

Town of Grant
9011 County Road WW
Monthly Board Meeting
April 11, 2018

Present: Schwab, Winkler, Yetter, Luecht and Zimmerman.
Chairperson Schwab called meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Announcements/Correspondence:

- Spring Celebration Senior Lunch at Kiwanis Club April 25th @ Noon.
- Portage County Solid Waste Dept. Hazardous Waste (March-November), appointments only, Hazardous Waste Info Line @ 715-346-1931.
- Portage County roads Weight Limit in effect March 14, 2018.
- Emergency Management System (EMS) now belongs to Sheriff Dept.
- Grand Rapids Volunteer Fire Dept. (GRVFD) is in substantial compliance with requirements of the statutes & administrative rules for State of Wisconsin 2% fire dues program. Congrats Don Bohn, Grand Rapids Fire Chief.
- **Changes Open Book/BOR:** Open Book & Board of Review now must be held seven days apart instead of same day. BOR to meet annually during 45-day period starting fourth Monday of April, no sooner than seven days after the last day the assessment roll is open for examination, under sec. 70.45, Wis. Stats.
- Wis.DOT Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Program
Training: April 19, 2018 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm or April 20, 2018 8:00 am-12:00pm
@ Portage County Sheriff's Office Training Room, 1500 Strongs Ave, St. Point.

Minutes:

- **Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to approve Monthly Board Meeting minutes from February 15, 2018 as written. Unanimous Ayes. Carried.**
- **Motion: (Winkler, Yetter) Move to approve Town Board 2018 Roads Meeting minutes from February 27, 2018 as written. Unanimous Ayes. Carried.**
- **Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to approve Town Board Closed Session Meeting minutes from February 27, 2018 as written. Unanimous Ayes. Carried.**
- **Motion: (Winkler, Yetter) Move to approve Town Board Closed Session Meeting minutes from March 14, 2018 as written. Unanimous Ayes. Carried.**

Officers' Report:

- WTA-Portage County Unit Meeting was held on March 26, 2018 with Patty Dreir, Portage County Executive reporting on Municipal EMS Survey. She provided copy of summary of the survey and provided link to scanned copies of each municipal EMS Survey.
- 2018 Portage County Road Project includes resurfacing of CTH F (Hwy 54-CTH W).

Committee/Commission Minutes or Reports:

- **Following reports postponed to Annual Meeting April 17, 2018 @ 7:00 pm.**
- **Ambulance:**
- **Fire:**
- **First Responders:**
- **Green, Clean Action:**
- **Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee:**
- **Historical Committee:**
- **Plan Commission:**
- **Website:**
- **Zoning:**

Financial Report & Updates:

- Treasurer Luecht went through Bank Reconciliation for the month of March with total receipts at \$51,656.31. Total Cash on Hand: \$392,893.06.
- Treasurer Luecht and Clerk Zimmerman were in balance for the months of February and March 2018.
- **Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Move to put Financial Report on record for audit or review. Unanimous Ayes. Carried.**
- Fuel Tax Refund filed (4-6 weeks).
- Road Damage Invoices: Brody pd. 3-08-18 \$118.50 Wysocki Farms pd. 3-23-18 \$1,342.99; Hilgers-\$251.19; Reibler-\$125.09.
- Damaged Roads: 110th St. Winkler indicated that Moodie Cranberry repaired ruts on road and is consider done. 100th St. Yetter contacted Okray Farms for road damage and Okray Farms repaired road, this is also considered done. There were no invoices issued for 100th St. & 110th St. road damage.

Public Participation:

- Scott Provost questioned if any changes to Ambulance Services from Portage County/City of Stevens Point. Chairperson Schwab indicated nothing has changed at this time. Scott Provost suggested that we detach the Town from Portage County, since we are paying them \$63,000.00 that's not being used and in turn are paying \$41,000.00 for UEMR Contract.
- Chairperson Schwab read letter to Town Board from Chris Holmen, that EMS Priority for campaign and will hold him to this, now that Chris Holmen is elected Portage County Executive.
- Charles Rickman indicated that Town should fix lawns that were ripped up during snow plowing.

