

Town of Grant
9011 County Road WW
Annual Town Meeting
April 19, 2016

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; Indirect 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: (Lisa Ross, Mary Kedrowski) Move to dispense of the reading of minutes from Annual Town Meeting on April 21, 2015. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Motion: (Nathan Wolosek, Jim Wendels) Move to approve Annual Town Meeting minutes from April 21, 2015 as corrected. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

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

Annual Report: 2015 Annual Report was available on Election Day, April 5th, 2016. Clerk Zimmerman walked through layout and information in report and had copies of Budget Sheet from Schenck that were not available on Election Day. Residents had time to look over report prior to meeting and no questions were asked.

Motion: (Kathy Lee, Ron Becker) Move to accept 2015 Annual Report as presented. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Guest Reports:

- **Fire Protection: Plainfield VFD:** no report:
- **Grand Rapids VFD:** Fire Chief, Don Bohn turned in 2015 Annual Report to Jim Yetter, Town Supervisor & 1st Responder. Supervisor Yetter read letter from Fire Chief, Don Bohn. There were a total of 111 calls in which 15 calls in Town of Grant. Chief Bohn came later and reported that GRVFD had purchased a new Fire Safety Trailer to use for helping children know how to get out of house in case of fire. He also stressed that is very important if caught in a house fire that you find the 1st window and get out because of the toxicity in smoke. All electronics chargers should be unplugged when not in use and cork screw light bulbs are shorting out and starting fires. The Fire Department is always looking for younger people to volunteer. Chief Bohn can be reached at 715-424-1815 for non-emergency calls.
- **United Emergency Medical Response:** Note: Gary Johnson came to Town of Grant Annual Meeting 1st, instead of Town of Grand Rapids. He presented his 2015 Annual Report along with calls for 2016 to date. 2015 Year in Review indicated that a total of 60 calls in the Town of Grant, with 4% increase in car accidents trauma, and overdoses on heroin. Main focus for 2015 was recertification of all EMT's/Paramedics. Gary provided a list of all recertifications that took

place in 2015. UEMR held training for Town of Grant First Responders along with Grand Rapids and Port Edwards. UEMR is ready to offer course training to Town of Grant 1st Responders in Pediatric Advance Emergency Assessment, Recognition and Stabilization (PEARS) an American Heart Association course in treatment and drug doses for infants and children under 6 years old. UEMR is glad to report that they maintain the AED and provide training to WRYBA (Wis. Rapids Youth Baseball Assoc.) staff in CPR. Gary Johnson informed residents that UEMR is behind Town of Grant with lawsuit against Portage County. 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 is still looking at the Nursing Home Services with option of building a new facility or having an outside company. #1 Major concern is security of Court House which is still in planning stage. There were five new supervisors on County Board after the April 5th Elections. County Supervisor, Charles Gussel can be reached at 715-424-2680.
- **First Responders: Jerry Reinwand** reported that they responded to 60 calls in 2015, 21 calls to date in 2016, have 6 seasoned 1st Responders. Always looking for new members, who don't have to have a medical background, training is available and paid by Town of Grant after a one year commitment, otherwise the cost of \$200.00- \$300.00 wouldn't be reimbursed. Members: Jim Yetter, Lisa Ross, Robin Mateer, Rob Mateer, Christina Lamb and Jerry Reinwand. Thank you from team allowing them to serve you. Meetings are held 2nd Monday of month @ 6:00pm, Jerry Reinwand can be reached at 715-570-8720.
- **Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee (GCAC):** Mary Kiedrowski reported they meet every other month and the next meeting is April 28, 2016. In Mary's Annual Report she talked about the moving of ground water and that the Town of Grant has good drinking water, which is very important. Toxic Waste can trickle down and could take a year to go through Portage County. There was a lot of discussion on the Mega Dairy Farm, which is quite scary, she also had an article from Wis. State Farmer paper on Mega goat farms proposed in Calumet County, which could soon be known as the "dairy goat capital of the world". Mary also mentioned that spring is a good time to test private wells. Mary Keidrowski, 715-325-5119.
- **Historical/Sesquicentennial Committee:** Kathy Lee has gone through 16 old books with information back to 1864, 1st minutes of Town Board, and information on schools, assessment rolls, Treasurer's Book, Highway Records and Clerk's Records. The Wis. Historical Society will look at the books first and then we're hoping they will all come back to be archived at UWSP. Kathy reported that she scanned the entire document from 1864 and typed a document with a short description of books. Kathy Lee 715-423-3891.
- **Website:** Kathy Lee has also taken over putting information on Town of Grant Website and will need to put information in a new version, since the one we are using is being retired. She is going to be added some new sections on Emergency Services, Business Directory and Elections. Diana Luecht indicated that Kathy Lee is doing a terrific job with the website. The website address is: townofgrantportageco.com Check it out!
- **Plan Commission:** Jim Wendel's year- end report includes information on: Zoning Ordinance updates, a Draft ATV/UTV Ordinance for Town of Grant with a Public Hearing scheduled for Wednesday May 18th, 2016 at 7:00pm at Wildhorse Banquet Hall, working on Comprehensive Plan revisions, Rezoning Requests, list of Conditional Use Permits issued and a number of future

