

Town of Grant  
9011 County Road WW  
Annual Town Meeting  
April 18, 2017

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

**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 – compensation of officers, designate supervisor, hourly wages; In-direct powers – advisory or directive to Town Board and Authorization to town board to appropriate money. At this meeting all Town of Grant residents have equal rights. Schwab indicated that copy of Powers of Annual Meeting were available.

**Motion: (Jim Wendels, Marty Rutz) Move to dispense of the reading of minutes from Annual Town Meeting on April 19, 2016. Unanimous Ayes. Motion Carried.**

**Motion: (Jim Yetter, Dave Luecht) Move to approve Annual Town Meeting minutes from April 19, 2016 as corrected. Unanimous Ayes. Motion Carried.**

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

**Annual Report:** 2016 Annual Report wasn't available on Election Day, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 because the Clerk had to verify information after doing adjusting journal entries from Schenck and Associates. 2016 Annual Report was available at the April 12<sup>th</sup> Monthly Board Meeting. Clerk Zimmerman reported the net income of \$10,731.10 was overage after taking out \$100,000.00 loan for three years at the end of December 2016. There were no questions concerning Annual Report from residents in attendance.

**Motion: (Dave Luecht, Jim Wendels) Move to accept 2016 Annual Report as presented. Unanimous Ayes. Carried.**

**Guest Reports:**

- **Fire Protection: Plainfield VFD:** no report:
- **Grand Rapids VFD:** Fire Chief, Don Bohn dropped off the 2016 Annual Report to Town Clerk. Fire Chief, Don Bohn reported they have 46 Firefighters and 7 First Responders. There were a total of 95 calls in which 12 calls were in Town of Grant. The First Responders group responded to 244 calls for service in the year 2016. They have seen an increase in active members since MSTC has started the Fire Science degree. Chief Bohn commented on arson structure fire @ Marsh house on 130<sup>th</sup> St and indicated it is listed on Portage County Crime Stoppers. Grand Rapids Fire Department, Village of Plover Fire Department and Town of Grant all worked together to change Emergency Service Number (ESN) in which Rescue (Jaws of Life) will be Grand Rapids Rescue Agency as first call effective May 1, 2017. Chief Bohn can be reached at 715-424-1815 for non-emergency calls.
- **United Emergency Medical Response (UEMR):** Gary Johnson presented his 2016 Annual Report along with calls for 2016. 2016 Year in Review indicated that a total of 59 calls in the Town of Grant, with overdoses on heroin up from 2015 to 2 or 3 calls per year to 2016 averaging 3-4 per

month, which brought 3 deaths in response area where no one called in time. UEMR is conducting training sessions for Wood County and 1<sup>st</sup> Responders to include use of Narcan Injectors for Heroin/Opiate O.D. and other skills to teach all 8 MFR Squads that UEMR run with including Town of Grant. Gary Johnson can be reached at 715-423-7777. Copies of complete report are available.

- **Rigleman Appraisal Service:** Claude Riglemon can be reached at 1-888-345-2914.

