



Village of Grantsburg

Special Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Grantsburg met on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, 5:00 pm at the Village Office, 316 S. Brad Street.

Present: President Longhenry, Trustee Barton, Trustee Peer, Trustee Muehlberg, Trustee Stone, Trustee Sturdevant, Trustee Janke.

Others: Police Chief Dan Wald, Director of Public Works (DPW) Chris Bartlett, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Allison Longhenry, Pricilla Bauer, Inter-County Leader, Rod & Georgianne Kleiss, Mike Jehlicka, Bonnie Eastman, David & Kim Stieper, Pam Freese

CALL TO ORDER President Longhenry called the Special Village Board meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

FERAL CATS. Police Chief Wald reported 10 feral cats have been trapped and relocated out of town to the property owner's farm. He would also like to ask the Village residents to identify their pet cats with a collar, so they are not mistaken as feral cats.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE/NUISANCE ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT The Police Department is compiling a list of village properties with possible violations to the Property Maintenance and Nuisance Ordinance. Letters, along with copies of the ordinances, will be sent to these property owners. Chief Wald will report back to the Board on any progress at a later meeting.

WATERCROSS. President Longhenry reported some residents expressing their concern if the Village Board allows the Watercross event to take place. Many of the area events have already been cancelled, which could greatly increase the number of people attending the event. Maintaining the recommended social distancing would be impossible with the large number of individuals in attendance. Chief Wald met with the Burnett County Sheriff and Chief Deputy regarding available jail space during the time of Watercross. The County currently has no beds available and is not currently able to house inmates out of the County. Security could be an issue and there is the potential for protesters to show up. The Board will have a discussion with Watercross Director, Rick Quimby at the June 8, 2020 Village Board meeting.

CAMPGROUND CHARGES. Clerk/Treasurer Meyer reported some of the seasonal campers have inquired about whether they will be charged a discounted rate since the campground opened one month later than scheduled due to the State of WI Safer at Home order. The board discussed the fees and tabled a decision until the June 8, 2020 meeting.

VILLAGE OFFICE PARTITION. C/T Meyer presented a quote from Indianhead Glass, Inc. St. Croix Falls, WI for installation of a glass partition and glass door in the Village Office area. The partition would protect both the Village employees and customers from possible spread of the COVID-19 virus. The quote was for \$4,840. **Motion by Trustee Peer, second by Trustee Barton to approve the installation of a glass partition and glass door in the Village Office area by Indianhead Glass, Inc.** Trustee Sturdevant questioned the need and price of the partition. He requested alternative options and quotes. **Motion passed 5 – 2 with Trustees Sturdevant and Stone voting no.**

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS. The board was informed of the three Community Center rentals in

June and July. Trustees felt this was acceptable and individuals would be responsible for policing themselves.

POOL. DPW Bartlett would need approximately two weeks' notice to get the pool ready to operate. Pool manager, Sarah Covey sent an email update indicating she had five concession workers and five lifeguards available at this time. The Red Cross has suspended all training so no additional lifeguards could be trained and certified. The Grantsburg School District has given the Village approval to use their \$25,000 amount collected from taxpayers to make repairs if the pool does not open this year. **Motion by Trustee Muehlberg, second by Trustee Sturdevant to not open the Grantsburg Municipal Swimming Pool for the 2020 season and to go forward with needed repairs. Motion carried.**

SPRING CLEANUP. Motion by Trustee Muehlberg, second by Trustee Stone to reschedule Spring Cleanup for July 6 to July 10, 2020. Motion carried. Notices will be sent with the 2nd quarter utility invoices.

INDUSTRIAL PARK U.S. DEPART. OF COMMERCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (US EDA) GRANT A resolution was presented that needs to be submitted with the US EDA Grant application for the development of a new Industrial Park. This application is being prepared for the Village by Rick Roeser, NWRPC. **Motion by Trustee Peer, second by Trustee Barton to approve Resolution #20-5 Commitment of Match, Land Acquisition and Authorized Signatures. Motion carried.**

AIRPORT PROJECT UPDATE. C/T Meyer presented an email from Matt Messina, Airport Development Engineer WisDOT/DTIM/Bureau of Aeronautics clarifying the necessary steps for going forward with the airport runway project. Project costs could only be obtained once the Village contracts with a consultant/engineer to design plans and specs for the project. The Village and the Bureau would have to agree on which consultant/engineer to hire.

CLOSED SESSION: The Village Board will convene into closed session to consider hiring/appointing an airport manager pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility." Motion by Trustee Barton, second by Trustee Peer to convene into closed session.

OPEN SESSION: The Village Board will reconvene into open session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (2) and will make any decisions, if needed, from closed session. Motion by Trustee Barton, second by Trustee Sturdevant to reconvene into open session.

AIRPORT MANAGER POSITION The airport manager position was discussed. **Motion by Trustee Muehlberg to appoint Rod Kleiss as airport manager. Motion failed to receive a second. Motion by Trustee Sturdevant, second by Trustee Barton to table a decision on appointing an airport manager for now. Motion passed 5 – 2 with Trustee Muehlberg and Trustee Janke voting no.**

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Trustee Janke, second by Trustee Barton to adjourn the Special Village Board meeting at 6:35 pm.

Sheila Meyer
Clerk/Treasurer