Roads (7:00pm) ATV/UTV Ordinance:

- ATV/UTV Complaints: Chairperson Schwab read through 9 complaints that the Portage County Sheriff's Dept. had on record, Schwab also received 10 complaints from May 23rd to Sept. 11th. Winkler reported a complaint from Sandy Woods at the Transfer Station, ATV's on 90th St after 11:00pm. Yetter reported he had received 6 ATV complaints. Jon Scharbarth, DNR had sent

email to Chairperson indicating he had cited a town resident for running on Deer Rd east of 90th St., who thought all of the roads in Town of Grant were open to ATVs/UTVs.

- Jeremy Baker, President of Saratoga ATV/UTV Club & resident in Town of Grant submitted map indicating existing routes and proposed new routes in Town of Grant. Some of objectives of the club are: develop local routes, promote public image of ATV/UTVs, encourage safe & social family fun, support ATV-UTV Trail Patrol Ambassador (follow regulations, wear helmets, and pick up garbage), conduct DNR ATV-UTV safety training and strengthen & stimulate the local community & economy. Partnership with a number of agencies.
- Jerry Lauer, Waushara County ATV/UTV Club presented to Board Members copies of Ordinances from Village of Plainfield, Town of Leola, Town of Plover and Town of Oasis. He also included an amended ordinance for Town of Grant with map showing routes in for mentioned towns. The ordinance listed current routes along with routes they would like to see with explanation of what these routes would accomplish. He also stated that all ordinances should be uniform in context.
- Leon Sanchez would like roads open that residents live on to get to nearest route.
- Tim Bruns, Principal Grant Elementary School @ 8511 CTH WW representing School District Superintendent, Craig Warrens opposes proposed route on 85th St. adjacent to school parking lot. Mr. Bruns explained in detail the school traffic at the end of the day with school buses, parents picking up students, walking students crossing CTH WW. Concerns of high traffic volume on 85th St from September-June, Baseball Diamond traffic in summer, just not any room to allow ATV/UTV on 85th St.
- Aaron Carol representing Baseball Association, echoed Mr. Bruns concerns on traffic on 85th St. /South Park. Ball games are held Monday-Thursday nights with 250 kids plus parents in the area, not to mention June Softball Tournaments. Pictures were provided showing no room for any more vehicles on 85th St. and South Park Road at Ball Park on most given days.
- Ken Kracht @ 8511 S. Park Rd. agrees with Principal Bruns, safety is a big concern and accidents do happen, don't need any more vehicles in area, alternative routes, STAY OUT OF SCHOOL ZONE! Enjoy peace & quiet, don't extend hours to midnight.
- Jeff Samson not against ATVs, S. Park/85th St. area very congested @ school. Likes to walk & bike with grandchildren and dog walking in that area.
- Other comments included: live close to Ball Park events bring in up to 10,000 people, St. John's Cemetery on South Park.
- Dennis Bauer open Pine St. to the west of 90th St.
- Clarence Droske no objection to have ATVs on Quarry Road.
- Scott Reider OK with ATVs oppose late night and open year round.
- Darcy Held new routes NO BENEFIT TO TOWN; NO ROUTES/ROADS!
- Chairperson Schwab was given copy of 2017 WI's Act 87 indicating that Towns that have ATV Routes can open County Roads that are 35 mph or less that are in

the town boundaries. Club members are saying that Kellner Area (CTH U) could be opened under Act 87.

