TOWN OF GRANT
Town Board Meeting
Wednesday October 14th, 2026
6:00 pm

Board Members Present: Sharon Schwab (Chair), Doug Steltenpohl (Supervisor), Scott Provost (Supervisor), Greg Hakala (Treasurer), Stefanie Schlapa (Clerk)

Guests Present: Diana Luecht, Dave Saleweski, Leo Kruger, Jodi Lomma, Jim Yetter

CHAIR SCHWAB CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:02PM

Statement of Public Notice:
Agenda posted on October 12th, 2026, on the Town Website, at the Town Hall and Transfer Station. An amended agenda was posted on October 13th, 2026 on the Town Website, at the Town Hall and Transfer Station. Clerk Schlapa provided the affidavit.

Chair Schwab asked persons wishing to speak on an agenda item, to register now. None registered.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Scott Provost

Announcements
Brewers first pitch at 7:05PM

Correspondence (Packet *Correspondence*)

CONSENT AGENDA (Action Required)
1. Approval of Minutes – September 9 & September16
2. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes/Reports – GCAC, First Responders, Plan Commission, Zoning (Packet *Committee Reports*)
3. Approval of Officers' Reports – (Packet *Officers' Reports*)
4. Approval of Financial Report - (Packet *Financial*)
5. Approval of Bills – (Packet *Review Bills*)

Schwab asked if any board member wishes to withdraw an item under the Consent Agenda for discussion. Hearing none, the consent agenda was accepted by unanimous consent.

Discussion & Possible Action On:

1. ORDINANCES:
a. Weight Restrictions on select town road sections (map) NEW!
Wisconsin Law forms recommends creating an ordinance and using the presented form. Schwab explains some are classified as 6 ton and 10-ton limits. Weight limit on Class B is 48,000 lbs. Provost notes most asphalt roads can't handle that as one ply with chip seal. Provost recommends lower weight and uses Mill Avenue as an example. Public Works are busy filling potholes on 85th and 86th street. Schwab notes some were separately designated as 6-ton but there were limits. Provost clarifies that we could still complete Class B weight limits on the roads detailed. Provost notes that the roads identified still cannot handle the 48,000lbs weight limit. Kruger notes single coat ship seals would not be applicable to Class B. Provost notes some bridges aren't rated for Class B, 48,000, like Oak Street. However, it would still be better than nothing. Schwab explains we should do linear footage because if we are off from the intersection, need to be more specific where the sign is located. If material is starting and stopping, more specifics would be required. Provost would like to proceed to get

something on file now. Provost would like to correspond with Wendels to discuss what a single ply chip seal could handle. Current Ordinance presented is out of state law forms directly. Need to discuss forfeitures. Provost notes Mill Ave might need extra attention because it goes from 2 ply to single ply near 100th street.

MOTION (Provost, Steltenpohl) to accept ordinance with the violator shall pay a forfeiture of not less than $50 nor more than $500, plus the applicable surcharges, assessments, and costs for each violation. Each trip in violation of this ordinance constitutes a separate offense. Provost notes signs and posts are needed. **Unanimous Ayes. Motion carries.**

b. Zoning Ordinance violation: To approve VanderWaal Law, S.C. bringing a circuit court action for zoning enforcement against Allen West for a property with the address of 8127 State Hwy 73 S, Wisconsin Rapids
MOTION (Provost, Steltenpohl) to approve VanderWaal Law, S.C. bringing a circuit court action for zoning enforcement against Allen West for a property with the address of 8127 State Hwy 73 S, Wisconsin Rapids. Unanimous Ayes. Motion carries.

2. RESOLUTIONS:

a. Initiating Proceedings to Discontinue a Portion of Griffith Avenue
The board agrees to schedule the required Public Hearing for December 9th, 2026 at 6:30PM.
MOTION (Provost, Steltenpohl) to approve resolution 2026-05 as presented. Unanimous Ayes. Motion carries.

b. Jurisdictional Transfer of CTH U north of STH 54 to the Village of Biron (pending)

3. Financial:

a. Final bill of $3,062 to Synagro to repair 95th Street south of CTH FF due to damage from hauls (completed)

b. Replacement of failed culvert on Timm Avenue (100th St S - termini) for ~$1,000
Provost notes the culvert was removed years ago but causes flooding on properties there. Now that the area is subdivided there will be more homes. The flooding does cross over the road. A 24" – 36" culvert is needed.

c. Village of Plainfield Fire Services Contract –$12,815.00
MOTION (Schwab, Provost) to pay for the Village of Plainfield fire services contract. Unanimous Ayes. Motion carries.

