



Village of Grantsburg

Village Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, August 9, 2021

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Grantsburg met on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library Learning Center at 415 S. Robert Street, Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

Present: President Terrance Kucera, Trustee Diane Barton, Trustee Greg Peer, Trustee Caylin Muehlberg, Trustee Leo Janke

Absent: Trustee Kayla Woody, Trustee Hank Java

Others: Director of Public Works Jerry Konobeck, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Allison Longhenry, Police Officer Joel Klatt, Police Administrative Assistant Larissa Lee, Pool Manager Julie Fiedler, Library Director Sara Christopherson, Greg Marsten-Burnett County Sentinel, Mark & Marivel Harmon, Todd & Karen Satter, Brent Blomberg, Brent Blomberg, Jillian Louis, Teilla Sandgren, Joel Glover, Ben & Nicki Peterson, David Corty, Corinne Scheele, Kimberly Korhonen, Kim Hallberg, Amy Olson, Rick Quimby, Mike Janke

Call to Order President Kucera called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comments Teilla Sandgren informed the Board she purchased the building formerly owned by Dr. Bont at 134 W. Madison Avenue and will be moving her business, The Teaze, from the former Boyd's Hardware building. Sandgren would like permission to reserve two (2) parking stalls in front of her new place of business during business hours for her elderly clients. Sandgren reported that Madison Avenue is very busy and many days full of cars. Sandgren was informed by President Kucera this would be discussed at a Public Works Committee meeting and at the September 13th Village Board meeting. Ben Peterson asked the Trustees to start the discussion again about what can be done to Memory Lake with the buildup of silt and weeds. President Kucera informed Peterson this would be added to a future meeting for discussion.

6:10 p.m. Mark Harmon, Fired Up Bistro. Harmon gave an update on his restaurant project letting the Trustees know a culvert and driveway have been installed as well as the site being leveled for a building. Building plans will be submitted to the State of WI shortly for approval.

Correspondence Included in the Board packets for their review: Burnett County Administration newsletter; Email regarding Trustee airplane ride offer, Airport consultant selection, Regional Hospice Services

MINUTES Motion by Trustee Janke, second by Trustee Barton to approve the following minutes as presented: July 12th Village Board; July 27th Recreation Committee; August 2nd Public Works Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Works 1) Public Works Report: Director Konobeck updated the Board on several public

works items including the Well #3 Manganese project, equipment at the Pool, a Storm Water repair list being worked on for fall, Sewer lagoon repairs, shop maintenance, cleaning and organization and meetings with meter supply companies.

Police 1) Police Report: Officer Klatt and Admin Asst Lee gave a recap of National Night Out held on August 3rd. An estimated 800 people attended the event with activities for all ages from petting zoo, bouncy houses, fire hose contests, a North Ambulance helicopter to view, face painting, corn pile, hot pepper eating contest, photo booth, informational booths to visit, etc. along with a tasty meal and music for everyone to enjoy. Trustee Barton said she has gotten a lot of compliments on the event with the rest of the Trustees concurring. The Board thanked Klatt and Lee for all their work on the event. An email from Sheriff Finch was included thanking Lee for an amazing job on National Night Out.

6:20 p.m. Corinne Scheele & David Certy, Corinne & Dave's Pub. Scheele and Certy asked the Trustees why their application for a Class "B" beer and "Class B" liquor license had been denied at the July 12, 2021 Village Board meeting. They went on to explain they have owned the restaurant/bar at 710 State Road 70 since 2009. They would like to sell the property as a restaurant/bar but feel that will be difficult without a license to sell beer and liquor. The business has been closed for 14 months due to them having to foreclose on the property and due to COVID. Certy asked why Mark Harmon hadn't been made to build on the property he purchased from the Village within three (3) years as agreed upon.

C/T Meyer was asked about the purchase agreement but did not recall the terms. President Kucera said the Board was hesitant to award the last liquor license to a business not currently operating. Trustee Janke asked Scheele and Certy what happens if they are given the license and the property does not sell. Trustee Muehlberg said there is no proof that the business will be open in the near future. Scheel and Certy reported they would be applying for the Class "B" beer and "Class B" liquor license again for the September meeting.

6:30 p.m. Rick Quimby 2021 Watercross Recap. Quimby reported the 2021 Watercross Event was successful even without the two street dances or fireworks display. The campground was full, Saturday had a good crowd with Sunday's crowd being up and down in attendance. The plan for future events would be to bring back the fireworks display as a thank you to the community. It was tough to fill shifts needed with volunteers; groups helping went from 30 groups to 15 groups. Watercross paid out \$35,000 to \$40,000 to area volunteer organizations. Quimby indicated this was his last year as Director of Watercross although he will continue to provide guidance to a new group wanting to take the event over. Quimby asked for the same road closures, lake and campground usage for the 2022 Watercross event as has been approved in the past. **Motion by Trustee Janke, second by Trustee Muehlberg to approve the following for the 2022 Watercross event as in the past:**

- **Closure of the following streets from 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2022 until Sunday, July 17, 2022 at 10:00 p.m. (Olson Drive from Russell Street to Oak Street – Madison**

Avenue from Oak Street to Olson Drive – Burnett Avenue from Oak Street to Olson Drive – North Park Street from Jackson Avenue to Memory Lake).

