



Village of Grantsburg

Public Works Committee Meeting

Monday, May 24, 2021

The Public Works Committee for the Village of Grantsburg met on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 4:15 p.m. at the Village Office, 316 S. Brad Street, Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

Present: Chairman/President Terrance Kucera, Trustee Leo Janke, Trustee Hank Java

Others present: Director of Public Works Jerry Konobeck, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Allison Longhenry, Bart Sexton-Sand Creek Environmental, Gary Strand-Cooper Engineering

Present via zoom: Dan Penzkover-SEH Engineering and Jeremiah Wendt-SEH Engineering Wastewater Specialist

Call to Order Chairman Kucera called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Sewer Groundwater Discharge Pilot Program Discussion was held on the proposed groundwater discharge pilot program. DPW Konobeck and C/T Meyer informed the committee and those present that they were under the impression this method of discharge was in use around the state by other municipalities. This is not the case. Grantsburg would be used as a true experimental pilot program for this type of discharge to see if it would reduce the phosphorus levels once the discharge reached the Wood River without contributing too much nitrate into the soil, lower the amount of chemicals needed, be successful in the winter months without freezing up, etc. The pilot costs to the Village are estimated at \$25,680 for the 2-year pilot program. The crew would be required to monitor the site, do effluent samplings and additional reporting for an estimated 400 hours over the 2-year pilot program. If the pilot program was successful and the system was installed for permanent usage, the estimated cost is \$1,088,435. Bart Sexton indicated the soil composition, land available and having no houses between the treatment plant and the Wood River were all positive factors in making Grantsburg a favorable site to try this method of discharge.

The committee decided to have S E H submit a cost estimate to perform an independent review of the proposed pilot program and method of discharge and report back to the Board.

Paint Street Lights Trustee Janke discussed the need to paint some of the older streetlights in the Village. He will contact Goepfert Bros. Painting for more details and an estimated cost. DPW Konobeck will also reach out to several other companies and investigate options.

Comfort Cab Commercial Mower, Blower and Brush/Bobcat for Sidewalks DPW Konobeck presented several quotes for equipment to clear sidewalks of snow and ice in the winter. The

existing 2003 mower with cab, blower and brush need repairs and new tires. Replacement of a broken shaft and possible transmission repairs could reach \$3,000. This is also used as a backup mower in the summer. Companies are encouraging orders be placed now for winter delivery. Trustee Java brought the John Deere 1585 mower used by the Grantsburg School District for the committee to look at. **Motion by Trustee Janke, second by Trustee Java to recommend the Village Board approve the purchase of a John Deere 1585 Terrain Cut with Comfort Cab Commercial Front Mower with 72 inch rear discharge deck, snow blower and hydrostatic drive broom at a cost not to exceed \$42,000 with trade-in of the 2003 John Deere 1565 mower, 2008 John Deere 1545 mower, existing snow blower and broom to be funded with a loan. Motion passed unanimously.**

Burnett County Salt Shed/Future Village Shop C/T Meyer discussed the request from Burnett County Highway Commissioner, Mike Hoefs, for assistance in finding a location for a larger salt shed. The current salt shed is located on E. Madison Avenue, but the lot presents some challenges for building a larger salt shed. C/T Meyer also discussed a possible location for a future Village shop that could house both the Village shop and the County salt shed. DPW Konobeck will meet with Mike Hoefs and discuss.

ARPA – Use of money The committee discussed the allowable uses for the approximate \$130,000 the Village will be receiving under the American Rescue Plan Act. **Motion by Trustee Java, second by President Kucera to recommend the Village Board use the estimated \$130,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act for the water and sewer systems. Motion passed unanimously.**

Adjournment. **Motion by Trustee Janke, second by President Kucera to adjourn the Public Works Committee meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

Sheila Meyer
Clerk/Treasurer