- Nathan Check, Portage County Highway Commissioner pointed out that the local municipality must pass an ordinance to approve the route within their jurisdiction and then follow the procedures in the Act. As for CTH U the speed limit from Juniper Lane- S. Park Rd is 45 mph in areas and second half of the road is in Grand Rapids jurisdiction, so ATVs could only travel one way unless Grand Rapids does an ordinance.
- Letters against any further ATV/UTV Routes/Trails were read by Chairperson Schwab from **Pat & Heidi Wallner**- majority of people on ATV Routes are against routes, yet 2/3 of the Board seems to be valuing the wishes of the ATV clubs over the people of the Town. **Marv Brahmstedt** – I for one would like to see an ORDINANCE prohibiting any future running on our roads. **Lee Chipman**-if you want to promote our township why not work with the DNR to have walking/cross country ski trails that would actually promote our peace & quiet instead of destroying it. **Jeff Zimmerman** – Prairie Chickens, endangered birds and meadow wildlife are reasons for creating a refuge. Animals & birds seek places to go away from humans where it is undisturbed to mate & raise their young. To disrupt this is wrong and irresponsible. **Mitch & Shirley Zimmerman** – Dr. Hall talked about negative effects of running routes through Buena Vista grasslands on Tower Road. The residents & land owners along Mill Road would ask the Board to not allow our peaceful, quiet lifestyle to be robbed from us. **Sandra Woods** – Enough is Enough! No benefit to opening more roads, majority of members of the Saratoga ATV Club are not from the Town of Grant and as such should have no say in or influence on whether more roads are opened up or not.
- Petition to Deny Request to Expand ATV/UTV Routes in the Town of Grant received with 71 signatures of Town Residents dated March-April 2018.
- 85th St. /S. Park - Supervisor Yetter indicated a lot of congestion, Supervisor Winkler not to open as a route, but resident access to routes.
- **Motion: (Yetter, Schwab) Move to look at proposed routes road by road. Unanimous Ayes. Carried.**
- **Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to not open 85th St, but to revisit with Legal Clarification for residents only. Ayes-Yetter, Winkler; Nay-Schwab. Carried.**
- **Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to keep S. Park closed at this time to revisit with Legal Clarification for residents only. Ayes-Winkler, Yetter; Nay-Schwab. Carried.**
- **Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to keep Juniper Lane and Griffith Ave to 90th St. to be open for residents. Ayes-Winkler, Yetter; Nay-Schwab. Carried.**
- No to Routes open year round, No to 6 am – Midnight
- Mike Lucas, Portage County Sheriff, Town of Plover has all roads open to local residents, so residents can ride on road they live on to get to designated route.
- Create an ATV/UTV Committee to look into clarification of laws with committee members from Board, Clubs, and Residents (for & against).

- **Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to deny Pine St. (East of 90th St), 105th St. Mill Road, 100th St. remain closed. Unanimous Ayes. Carried.**
- **Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to open the following roads: 90th St (south of Tower Road to Oak St), Oak St. (East to CTH F). Ayes-Yetter, Winkler; Nay – Schwab. Carried.**
- **Motion: (Winkler, Yetter) Evergreen Ave. (80th St.-87th St.) remain closed. Unanimous Ayes. Carried.**
- **Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to remain closed Oak St. (80th St.-90th St.). Unanimous Ayes. Carried.**
- **Motion: (Yetter, No Second) Move to open Pine St. (80th St.-90th St.) Motion Failed for Lack of Second.**
- **Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Griffith Ave. (130th St. – Townline Rd) and 130th St. (Griffith Ave.-Birch St.) remain closed. Ayes-Yetter, Schwab; Nay-Winkler. Carried.**
- Leave current restrictions, Sheriff Lucas cautions Board on Referendum.
- ATV/UTV Committee: Jeremy Baker, Leon Sanchez, Bill Hildendorf, Kathi Havitz, Donna Wagner, Board Members, Jon Scarbarth, DNR Warden and Pat Wallner.

Transfer Station: Proposed Tire Day/Choose to ReUse- May 19th and Choose to ReUse-Sept. 15th. Brian Rosenthal would like to get cooking oil from Transfer Station to be used for heating purposes.

Upcoming meeting dates/topics:

- Annual Meeting Tuesday April 17, 2018 @ 7 pm
- Board of Adjustments: Monday, April 16th @ 2 pm-Jim Albrecht
- Board of Adjustments: Monday, April 30th @ 9 am – Ryan Kingery

Motion: (Winkler, Yetter) Move to adjourn @ 9:40 pm and reconvene at a later date. Unanimous Ayes. Carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Vicky Zimmerman

Vicky Zimmerman, Town Clerk

Approved: May 9, 2018