



Village of Grantsburg

Special Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, March 15, 2021

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Grantsburg met remotely via zoom on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Others: Police Chief Wald, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Longhenry, Becky Strabel of Inter-County Leader, Bryan Cunningham of S E H, Rick Roeser of Northwest Regional Planning Commission.

Call to Order President Longhenry called the Special Board meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Recreation Committee Recommendations 1) **New Campground engineers.** The Recreation Committee met remotely with Bryan Cunningham of S E H and Aaron Scharf of Cooper Engineering regarding their campground proposals. **Motion by Trustee Muehlberg, second by Trustee Peer to contract with S E H for design and construction engineering and submission of a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant for a new campground to be located on Olson Drive, west of the existing campground, with a maximum total project cost of \$500,000. Motion passed unanimously.**

2) **Pool manager.** Trustee Muehlberg reported the Recreation Committee had interviewed Julie Fiedler for the Pool Manager position and recommend hiring her for the position. **Motion by Trustee Muehlberg, second by Trustee Barton to hire Julie Fiedler for the Swimming Pool Manager position at a wage of \$15.00 per hour. Motion passed unanimously.**

3) **Pool rates.** **Motion by Trustee Muehlberg, second by Trustee Barton to leave the 2021 Swimming Pool rates the same as 2019. Motion passed unanimously.**

Spring Cleanup Discussion was held on possible dates and whether businesses should be allowed to participate. **Motion by President Longhenry, second by Trustee Peer to set the 2021 Spring Cleanup dates as May 10 – May 14, 2021. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by President Longhenry, second by Trustee Muehlberg to allow businesses to participate in the 2021 Spring Cleanup with a six payloader bucket limit for all participants. Motion passed unanimously.**

Resolution #2021-2 **Motion by Trustee Peer, second by President Longhenry to pass Resolution #2021-2 U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration Economic Adjustment Assistance – Disaster Supplemental Grant Industrial Park Expansion Project. Motion passed unanimously.**

Airport Information was received from Matt Malicki, WI Bureau of Aeronautics, explaining available funding for operating costs at the airport due to the coronavirus pandemic. **Motion by President Longhenry, second by Trustee Sturdevant to not request Coronavirus**

Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA) funding for coronavirus related expenses at the Grantsburg Municipal Airport. Motion carried unanimously.

Director of Public Works' office location The Board discussed the location for the new Director of Public Works' office which is currently located at the Village Office. **Motion by President Longhenry, second by Trustee Stone to move the Director of Public Works' office to the Village shop. Motion carried unanimously.** It was also discussed to look at the possibility of moving all water & sewer operations to the former ambulance garage.

Reopen Village Office and Police Office Discussion took place whether to let the current closure order expire on March 31st and reopen the Village and Police offices to the public. The board and staff agreed the closure order could expire March 31, as long as masks are required, and social distancing practiced when open on April 1, 2021.

NWRPC Claim Rick Roeser asked to speak prior to the Village Board going into closed session regarding NWRPC's Claim for Recovery of Unlawful Tax. Roeser spoke of the composition of Northwest Regional Planning Commission being the County Board Chairmen from the ten (10) counties NWRPC represents. NWRPC's funding comes from the 10 counties served. If NWRPC were to dissolve, the 10 counties would be responsible for any remaining debt owed and/or would split any profits remaining. Roeser directed the board to WI Stats §70.11 and §66.0309 (3) regarding tax exempt organizations and planning commission composition.

VILLAGE BOARD WILL CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION to review DPW applications, select those to interview and discuss wage adjustments 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" and to discuss NWRPC claim for recovery of unlawful tax with Village Attorney pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85 (1) (g) "Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved".

Motion by Trustee Barton, second by Trustee Peer to convene into closed session. Motion passed unanimously.

All attendees were logged off the zoom meeting and the Village Board reentered closed session.

VILLAGE BOARD WILL RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85 (2).

Motion by Trustee Sturdevant, second by Trustee Muehlberg to reconvene into open session.

Rick Roeser and Deputy C/T Longhenry rejoined the meeting

Wage Adjustments Motion by President Longhenry, second by Trustee Muehlberg to change the effective date of wage increases for Village employees to January 1, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

NWRPC Claim Motion by Trustee Peer, second by Trustee Janke to allow the claim for recovery of unlawful tax made by Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC) requesting their property located at 365 Industrial Avenue W (tax ID 34099) be classified as tax exempt for tax year 2020 and that the \$13,845.78 2020 real estate tax paid by NWRPC be reimbursed to them by the Village of Grantsburg. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment Motion by Trustee Janke, second by Trustee Stone to adjourn the Special Village Board meeting. Motion carried.

Sheila Meyer
Clerk/Treasurer