items for 2016. Julie Carlstrom asked what the Town could do about Pete Rekoski property on Townline Road with all the vehicles and junk all over almost to the road. Sharon Schwab indicated that has been turned over to Chris Mrdutt of Portage County Planning and Zoning to clean up the site, since it falls under Shoreland zoning, but she would send a letter or call Chris Mrdutt and see what is being done. Wendels indicated that we do not have any thing in our Ordinances. Plan Commission meets on monthly basis, 3rd or 4th Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 9:30 pm. Jim Wendels 715-323-0321

- **Zoning:** Marty Rutz , Zoning Administrator provided list of 35 permits issued in 2015 for a total of \$3,235.00, which included 5 new residences, 23 accessory buildings, 8 driveway permits, additions, decks, porches, addresses, pond, 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 for six hours, but nothing was reconciled. A Court Date has been set for October 26th, 2016. 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. 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: (Nathan Wolosek, Dave Luecht) Move to have Choose to Reuse & Tire Day on May 21st, 2016 and a 2nd Choose to Reuse on September 19th, 2016. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.
- **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 . Contact Kathy Lee at k.lee.rn@charter.net with information to put on website.
- **Update to Street Signs:** Sharon Schwab reported that we have started working on blanket replacement of street signs which will have no border, highly reflective with white letters. Rural areas will have 9" signs and subdivisions will have 6" signs, we will replace roughly 50 posts.
- **Roads:** Dale Winkler reported that 110th St (CTH W-Quarry) built up, gravel, telephone lines moved and trees removed; Evergreen Ave will have 2 long culverts to replace 4 short ones, road will be straightened at curve where pavement and gravel meet. Spring brought us chip seal roads blown apart on Washington Ave and 100th St. (Quarry-Mill). Timm Ave. off of 100th St residents couldn't drive down - roads need to be higher than ditches. We have lots of roads and little budget, with 67 miles of gravel roads to grade, Elm St (90th-100th) is ground up, Oak St. 3100 feet big price to pave. Residents requesting good material on Kellner Road, Grant St is holding up and doesn't need to be graded very often. Nathan Wolosek said grey rock on Grant St is good, is dust by residence driveway and to grade intersections. Birch Dr., Townline, Buena Vista need to grade regularly as these are IOH Routes. Winkler indicated that granite on Birch Dr breaks down and needs to be graded on regular basis. Just started grading roads on April 11th. Dale Winkler can be reached at 715-213-5438.
- **Status of request for tornado siren:** Don Bohn, Fire Chief said Tornado Sirens are taken out of service for a reason. Wood and Portage County does send weather, flooding alerts to your phones through Nixl, you can call Sheriff Dept. to have phones added.
- **Surplus – outdated or non-functional equipment for sale:** Town has been putting items on Wis Surplus Auction even when we have a few items they are listed under Multiple Municipalities.

Other Directive to Town Board:

- Mary Kedrowski suggested the Board to consider a road tax for funding roads; ATV/UTV permits if that Ordinance goes through. Townline Road is a multi-municipality road, Local Businesses would like to have access for ATV/UTV's, would be great if Portage County would open their county roads.

Motion: (Charles Rickman, Jim Yetter) Move to have next Annual Meeting on April 18th, 2017, which is the 3rd Tuesday of April. Unanimous Ayes. Carried.

Motion: (Mary Kedrowski, Marty Rutz) Move to adjourn @ 9:05pm. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Respectfully submitted by,

Vicky Zimmerman

Vicky Zimmerman, Clerk Town of Grant

Approved: April 18, 2017