#### **Resident Reports:**

- **County Board:** Charles Gussel reported that Portage County Board approved drawing for Court House facility then will look at Jail facility, both will be located downtown Stevens Point at a cost of \$78 million. Nursing Home Facility is undecided if it will be all new, outside company or remodel existing. No matter which direction they go it will be POD Type System. County Supervisor, Charles Gussel can be reached at 715-424-2680.
- **First Responders:** Lisa Ross reported that they responded to 60-65 calls in 2016. Members included Jerry Reinwand, Jim Yetter, Lisa Ross, Robin Mateer, Rob Mateer and new member Keith Kardash who was a 1<sup>st</sup> Responder from Town of Rome. Meetings are held 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month @ 6:00pm, Jerry Reinwand @ 715-570-8720, Jim Yetter @ 715-213-2000 and Lisa Ross @ 715-459-2493.
- **Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee (GCAC):** Sharon Schwab reported that the Groundwater Management Plan revision is online on Portage County Website. Portage County has \$25,000 to conduct a County Wide Well Testing. Wells will be picked randomly in various areas and if you are called it would be beneficial to have this done at no cost to you, results will not include home owners name. Mary Keidrowski, 715-325-5119.
- **Historical/Sesquicentennial Committee:** Kathy Lee reported that Dorothy Raasch book from Sesquicentennial is available at Kellner Bank and Chat-R-Box for \$10.00. Documents from the Town @ State Historical will be relocated to UWSP archives when room is available. Kathy Lee 715-423-3891.
- **Website:** Kathy Lee will add description to Website of old records now that they are catalogued by State Historical Society. She is continuing to add new information to the Website. Jim Wendels indicated that Kathy Lee is doing a good job with the website. The website address is: **townofgrantportageco.com** Check it out!
- **Plan Commission:** Jim Wendel's year- end report includes information on: Comprehensive Plan updates, Chapters 1-7 complete out of 9 chapters, Zoning Ordinance updates, new Zoning Ordinances: 1. ATV/UTV Ordinance for Town of Grant with Phase 1 routes to include Tower Road & Townline Road (approved) and Phase 2 routes to consider includes: segments of 87<sup>th</sup> St., Evergreen Ave., 90<sup>th</sup> St., Griffith Ave., Juniper Lane, 2. Farmland Preservation Overlay District. List of Conditional Use Permits issued and a number of future items for 2017, which includes Nuisance Ordinance and Unlicensed Vehicle Ordinance. Plan Commission meets on monthly basis, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 9:30 pm. Jim Wendels 715-323-0321
- **Zoning:** Marty Rutz , Zoning Administrator provided list of 45 permits issued in 2016 for a total of \$8,325.00, which included 8 new residences, 16 accessory buildings, 5 driveway permits, additions, decks, porches, addresses, pond, Class 2 Collocations, CSMs, and utility permits . Marty Rutz 715-421-9200.

#### Officers Reports:

- **Ambulance Services:** Town of Grant filed claim against Portage County in 2015 to prevent them from levying a tax for Ambulance Service we don't use. Litigation began in Oct. 2015 where we were looking for an injunction that would have prevented the levy. On March 11, 2016 we went to Mediation with Portage County that failed. Legal Counsel's recommendation that Towns shall provide Ambulance & Fire Services per state statutes. Portage County Ambulances coming from Stevens Point and Amherst can't get here fast enough to save lives therefore the Town Board Members have moved forward to Appellate Court in Madison. Supervisor Winkler had indicated that we need more media coverage on this. 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: (Sharon Schwab, Dave Luecht) Move to have Choose to Reuse & Tire Day on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and a 2nd Choose to Reuse on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Unanimous Ayes. Carried.**
- **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](http://www.townofgrantportageco.com) . Contact Kathy Lee at [k.lee.rn@charter.net](mailto:k.lee.rn@charter.net) with information to put on website.
- **Roads: 2016-2017 Road Plan** was available for residents listing recommendations for Road Construction Projects and Road Maintenance/Materials Projects. Town Budget is very tight this year, so funds will need to be spent wisely. Complaints about CTH F shoulder edge drop off and Marv Brahmstad brought up CTH U of trees on shoulders and condition to guard rails. Sharon Schwab will contact Nathan Check about concerns of County roads. Dale Winkler can be reached at 715-213-5438.
- **Surplus – outdated or non-functional equipment for sale:** Town has been putting old Street signs on Wis Surplus Online Auction where we have brought in \$4,000-5,000.00.

#### Other Directive to Town Board:

- Dead deer left on side of roads especially 90<sup>th</sup> St. (Quarry-Mill) 6 carcasses decaying, should contact DNR to have them picked up.
- Marty Rutz suggested Town look at property at Larry's Court/CTH FF to sell.
- Jim Wendels commented about chip seal job on 110<sup>th</sup> St. that Farhner Asphalt did and was wondering if Town could do something else about that job.

**Next Annual Meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of April.**

**Motion: (Charles Rickman, Charles Gussel) Move to adjourn @ 9:05pm. Unanimous Ayes. Carried.**

Respectfully submitted by,

*Vicky Zimmerman*

Vicky Zimmerman, Clerk Town of Grant

Approved: April 17, 2018