d. Request for $6,050 to CLA for 2026 Form CT compilation + preparation of any necessary related adjusting journal entries
Provost asks about discrepancies. Hakala notes that CLA provides adjusting journal entries. Provost asks if that is completed every year. Schlapa explains that it is not required because of separation of duties between clerk and treasurer.
MOTION (Steltenpohl, Schwab) to spend the $6,050 to CLA for the 2026 Form CT compilation + preparation of any necessary related adjusting journal entries. Schwab, Steltenpohl Aye. Provost, Nay.

e. Request for up to $2,200 for quad cold pack ($84/T x 23T = $1932 + hauling)
MOTION (Steltenpohl, Schwab) to purchase another load of quad cold pack for $2,200. Haklala notes if it is the last request for the year, that's okay. Provost asks if they are going to use it in 2026. Steltenpohl has a plan to use it in 2026. Steltenpohl notes if the full amount is not used in 2026, it will be used in the spring. **Steltenpohl, Schwab Aye. Provost, Nay.**

f. Estimate of $4,000 from Solutionz LLC to pave over replaced culvert on 90th St S (south of CTH W)
Provost is shocked with price of asphalt as a result of increased petroleum costs.
MOTION (Schwab, Provost) to approve $4,000 from Solutionz LLC to pave over replaced culvert on 90th St S. Unanimous Ayes. Motion carries.
Provost adds concrete is $300/yard at this time.

g. Request for 70 loads crushed red granite from Red Rock to complete 100th Street (south of STH 54 ~ one mile) for an estimated amount of $22,387.50 [Note: 35 loads/630 yds at bid rate of $23.75/yd = $14,962.50 + 25 load/450 yds at back haul rate of $16.50/yd = $7,425]
Schwab notes only 60 loads of crushed red are needed, not 70
MOTION (Schwab, Provost) to approve purchase of loads of crushed granite for $22,387.50
Hakala notes he had about $100,000 reserved for legal expenses from 2025. Provost notes he doesn't want to expend our full budget with months left in the season as snowfall cannot be predicted. Provost notes cellphones are not adequate and radios are needed. Steltenpohl asks if it can wait until spring.

MOTION (Schwab, Steltenpohl) to request $10,000 to put forward for crushed red granite for 100th street. Unanimous Ayes. Motion carries.

h. Letter requesting Portage County Finance Committee to amend budget to include 2027 UEMR ambulance cost of $44,959.65.
Schwab notes she requests this every year, and every year the request is denied by Portage County. Provost notes there is a new county executive. Hakala notes 3 years ago it was presented – resulted in 23 nos and two yesses – Hakala and Miresse. Hakala spoke to the Finance Committee and does not expect they will vote it thru. Hakala is having trouble supporting it personally. Hakala notes other towns further than Grant use the county wide service. He notes Waupaca doesn't have county wide service, and one town has no where to go. Hakala notes the service from United Emergency Medical Response (UEMR) ambulance is not needed, and Town of Grant could utilize the funds elsewhere.
Provost notes 80% of the public lives 5 minutes from Grand Rapids, and Plover is 17 minutes away. Hakala notes $500,000 over the time of United Medical contract could have been spent on roads. Schwab explains she wants to keep asking and will send the letter to new county executive Eric Olsen. Provost recommends sending it to the new county executive. Provost notes there is nothing that can be done about it. Hakala notes if there is an active shooter or something drastic Grand Rapids would respond. Hakala adds we have first responders who respond. Schwab asks Yetter his thoughts. Yetter notes that he spoke with former county executive John Pavelski who was in favor, but it never went anywhere. Yetter would rather stick with UEMR than rely only on Plover or Stevens Point. If both those ambulances are out, the ambulance comes from Amherst. Schwab to send letter to Eric Olsen. Hakala notes the county is strapped for cash. With rising costs of food and gas, the Meals on Wheels program is struggling. Property taxes will increase with new prison.

i. Budget Amendment: $87,020.50 to highway equipment outlay (re: plow truck)
MOTION (Schwab, Steltenpohl) to move $10,000 from highway construction, $20,000 from legal, $3081.21 and from equipment fund to highway equipment outlay. Unanimous Ayes. Motion carries.

j. Tax Bill enclosures: 1) Recycling brochure; 2) Dog License(s) application; 3) School vouchers information?
Schwab added antifreeze, updated mattress and electronics fees in Recycling brochure. Hakala notes the year at the top on the dog licenses needs to be addressed, otherwise the dog license letter will be the same. Provost thinks it is a good idea to send the school info. Hakala notes Schlapa and himself will attend a county meeting and discuss who would be responsible for approving. Hakala believes the county would likely need to be the authority. Provost would like to see effort made to include the school information. 81 cents per mailing.
MOTION (Schwab, Provost) to set aside $2500 for tax bill enclosures to include recycling brochure and dog license information. Unanimous Ayes. Motion carries.
Hakala notes a newsletter might be a good mechanism for distributing the school information but raises concerns about legal accuracy.

