services:** Notice of Circumstance filed to reserve right for Town of Grant. Portage County paid for ambulance service in 2009, 2010, and 2011. Town paid for services in 2012 & 2013 out of General Fund. After discussion on Notice of Circumstance no decision was made and it could go either way in court system. Get information on State Level with Attorney who has expertise on this.
- **Choose to ReUse & Tire Day:** Tire Day May 18, 2013 and Choose to ReUse May 18th and September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013. **Motion: (Nathan Wolosek, Mary Kiedrowski) Choose to Reuse & Tire Day to be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Carried. Unanimous Ayes. Motion: (Sharon Schwab, Dave Luecht) 2<sup>nd</sup> Choose to Reuse on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013. 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 now has a website; Diana Luecht reported that the Ordinances are all up on the site, along with Calendar. Working to get agendas, minutes, other information up on the site. The website address is: [www.townofgrantportageco.com](http://www.townofgrantportageco.com) . Check it out and give Diana a call @715-325-3134 if you would like to see any other information included.
- **November 2012 Survey Results:** Chairperson Schwab handed out survey results and list of other comments for residents to look over. If loan is taken out it should be for tangible items such as building, equipment replacement, etc.
- **Roads: Spring Road Inspection** Meeting N1/2 on April 24<sup>th</sup>, @ 7:30am. Everyone invited, will have bus for transportation. Any concerns call Dale Winkler @ 715-424-0501; Jim Yetter @ 715-424-4296.
- Dale Winkler talked about materials list that was sent to 10-12 contractors and only Construcks replied with costs, which indicated that it would cost about \$30,000.00-\$35,000.00 per mile for materials. This year's Road Plan is to put materials on non paved roads. Bridge Maintenance and HSIP-Beam Guards on Oak St. Lake Road would be on docket for 2014 with estimate cost of \$180,000.00-\$200,000.00.
- Looked into a Special Charge for roads, so that more roads could be fixed. No decision made. Kitty Gross indicated that subdivisions are done by frontage and Jim Wendels indicated that neighborhood paved road and paid 100% of cost over 3 years on taxes.
- Dale Winkler indicated that equipment maintenance is getting high on Truck #21, (yr 2000); Dorothy Raasch suggested looking at upgrading equipment along with Kitty Gross suggesting to look at cost of different trucks.
- Marty Rutz brought up about hours on the grader and indicated that it would cost \$25,000.00 to overhaul engine. Grader is oldest piece of equipment and workhorse of Town.
- Charles Gussel mentioned upgrade to garage, money being spent to fix up garage to code, that for \$50,000.00 could build cold storage facility.
- **Surplus – outdated, or non-functional equipment for sale:** Woods mower, tire chains, old adding machines were put on Wis. Surplus Auction. Minimum bid for woods mower is \$2,000.00.
- **Transfer Station:** Snow storm on day TS is open, roads will be plowed first. Dorothy Raasch keep transfer station open, people will have to expect snow covered roads in Transfer Station.
- **Upgrade street signs for 2014:** Mandate for signs have been removed, Town has replaced all STOP signs, should look at replacing regulatory signs and street signs for safety and beautification.

**Hold 2014 Annual Meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of April on the 15<sup>th</sup>, day, @ 7:00pm.**

**Other Directive to Town Board:**

- Senior Luncheon on April 24<sup>th</sup>, at Kiwanis Club.
- Marv Brahmstedt asked that Board Members go out and talk to resident on Evergreen about placement of mailbox. (sticking out into road)

**Motion: (Lynette Wolosek, Marv Brahmstedt) Move to adjourn @ 10:20pm. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Vicky Zimmerman, Clerk Town of Grant