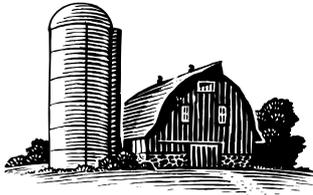


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Monthly Board Meetings

Jan 10

Feb 14

Mar 14

Apr 4

[Note: Meetings subject to change]

Annual Meeting April 10

Winter 2007

Communication is Key - By Sharon Schwab, Chair

This is the fourth newsletter written for residents and landowners in the Town of Grant. This is just one way the board has been trying to improve communication with you. We are such a large township (71.5 square miles) that sometimes even our closest neighbors may be ½ mile or more away. So, what other ways can you learn about what's going here? Did you know that all meetings must be posted in three public locations? You can find these meeting announcements and other important notices at the corner of Oak & Townline, just outside the gates of the Transfer Station on Griffith and outside the front doors of the Town Hall. Check it out!

There are two meetings each year when you, the electors, have all the say...the budget hearing and annual meeting. The annual meeting will be April 10, 2007. Join us!

Do you read the local papers? The Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune has run bimonthly articles on the Town of Grant since September, 2006. You can check out my articles on: conditional use permits, town committees, fire protection service, revenue and expenditures, residency requirements, communication towers and more. Read all about it!

Want to know the best option? Just pick up the phone. We are here to serve you. All our numbers are listed to the left of this column. Please call!



Roads, roads, roads....
 (Look inside for more details)!

Transfer Station Hours

	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Nov - Mar	11AM-4PM	9AM-4PM
Apr - May	11AM-5PM	9AM-5PM
Jun - Aug	11AM-7PM	9AM-5PM
Sep - Oct	11AM-5PM	9AM-5PM

Plan Commission & Zoning Update - by Jim Wendels, Supervisor

The year 2006 was a busy year for the Town of Grant Plan Commission and Zoning Administrator. We amended our zoning ordinance in the fall to include a new section that defines a more formal and complete conditional use permit (CUP) process for the township. The new process allows for both the developer and the township to participate at all steps throughout the permitting process and treats each development proposal in an unbiased manner. We established a step-by-step process that the CUP follows with timelines and approvals required. We also developed an easy to use CUP application form that describes the development proposal in detail and lists its potential impacts and benefits to the site, adjoining property and the township as a whole. And finally, listed approval criteria from which the CUP will be either approved or denied based on how the development either meets or mitigates our approval criteria benchmarks. The township is in a much better position now than ever before for attracting and retaining desirable developments which preserve our property values, grows our local economy and hopefully improves or maintains our quality of life here in the Town of Grant.

A sampling of conditional use permits issued recently within the township include; a venison processing business, expansion of an existing storage facility, expansion of a local greenhouse and craft shop into a new business area for the sale of aquatic plants, creation of a powder coating business, a new taxidermy studio, a bakery, a massage therapy business and an outdoor RV and boat storage facility. The Plan Commission, Zoning Administrator, Town Board and constituents all played a role in helping these ventures get started within our township.

Our Zoning Administrator – Marty Rutz had a busy year in 2006. Zoning or building permits were issued within the Township with a breakdown as follows:

- New Residences – 21
- Accessory Buildings – 14
- Additions – 3
- Business/Shop – 1
- Decks – 2
- Lean To – 1
- Cell Tower Extension – 1
- Ponds – 9
- Address' – 9
- Razing – 1
- Signs – 1

Included within this newsletter is a new 2007 fee schedule for the various permits required within the township. These fees are similar in total cost to our adjoining municipalities and are designed not to generate profit from but rather ensure the township recovers our costs for review and administration.

