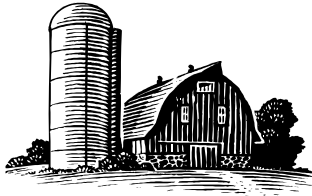


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**Monthly Board Meetings**  
Oct 12      Nov 9  
[Meeting subject to change]

**Open Book** Monday Oct 10  
**Board of Review**  
Monday Oct 17

**Fall 2011**

**Outdoor Woodburner Ordinance - Sharon Schwab**

After several years of "fits and starts" the Plan Commission completed work on an outdoor woodburner ordinance. The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of Grant by requiring that outdoor woodburner furnaces and outdoor woodburner furnace systems are properly located, installed and maintained. The Ordinance is unique from other town ordinances as it only applies to **HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS**. For more information, or for a copy of the ordinance, contact Clerk Vicky Zimmerman.

**APPLICABILITY**

**Since this ordinance is unique to other ordinances within the Town, in that it only applies to high density residential zoning districts, expansion of this ordinance to additional zoning districts will require a Public Hearing prior to enactment.**



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

**Transfer Station Hours**

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

***Choose to Reuse***  
***(Watch for details next year!)***

[Newsletter compiled and edited by Sharon Schwab]

## Greetings from a New Supervisor – By Dale Winkler

This past April brought the Town of Grant some changes with two newly elected town supervisors. I am Dale Winkler and as supervisor I will be primarily in charge of day to day operations with the roads. I work closely with the town's employees to see that the concerns of residents and needs of the roads are being dealt with in a timely matter.

This past spring we had to deal with issues concerning roads with high water. Several roads had to be closed because of they were unsafe for travel. The Town Board hopes to reconstruct some of these roads this year so we will not have these same issues next year.

During the late spring the Town Board decided to use a piece of machinery called the All American Disk. The All American Disk took material from the edge of the road that was not being used, and brought it up on the road. This process should help to build the roads back to where they once were. This should also help with water run in the spring. Where we used the All American Disk raised roads from 3-4 inches. This is an on-going process however, and will take some time. Once we have taken the material from the edges and brought it up on the road it takes time for it to pack back down again to make the road not so rough. *[Note: This is Phase I on some roads. Phase II will involve restoring the ditch line and bringing the leftover material flush with the edge of the road. Phase III will include top-dressing with granite or gravel depending on the make-up of the road base]*

We are saving the Town money by reusing the material already on the roads. If we were to have granite brought in to put on the roads to build them up it would probably cost the town around \$30,000.00 to do one mile of road at 6 inches thick (estimate). This season we spent a total of \$1,800 by using the disk for approximately 30 miles of road.

I know there have been some concerns with the roughness on the roads after this method has been used. The roads in the Town have been this way for quite some time and I just ask for your patience and support as this cannot change overnight.

Thank you for all those who believed in me to do a good job for the Town. I know I cannot change things overnight, so I just ask that you give me a chance at what I know about road work and the knowledge that I bring with me.

## Dog Licenses – by Diana Luecht



Why buy a dog license? According to Wis. State statute 174.07(1)(a) all dogs over the age of 5 months must be licensed. The cost for a license is \$6.00 if the dog is spayed or neutered; otherwise \$16.00. After March 31<sup>st</sup> there is a \$10.00 late fee. The license is good for one year and expires on December 31. As of January 1<sup>st</sup> of every year, a new license is required to be purchased. The fees collected defray the cost of the contract that the town has with the Humane Society of Portage County. So far this year we have issued 374 licenses

Now that summer is here and our family dogs sometime seem to stray from home having a tag on them helps them find their way back home to you. In the past month I have received three calls from residents who were looking for the owners of dogs that had appeared in their yard. They all had tags so it was easy to look up the numbers and find their owners.

Please send your dog(s)' rabies vaccination papers and neutering/spaying papers along with a check payable to: "Town of Grant", and mail to Treasurer, Town of Grant, 9011 County Road WW, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

<b>Type</b>	<b>Conservancy/Residential/Agricultural</b>	<b>Commercial/Industrial</b>
New residence including mobile home (new or old) & commercial/industrial building	\$200.00	\$400.00
Additions: Structural alteration to Primary residence or to 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
Outdoor wood burner furnace installation	\$50	\$50
Razing any building	\$15.00	\$15.00
Signs and Billboards	\$25.00	\$50.00
Public hearing fees	\$150.00	\$300.00
Certified Survey Map review and processing fee	\$20.00	\$20.00
Quarrying – Permitted Use	\$50.00	N/A
Quarrying – Conditional Use (Does not include public hearing fees)	\$250.00 minimum plus \$50.00/acre greater than 1 acre in size with a maximum amount of \$1,250.00 (Example for 3 acres: \$250 + \$150)	
Decks, Porches, Pools	\$15.00	\$30.00
Telecommunication Tower Permit Fees	\$2500 – Collocation on existing tower & \$5000 – New Tower	
<b>Fees are based on current zoning district or proposed zoning district at the time of construction. Failure to purchase a permit prior to construction, moving or demolition shall result in a penalty equal to twice the cost of the permit(s).</b>		

