

**Town of Grant
9011 County Road WW**

**Monthly Board Meeting
October 13, 2010**

Present: Schwab, Kertis, Goska, Raasch and Zimmerman.
Chairperson Schwab called meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Portage County Sheriff Department officer, Mike Lucas was present to talk about Neighborhood Watch. In a rural area it is very important that people watch for unusual activity in their neighborhood. He mentioned about setting up Neighborhood Watches and some of the electors indicated that the Town does have Neighborhood Watches already. Mr. Lucas indicated that they haven't been active for a number of years and would like to get them active again. He answered questions from the residents present and left a number of brochures with information on a table for anyone to pick up.

Public Hearings

Chairperson Schwab opened Public Hearings at 7:00pm.

- Mark Gamroth, 2511 84th St. S., would like a Conditional Use Permit, to combine two parcels, (Lot 18 & 19) in high density residential property and exceed 2000 square feet in an accessory building. Mr. Gamroth told the Board what he wanted to do, there were no questions or comments. Jim Wendels read through the conditions of the Conditional Use Permit.
- Paul & Cindy Goldenstern, 8111 Grove Ave., would like a Conditional Use Permit to build an accessory building in excess of 2,000 square feet, in High Density Residential area. Chairperson of Plan Commission, Jim Wendels read through the conditions of Conditional Use Permit. Item #2 was to be changed to read: Owner shall not exceed 2,810 square feet in area with a peak height not to exceed 20.5', with approval by Portage County Planning & Zoning, since the property is located in Shore land Zoning.

Chairperson Schwab closed the Public Hearings at 7:10pm.

Announcements/Correspondence:

- Portage County Gazette sent letter indicating that they can print legal publications and notices and would like to do business with the Town of Grant.
- Received a short survey from Wis. Dept of Commerce, on electrical inspections of commercial electrical work.

Presentation: Fire Chief Scott Bernette , Grand Rapids VFD wasn't available today.

Motion: (Schwab, Goska) Accept Monthly Board Meeting minutes from September 8th as corrected. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Motion: (Goska, Kertis) Accept minutes for Special Town Board Meeting on October 6th as written. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Motion: (Goska, Kertis) Move to approve Conditional Use Permit for Mark Gamroth to combine two parcels and to exceed 2000 square feet for accessory building. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Motion: (Kertis, Goska) Move to approve Conditional Use Permit for Paul Goldenstern with corrections indicated above in condition #2. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Officers' Reports:

- E.M.S. Oversight Committee: Looking at contract with United Emergency Services in the amount of \$19,800.00 for a one year contract. Changes would need to be made to radios and disclose financial information.
- WTA-Portage County Unit: Meeting was held on September 27th at the Whiting Village Hall. Jennifer Stewart explained that municipalities can use a new tool called GREAT to look at historical budget trends for their municipality and others. John Holdridge provided updates on Solid Waste. Town of Linwood was hit hardest in the latest flood. Any expenses incurred from the high waters should be documented.

Committee Minutes/Reports:

- **First Responders:** Awards Banquet was held at the Wildhorse Saloon on Oct. 2nd. Currently only have five active members and looking for more to join. Looking to purchase some stethoscopes and blood pressure cuffs.
- **Sesquicentennial Committee:** Meets on the first Monday of each month. Dorothy Raasch heads this group and is looking for list of businesses that were in the Town, pictures, stories and anyone that would like to help get this information in print.
- **Plan Commission:** Meeting on Sept. 22 entertained the CUP's for Gamroth and Goldenstern, looked at Lot Averaging, looked into noise complaints about Bauer Blasting and exceeding hours of operation. Looking ahead to Nuisance/Junk Ordinance, Driveway Ordinance. Next meeting is October 20th at 7:00pm. Rob & Heather Luecht will be available to discuss rezoning of property from low density to general agriculture so they could offer Garden Farming where they do the work and people buy shares for the produce.
- **Zoning:** Month of September brought a total of six permits totaling \$795.00.

Financial Reports: Total receipts for the month of September were \$1,125.71.

Motion: (Goska, Schwab) Accept Financial Report for Audit. Carried. Unanimous Ayes. Zimmerman went through Budget Sheet, although there wasn't any major changes.

Motion: (Schwab, Goska) Accept Revaluation Contract with Ringlemon Appraisal Services for \$48,700.00. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Motion: (Schwab, Goska) Move to add to Fee Schedule a \$20.00 fee for Certified Surveyor Maps. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Public Participation:

- Charles Gussel requested copy of 2011 Budget. Schwab indicated it is not ready for public, also, would like Absentee Ballots mailed out earlier.

- Charles Rickman asked about letter from Lee Lampert disputing his fire run charge. Schwab indicated that the letter was forwarded to Legal Council.
- Pat Barten would like list of costs for materials and labor for garage addition.
- Kitty Gross asked if we had any flood damage in Town. Kertis indicated a wash out on Pine St. but not from flood waters.

Garage/Heavy Equipment/Roads:

- Washington St. is done, 100th St. has been graveled, 6.5 ton of Cold Mix on Birch & Angle
- Crack Sealing done by A-1 Services not acceptable, Kertis and Goska will do a site review on various roads.
- STOP Signs damaged by vandals, report to insurance. White truck is being used to finish STOP Signs with work completed by end of October.
- Grader will need to be taken in for repairs, leaking oil.

Transfer Station:

- New trailer by TS shed for E-Waste
- Bulk item dumpster moved closer to shed, so it will be easier to monitor.
- **Motion: (Goska, Schwab) Allow Lad Hintz to remove dead standing and fallen trees from Transfer Station for personal use only. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**
- **Motion: (Schwab, Kertis) No hunting during Transfer Station hours of Operation, a total of 8 signs on four corners and in the middle. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.**

Website: Goetz family is working on Town website.

Upcoming meetings:

- Budget Meeting October 27th at 7:00pm
- Budget Hearing November 23rd at 7:00pm

Motion: (Goska, Kertis) Move to adjourn at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by



Vicky Zimmerman, Clerk