Town of Grant Zoning Fees – Effective January 1, 2007

Type	Conservancy/Residential/Agricultural	Commercial/Industrial
New residence including mobile home (new or old) & commercial/industrial building	\$200.00	\$400.00
Additions: Primary residence or Commercial/Industrial Building	\$100.00	\$200.00
Establish an address	\$30.00	\$30.00
Moving a previously located residence or commercial/industrial building into the town	\$300.00	\$400.00
Moving residence or commercial/industrial building within the town	\$200.00	\$400.00
Moving accessory building within the town	\$100.00	\$200.00
Moving accessory building into the town	\$200.00	\$400.00
Moving building through the town on town roads	\$30.00	\$30.00
Accessory building or addition under \$1000 or 100 square feet or less	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accessory building or addition above 100 square feet to 200 square feet	\$30.00	\$60.00
Accessory building or addition above 200 square feet to 2500 square feet	\$50.00	\$100.00
Accessory building or addition above 2500 square feet	\$75.00	\$150.00
Razing any building	\$15.00	\$15.00
Signs and Billboards	\$25.00	\$50.00
Public hearing fees	\$150.00	\$300.00
Quarrying – Permitted Use	\$50.00	NA
Penalties – Failure to purchase a permit prior to construction, moving or demolition shall result in twice the cost of such permits Fees are charged by current zoning district or proposed zoning district the time of construction		

Sample:

See reverse for standard registration fees. Make check payable to: REGISTRATION FEE TRUST. Complete and mail with \$ _____ registration fee to: Wisconsin Department of Transportation, PO Box 7911, Madison, WI 53707-7911.

License Plate No.	Year - Make	Vehicle Identification Number		
APPLICANT(S) Last Name	First	Middle Initial	Area Code - Telephone # between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.	
Street Address				
City	State	ZIP Code	Vehicle Presently Kept In COUNTY OF:	<input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Town OF:
Nonoperation of Vehicle: A statement will be accepted only if one full registration period has elapsed since last registered in Wisconsin. Note: Vehicles subject to biennial registration must be out of operation one full registration year to meet nonoperation qualifications. I certify that this vehicle was not operated on public highways:				
From: (Mo-Day-Yr)	Through: (Mo-Day-Yr)	Signature of Applicant X		

Be sure that your registration renewal card, which looks like above has the following information portrayed accurately! Your correct responses affect the amount of shared revenues the town receives!

Vehicle presently kept in **COUNTY OF: PORTAGE**
And be sure the check box indicates: **Town of: Grant**

2006 Road Construction Update - by Jim Wendels, Supervisor

We started out calendar year 2006 with a \$200,000 road construction budget and accepted bids from contractors on five roadway projects within the township. As I am sure you are all aware, the price of oil and fuel this past summer was very high and since asphalt and chip sealing rely heavily on oil as their main ingredient, we were only able to award two of the roadway projects.

Lake Road from 100th Street to 110th Street was reconstructed and new beam guard was installed to shield the culvert crossing of the Four Mile Creek. The project turned out fantastic and was a very worthwhile investment since Lake Road is the heaviest traveled town road within our township (based on traffic count tubes from a few years ago). We were able to perform some of the construction with our own crew by performing the clearing and grubbing operations, ditch cutting and slope restoration/landscaping at the Four Mile creek crossing. A TRIP grant in the amount of \$34,000 helped offset the construction costs and the project's final cost was \$160,000 total.

The other project we undertook was Prairie Drive from CTH F to 125th Street. This segment of roadway had a very rounded shape to it and the existing asphalt was well beyond its service life. The roadway is used heavily by the agricultural sector of our community and has been causing considerable damage to vehicles and equipment over the years due to its poor condition. The roadway was widened to a 20-foot top and overlaid with asphalt along with the installation of two-foot gravel shoulders on each side. The project's final cost was \$37,000.

Contained within this newsletter is our DRAFT Five Year Road Plan for you to review. You can look forward to future meetings to help prioritize the roadway projects, which we will accept and award bids for completion in early 2007. Our overall construction budget going into year 2007 is once again approximately \$200,000. The price of oil has come down from last year and we look forward to obtaining competitive bids from contractors at a good value to the township. We do anticipate entertaining bids or quotes from both Wood and Portage counties this upcoming construction season.

DRAFT Five Year Road Plan

Projected Annual Road Construction Budget: **\$200,000**

Projected Annual Road Maintenance Budget: **\$50,000-\$60,000**

Special Meeting to discuss road plan on February 8, 2007 @ 7:00PM!