Grant residents, please note these dates:

1. **Monday, October 10 – Open Book.** You should receive written notice soon from assessor Claude Rigelman of any proposed changes to your property's assessed value and the time(s) when he will be available for appointments that day.
2. **Friday, October 14 – Flu Shots** 10:00 – 11:30 am.
3. **Monday, October 17 – Board of Review** 8:00 -10:00 am. Assessor and town board members will review assessed values of town property.

All these events will take place at the Town Hall, 9011 County Road WW.

Also in October will be a Homeowners' Well Program in cooperation with UW-Stevens Point. Testing is limited to fifty (50) wells, town residences only, and costs \$44 per well. Payment is due when bottles are picked up at any of the dates/locations listed below:

1. Friday, October 14, 10:00-11:30 am. Town Hall
2. Saturday, October 15, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Transfer Station
3. Monday, October 17, 8:00 – 10:00 am. Town Hall.

The Homeowners' Well Program tests for the following:

1. Total Coliform Bacteria - This tests the bacteriological safety of your water supply. If your water tests positive simple chlorination of the well may take care of the problem. Persistent problems may indicate a cracked well cap or casing.
2. Nitrate plus Nitrate-Nitrogen - These are the most common chemical contaminants in Wisconsin groundwater. They may also serve as an indicator of other contaminants such as pesticides or trace organic chemicals from septic system effluent. Elevated nitrate levels are particularly dangerous to infants less than 6 months of age. Boiling the water (to get rid of bacteria) will only concentrate the nitrate levels so it's important to test for both.
3. Corrosivity – This is a calculation (based on pH, alkalinity, hardness, and conductivity) to determine the tendency of water to be corrosive or scale forming. In Grant most well water ranges from mildly to extremely corrosive. This can cause heavy metals such as copper from pipes and lead from solder to leach. These elements are health risks, especially to young children. If your water sits in the pipes for more than six hours one solution is to let your well water run until it get cold. Use that water for non-consumptive things like watering plants or taking a shower. Ironically, many residents in the Town soften their water to get rid of iron, an aesthetic problem, which may lead to increased corrosivity.
4. Chloride – If found in elevated concentration indicates potential contamination from septic systems, fertilizer, landfills or road salt.

Those who participate in the Homeowners' Well Program will be given instructions for testing, where to drop off samples, and more.

## \$ Tax Payments

The Portage County Treasurer collects all real estate tax payments for the Town of Grant. This includes both your first and second installment payments.

Make your check payable to: Portage County Treasurer. Then mail or deliver your payment(s) to: Portage County Treasurer, 1516 Church Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Also, if your address on any tax bill is incorrect, please let the Portage County Treasurer's office know the correct address for all future mailings.

## Town of Grant First Responders - by Lisa Ross

The Grant First Responders was formed in January, 1998. At that time it consisted of eight members. Over the years the group has gained and lost members. Our current roster has six members. We have four members that have gone on to further their education (Emergency Medical Technician or higher) and two that remain First Responders. One of our members is pursuing additional education to become a Paramedic. We have sent members to the National Conference in Milwaukee the two years. We work very closely as a group and with our ambulance service, United Medical Emergency Response. If you'd like to become a Town of Grant First Responder, please contact us.



## Snowplowing

The winter season will soon be here! Please be reminded that you must not place or blow snow from your private drive onto or across any town road.

State Statute 346.94 (5): "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."

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

## Sesquicentennial 2014 – by Dorothy Raasch

The Town's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, in the year 2014, will be here before you know it!

Town residents, present and past, are working to put the "Town of Grant Story" in print. Do you want to be involved? Do you or your family have memories to share? Or, maybe your family has pictures that show the way life was in years gone by. You might be surprised what can be found in boxes stored in the attic or tucked back into a corner. Please look for information and pictures to add to the Grant story.

Call me at 715-423-6589 or, if you prefer e-mail me at [mdraasch@solarus.net](mailto:mdraasch@solarus.net). Thank you.

# Flu Shots - Friday October 14<sup>th</sup>



10:00 – 11:30 AM @ the Town Hall

**Homeowner Well Program**  
Details Inside!



**\$44**

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