

**Town of Grant
9011 County Road WW**

**Monthly Board Meeting
February 10, 2010**

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

Announcements/Correspondence:

- Letter from Dept of Revenue indicating that they are rethinking their proposal to modernize property assessment, and will allow local governments to form assessment consortiums rather than move to a county model.
- Contact Mary Ann Sankey @ 715-347-0365 for Home Bound Meals.
- We received 4th Quarter 2009 franchise fee from Solarus in the amount of \$976.13.

Motion: (Kertis, Goska) Approve Monthly Board Meeting minutes from January 13, 2010 as written. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Motion: (Goska, Kertis) Approve Special Town Board Meeting minutes from January 20th as written. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Motion: (Kertis, Goska) Approve Special Town Board Meeting minutes from February 3rd as written. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Officers' Reports:

- Schwab attended the Portage County EMS Oversight Board Meeting on Jan. 21st and said that Sandra Curtis, was requesting more information from United Emergency Medical Response Ambulance Service than was required from other ambulance services. Kathy Larson submitted reports and indicated that any response time over 15 minutes is being investigated as to why and are looking to make 13 minutes a goal for response times.
- Learn more about the proposed Wisconsin Clean Energy Jobs Act Feb.24th 6:30pm-8:00pm at the McMillan Memorial Public Library Fine Arts Center.
- Active Ride Share in area - [go on line to rideshare.wi.gov](http://go.on.line.to.rideshare.wi.gov) to sign up and find your carpool match.
- Primary Elections on Feb. 16th, County Executive choices: Mark Maslowski, Patty Dreier and Jim Gifford.

Committee Minutes/Reports:

- **First Responders:** New member Mallory Villeneuve was accepted by group and is waiting background check. Lisa Ross, Robin Villeneuve will be attending conference. Always looking for more recruits, next meeting is Feb. 8th.
- **Historical/Sesquicentennial Committee:** Raasch would like to get started on Town of Grants 150th Anniversary 2014. She has talked to a number of people about the uniqueness in the Town of Grant. A couple of contacts are: Wendel Nelson-Portage County White Library, who can help us find information about the Town; Anton Ardea-Portage County Historical Society. A couple of unique things to Town are Drainage Ditches, Prairie Chickens. Will need volunteers to collect pictures, information and so on. The first meeting will be held on March 3rd, 2010 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall.

- **Plan Commission:** Schwab reported that the comments from the Public Hearing on Ordinance for Adoption of WI Uniform Dwelling Code went back to the Plan Commission for consideration. They will be looking at the Fire Ordinance and continues on Dog Ordinance.
- **Zoning:** One permit was issued for the month of January for \$150.00.

Presentation: Scott Bernette, Grand Rapids Fire Dept. Chief Bernette talked about training, number of members, all 10 department vehicles are currently in service/operational with no maintenance issues to report. A total of 12 meeting were attended during 4th Qtr. and participated in a number of activities. He is studying response times for the Town of Grant and mentioned splitting Grant in half with South/North using County Road W. A total of 18 calls were made in the Town of Grant for 2009.

Financial Reports: Total receipts for the month of January were \$62,702.16, with large amount from General Transportation Aid from State. Question was raised as to what the Park Fund was for? Raasch replied it was money set aside for land for a park or toward something for "Public Use". Zimmerman went through Budget Update for January and touched on certain accounts of concern for February.

Motion: (Schwab, Goska) Accept Financial Report for Audit. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Motion: (Schwab, Goska) Move to purchase 2010 QuickBooks Software and Enhanced Payroll for an amount not to exceed \$500.00. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Schwab, Raasch and Zimmerman attended 1st Responders Meeting and have requested that they provide the Town with Bank Statements for their volunteer checking account on a monthly basis.

Public Participation: More discussion on the WI Uniform Dwelling Code was brought up with Jay Goska against the \$25,000 amount before you need a building permit from building inspector. He felt that amount was too high and that a building inspection should be required at a lower dollar amount. Schwab mentioned this was all discussed at the Public Hearing and again at the Plan Commission meeting and that is what was decided by majority. Ron Patterson said that a 1st Responders representative should be at all Monthly Board Meetings giving their report.

Motion: (Schwab, Kertis) Move to approve Ordinance for Adoption of WI Uniform Dwelling Code as proposed with recommendations from Plan Commission and Brian Formella, Town Attorney. Carried. Ayes-Schwab, Kertis; Nay-Goska.

Garage/Heavy Equipment/Roads:

Regulatory Sign Retro reflectivity Federal mandates

- First, we need to have a **PLAN** in place by **January 1, 2012**, that's it, just the plan.
- Second, by **January 1, 2015** we need to have all **warning, regulatory**, and ground mounted guide signs updated with the new reflectivity (that means new signs). These are your **STOP, Yield, Speed Limit signs and others like that.**
- Finally, by **January 1, 2018**, we need to have overhead guide signs and **street name signs** up to the new regulations. This is any overhead highway signs, and of course all street signs. So we have **9 years to replace all our street signs.**

Schwab attended a workshop last fall on Sign Retro reflectivity and presented a proposal from Firefly Services to get Town of Grant Plan in place for testing signs, inventory them, and put a plan on paper to cover the first Federal Mandate due Jan. 1, 2012 in the amount of \$3,000.00. After lengthy discussion it

was decided to look into other options including Adams County who has already purchased the Calibrated Meter to determine sign reflectivity. Kertis was going to check with Adams County and see if he could get a quote from them. Will bring up at later date no action was taken.

Motion: (Kertis, Goska) Purchase gas pressure washer Mighty M for \$1,300.00 with 3,000 PSI, 3.5 gal. minute with funds taken from Snowplowing budget line. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Hall: Request to purchase water cooler (vs. rent): Raasch looked in to different water coolers and said that in 18 months we could pay for our own water cooler for what we pay to rent monthly and that water bottles are about the same.

Motion: (Kertis, Schwab) Purchase water cooler for town hall from Ace Hardware with three bottles of water and have Hall water tested in the Spring. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Transfer Station: Choose-to-ReUse program will be offered again this summer. It was decided that the 2nd Saturday of the Month for the months of: May, June, July, August, September. No date was set for Tire Day, but could be May 8th the same as Choose-to-ReUse.

E-Collection Site: Zimmerman looked into Transfer Station being a collection site for Electronic Recycling, which will be mandatory September 1, 2010. At which time all electronic devices will no longer be allowed in the trash including: computers, desktop printers, printer/fax/scanner combinations, video display devices, televisions, laptop computers and computer monitors with displays of at least 7" in the longest diagonal direction. As a collector we would have to fill out reports on collections including weight of amount collected and report to State. Also, these items could not be out in the elements, so some kind of closed in area would be needed such as a trailer like we use for aluminum cans. Midwest Computer Recyclers out of Stevens Point is a registered Recycler of Electronics. Zimmerman talked to Mike Kulick owner of Midwest Computer Recyclers-Central Wisconsin and said we could be a collection site for them and they would provide some kind of containers or trailer, and do all reporting to the State. At this time they are charging \$10.00 per computer monitor and \$20.00 for Televisions. No decisions were made at this time.

Board/employee training dates: None

Upcoming meeting dates/topics:

- Roads Meeting: Monday March 1, 2010 @ 7:00pm
- Fire Departments: Goska will set up

Motion: (Goska, Kertis) Adjourn meeting at 9:30pm. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Respectfully submitted by,



Vicky Zimmerman, Town of Grant Clerk