Low Cost Projects for 2007 (in the event projects below are not awarded)

Road	Termini	Improvement	Length	Est. Cost
Mill Road	¼ mile east of 100th	Pulverize/gravel	¼ mile	\$2,500
Mill Road	¼ mile west of CTH F	Pulverize/gravel	¼ mile	\$2,500
90 th Street	Quarry Street – CTH W	Spot AC overlays	Various	\$10,000
90 th Street	Evergreen Avenue – Quarry Street	Spot AC overlays	Various	\$5,000
Pine Street	CTH U & Pine Street Intersection	AC approach	300'	\$4,000
100 th Street	Mill Road – Quarry Road	Pulverize/Gravel	1 mile	\$20,000

Year 2007 Candidate Road Construction Project Listing & Estimated Costs

Road	Termini	Improvement	Length	Est. Cost
90 th Street	Quarry Street – CTH W	AC Overlay/Shoulders	1 mile	\$60,000
Pine Street	CTH U – 90 th Street	Prep/gravel/2X coat chip seal	1 mile	\$50,000
100 th Street	Lake Road – CTH FF	AC Overlay/Shoulders	1 mile	\$60,000
100 th Street	CTH FF – Elm Street	AC overlay/Shoulders	½ mile	\$30,000
100 th Street	Elm Street – Cranberry Marsh	AC Overlay/Shoulders	1 ½ miles	\$75,000
Angle Drive	½ mile west of CTH F	AC Overlay/Shoulders	½ mile	\$30,000
100 th Street	Mill Road – Quarry Road	Prep/gravel/2X coat chip seal	1 mile	\$50,000
90 th Street	Evergreen Avenue – Quarry	AC wedging/1X coat chip seal	2 miles	\$30,000
White Pine Drive	CTH U – Deer Road	AC overlay/Shoulders	½ mile	\$30,000

Year 2008-2010 Candidate Road Construction Project Listing & Estimated Costs

Road	Termini	Improvement	Length	Est. Cost
Mill Road	¼ mile east of 100th	Prep/gravel/2X coat chip seal	¼ mile	\$12,500
Mill Road	¼ mile west of CTH F	Prep/gravel/2X coat chip seal	¼ mile	\$12,500
Quarry Road	90 th Street – 100 th Street (low priority)	Prep/gravel/2X coat chip seal	1 mile	\$50,000
90 th Street	Griffith – CTH WW	AC overlay/shoulders	½ mile	
110 th Street	Deer Road – CTH WW (low priority)	Prep/gravel/2X coat chip seal	1 mile	\$50,000
100 th Street	CTH WW – Lake Road (low priority)	Gravel/AC Surface/Shoulders	½ mile	\$80,000
Kellner Area	Grant School area	AC wedging/1X coat chip	4 miles	\$80,000

Subdivision		seal		
Washington Street	CTH U – 90 th Street	Muck out/gravel/AC surface/shoulders	¾ mile	\$100,000
Lake Road	CTH U – 90 th Street	Prep/pulverize/gravel/AC overlay/shoulders	1 mile	\$200,000
Lake Road	90 th Street – 100 th Street	Single coat chip seal	1 mile	\$20,000
Lake Road	110 th Street – CTH F	Single coat chip seal	1 mile	\$20,000
Oak Street	CTH U – 90 th Street	Gravel/AC Surface/Shoulders	¾ mile	\$80,000

Maintenance Projects

- Griffith Avenue (110th – CTH F) – impassable during the spring, ditch cut, add gravel
- Crack Sealing on AC roads
- Dust control on select gravel roads

Year 2006 Road Construction Projects & Final Costs – Completed in 2006!

Road	Termini	Improvement	Length	Cost
Lake Road	100 th Street – 110 th Street	Prep/pulverize/gravel/AC overlay/shoulders/beam guard @ Four Mile Creek crossing	1 mile	\$160,000
TRIP Grant				
Prairie Drive	CTH F – 125 th Street	AC overlay/shoulders	½ mile	\$37,000
			TOTAL:	\$197,000

Year 2005 Road Construction Projects & Final Costs – Completed in 2005!