- **ATV Route from the gate on N. Park Street, north on Park Street, west on Jackson Avenue and south on Oak Street to the entrance driveway to the island.**
- **No parking on both sides of N. Oak Street from Olson Drive to Jackson Avenue.**
- **ATV use by Committee members for event set-up and clean up.**
- **The Watercross Committee will provide proof of insurance to the Village of Grantsburg and will name the Village as an “additional insured.”**
- **Watercross will provide a copy of the fireworks permit application to the Village to secure a permit for fireworks.**
- **To restrict outside food vendors/bar venues/merchandise (except outside bars approved in licensed patios) including food in approved outside patio/bar areas except in Watercross venue area.**
- **Variance for noise ordinance for all 3 days of the event.**
- **James N. McNally campground use from 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 until 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2022.**
- **Use of Memory Lake for the event**

Motion passed unanimously.

Kim Hallberg and Nicki Peterson approached the Village Board indicating their interest in taking over the Watercross event under the GRO, Grantsburg Revitalization Operation, non-profit organization starting in 2022. Their hope is to bring back the dances and fireworks as well as add events for all ages. The Board thought this was a great idea.

STAFF REPORTS continued

Clerk/Treasurer C/T Meyer presented the license and permits issued since the last meeting, the cash report and budget to actual reports for all funds.

Library 1) Director Christopherson went through her monthly Library reports with a July programming recap, programs scheduled in August and a circulation report showing what was signed out and by which age group in July. Christopherson also reported the Burnett County Supervisors will not be holding their August meeting in the Library as previously reported.

Fire Association Fire Association Rep, Trustee Barton reported there are currently 21 active firemen with 1 individual on leave. There have been 93 incidents to date compared to 70 at this time in 2020. The July meeting minutes, and financials and the June inspections report were in the Board packets.

Ambulance Village Rep, Trustee Peer presented his report from the July 21, 2021 Ambulance meeting. North Ambulance reported 542 requests for service from April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 with 460 of these patients transported. The average response time for the second quarter 2021 was 10:46 minutes for Code 3 responses. North Memorial will be working on a new contract for July 1, 2022. The next meeting of the Ambulance Committee will be October 20, 2021.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Public Works Committee 1) Part-time crew hours. **Motion by President Kucera, second by Trustee Janke to approve extending the added eleven (11) hours per week for the part-time public works employee another eight (8) weeks as recommended by the Public Works Committee. Motion passed unanimously.**

Recreation Committee 1) 2022 campground rates. 2) 2022 Seasonal Camper agreement. **Motion by Trustee Muehlberg, second by Trustee Janke to approve leaving the James N. McNally 2022 camping rates the same as in 2021 and to approve the 2022 Seasonal Camper agreement, with minor date changes, the same as the 2021 agreement. Motion passed unanimously.**

“Class B” Liquor & Class “B” Beer License An application was received from Jokers Bar and Fun Alley, LLC, 110 W. Madison Avenue, Dennis McKenzie, Agent. The property is being purchased by Todd & Karen Satter. The Satters appeared and informed the Board they are purchasing the property on a five (5) year land contract from Dennis McKenzie. They explained some of the changes and cleaning up they anticipate completing once they have closed on the property which is scheduled for August 16, 2021. **Motion by Trustee Muehlberg, second by Trustee Janke to approve the application for a “Class B” liquor and Class “B” beer license received from Jokers Bar and Fun Alley, LLC for 110 W. Madison Avenue, Dennis McKenzie, Agent effective August 16, 2021 to June 30, 2022 contingent on the sale taking place. Motion passed unanimously.**

Appointment of Jillian Louis **Motion by President Kucera, second by Trustee Janke to approve the appointment of Jillian Louis to the Grantsburg Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to fill the unexpired term of Teri Stone ending March 1, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.**

U. S. Department of Commerce EDA Grant **Motion by President Kucera, second by Trustee Janke to accept the U. S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant Financial Assistance Award in the amount of \$1,400,680 for the Industrial Park Expansion project estimated to total \$2,565,260 for the installation of new streets, curb and gutter, water main, sanitary sewer including one new lift station, storm sewer, site clearing and grading and to appoint Clerk/Treasurer Sheila Meyer as signatory on the award. Motion passed unanimously.**

Springlake Contractors Pay Request No. 3 **Motion by Trustee Peer, second by Trustee Barton to approve Pay Request No. 3 for Well #3 Manganese Removal project submitted by Springlake Contractors in the amount of \$116,850. Motion passed unanimously.**

Bills A copy of the bills was not attached to the Village Board packets for their review but will be approved at the September 13, 2021 Village Board meeting.

Adjournment President Kucera adjourned the Village Board meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Sheila Meyer
Clerk/Treasurer