4. Public Works/Roads Updates & Requests:

a. Remove & replace culvert in concert with WisDOT LSSIP Award of $22,500 prior to discontinuing road
Provost notes they need to pass the 100-year flood event. Need a 1%.

b. Response to PCDD Commissioner J. Isherwood (draft)
Provost comments on how Isherwood minimized the amount of town maintenance that is required as a result of ditch networks. Provost wants to hash out the beaver subject. Provost notes he can draft a letter, but Schwab needs to sign it.

c. Request to brush trees with boom mower on John Deere tractor
Steltenpohl requests to use boom mower vertically to brush trees. The trees need to be addressed. Steltenpohl notes the boom mower is made for doing trees. Schwab notes folks get emotional over trees, and when used vertically, the woods mower is a shredding machine. Schwab emphasizes that method has awful aesthetics. Steltenpohl notes it is safer for employees. Kruger notes the public works crew can only reach 8 ft in the air. The trucks are taller and can mow up to 18 feet tall. Kruger recommends 13 feet high for brushing. Steltenpohl recalls that trees were hanging out on Washington Street and causes safety hazards for drivers, where limbs could damage windshields. Schwab would like to see clean up occur. Steltenpohl will deploy chipper as well. Steltenpohl notes it is best to complete in the fall. October 15th is cut off date for oak wilt when maintenance can commence. Steltenpohl notes there are special blades for this work. They are called bushing blades. Blades are likely $200. Hakala emphasizes other trucks travel the roadway and clear roadways are needed.

Schwab to draft letter to residents. Sometime after November 1st work would commence. Steltenpohl spoke with Town of Plover Chairman Jim Garbe and notes they are brushing now. Steltenpohl notes the size of the town is incredible, and the maintenance is long overdue.

d. Options to consider sale of Truck 22
Truck 22 is no longer road worthy or safe and spoke with Midwest Auctions. Wisconsin Surplus is also an option. Steltenpohl notes it is no longer safe to use. A live auction hosted by Midwest Auctions could occur in Wausau. They are very successful. They would look at the truck and tell you what they think it's worth. Midwest charges a flat rate of 10%, so it is less complicated than the Wisconsin Surplus strategy.
MOTION (Steltenpohl, Provost) to take Truck 22 to Midwest Auctions. Schwab notes their tactic is a bit different than Wisconsin Surplus. Unanimous Ayes. Motion carries.

6. **Operators' Licenses:** Kellner Klub - Itzel Becerra-Montes and Cassandra Korslin
Schlapa received operator license applications, serv safe certificates, and payment for Itzel Becerra-Montes and Cassandra Korslin to operate at Kellner Klub. Background checks show no concerns. Schlapa recommends approving both operators.
MOTION (Schwab, Provost) to approve operators as presented. Unanimous Ayes. Motion carries.

6. **Purchasing Policy** (revised)**:** No action taken.
7. **Transfer Station:**
   a. Anti-freeze recycling (update)
   Cleaning oil basin and building new roof will start on Monday.
   b. Demonstration prairie (spring 2027)
   Collecting seeds for the project. So far, seeds include bergamot, purple coneflower, evening primrose, whorled milkweed, compass plant, spiderwort, blazing star, Indian grass, big blue, and little blue grasses.
8. **Utility Solar Projects:** Public Service Commission re: Portage Solar & Vista Sands Solar
9. **Safety Report:**
   Cases with days away from work: 0
   Cases with job transfer or restriction: 0
   Sandy had a bee sting, left the transfer station and returned to work. Bees inside aluminum can trailer. Should restock first aid kit and stock Benadryl.
10. **Public Participation:** No participation.
11. **Future Meetings/Events:**
   a. Wednesday, October 21 6:00 PM - Public Hearing, Joint Board & Plan Commission Mtg re: Comprehensive Plan & Zoning Ordinance
   b. Saturday, October 24 10:00 AM – Public Test of the Election Equipment
   c. Tuesday October 27 – 5:00 PM - Public Hearing by Portage County Planning & Zoning Committee re: T. Grant Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance, Portage County Annex, Stevens Point
   d. Saturday, October 31 – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – In Person Absentee Voting
   e. Tuesday, November 3 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM – General Election
   f. TBA – WISLR updates (annual requirement)
   g. TBA – 2027 Budget Planning mtg October 22nd 8:00AM
   h. TBA – Budget Hearing, Elector Mtg, etc. – November 16th
12. **Adjourn**

Respectfully Submitted by Clerk Stefanie Schlapa

Stefanie Schlapa

Approved: November 11th, 2026