Road	Termini	Improvement	Length	Cost
90 th Street	CTH WW – Lake Road	Prep/pulverize/gravel/AC overlay/shoulders	½ mile	\$61,000
Tower Road	CTH U – 105 th Street	Prep/pulverize/gravel/2X coat chip seal	2.5 miles	\$64,000
Oak Street	CTH F – Townline Road	AC wedging/1X coat chip seal	2.5 miles	\$27,500
95 th Street	Lake Road – CTH FF	AC wedging/1X coat chip seal	1 mile	\$11,000
Quarry Street	CTH U – 90 th Street	AC wedging/1X coat chip seal	1 mile	\$11,000
95 th Street	Evergreen Avenue – Dead End	AC wedging/1X coat chip seal	½ mile	\$6,000
Griffith Street	100 th Street – 110 th Street	AC wedging/1X coat chip seal	1 mile	\$11,000
			TOTAL:	\$191,500.00

Watch that snow!

Don't place or blow snow from your private drive on the road...thank you!!!

"No person shall place or cause to be placed upon a highway any foreign substance which is or may be injurious to any vehicle or part thereof." (s.346.94 (5)).

"Any person violating s.346.94 (5) shall be required to forfeit \$50 for each offense (s.346.95(3)).

Road Report – By Dick Kertis, Supervisor

2006 was another year of activity, especially on our unpaved roads.

Earlier in the year, when frost was still in the ground, full-time employee Garry Saeger got about four miles of roadside limbing taken care of. After the frost left, he went back to reshaping and leveling our unpaved roads. This involved repairing many “soft spots” that continue to show up, although the number of those have diminished considerably. We repair these by adding gravel or granite and scarifying to a depth of about a foot or more, which mixes the road material with the subsoil and has proven to be very effective (Deer and Tower roads are good examples).

After the moisture left and grading was brought to a standstill, we got the early mowing done, along with some shoulder tilling. The dry season brings on dust of course, so in the critical area we applied one semi-tanker load of liquid chloride, which took care of much of the problem. We have also found that the roller compactor attached to the motor grader not only extends the conditions of the road but eliminates a lot of dust by compacting any loose material [note: we originally planned on using two loads but one proved sufficient; a cost savings of \$2500].

In the meantime, we did the necessary brushing, stumping, shoulder grading and ditching along Lake Road ahead of the road reconstruction by American Asphalt.

Again, later in the season, Garry found time between grading to do most of the fall mowing. Having the full-time employee mow, plus our method of “direct dumping” of road materials on site rather than stockpiling and hauling has been more efficient and has also saved the town money.

Other accomplishments during 2006 were:

- Grading and sloping the hall parking lot for new blacktop
- Building a new handicap ramp and extending west entry landing to accommodate wheelchairs
- Finishing installing shop floor drains and installing holding tanks
- Grading and shaping parking lot to drain properly
- Pouring concrete pads by shop entry and basement entry by hall
- Installing motion light at rear entry of hall
- Installing new 120V outlets in shop (inside and out)
- Installing outside water supply faucet with reel, etc.

Finally, there is the constant upkeep, repair and maintenance of the many pieces of equipment such as: motor grader, trucks, tractors, chainsaws, brush mowers, roto tillers, weed whacker, pole pruner and more. We fabricated a heavy duty set of tines for the loader tractor, along with modifications to several other pieces of equipment to improve and increase their versatility.

Thank goodness we have not had to plow a lot of snow, but we did have a number of trees fall across roads after the heavy, wet snow a few weeks ago. With the freezing and thawing going on, some of the unpaved roads are sloppy in places, but hopefully some colder temperatures will firm them up until spring.

At this writing Garry is recovering from surgery, but we hope he will be up and about soon. We wish him well.



Primary Election – Tuesday, February 20, 2007

Poll Hours 7:00AM – 8:00PM (✓ vote for 2)

Board of Supervisors – Ballot Order:

Betty Petrusky

James Yetter

Jim Wendels (Incumbent)

Dick Kertis (Incumbent)

Marvin Brahmstedt

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