June 21, 2017

Administration Committee Meeting

Village of Grantsburg

The Administration Committee met on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 10:00 p.m. at 316 S. Brad Street, Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

Present: Village President, Larry Ebersold and Members, Gary "Goob" Coy and Greg Peer.

Absent: None.

Others: Village Clerk, Patrice Bjorklund; Village Treasurer, Sheila Meyer; Public Works Director, Chris Bartlett; Chuck Becvar; Gladys Becvar; Frank Becvar; Jerry Bistram and Lee Moyer.

Village President, Ebersold opened discussion regarding the way the committee discussion would take place. There would be no discussion brought forward to the committee by the audience. The committee is a "working committee" and the goal is to discuss among the committee and to decide if issues will be brought to the Regular Village Board. Discussion regarding water drainage Issues at: 860 S. Pine Street took place. Member, Peer noted that this is a long term problem. He noted that all evidence of what happened has been heard and discussion as to what to do moving forward needs to be addressed. Member, Coy discussed the fact that George Briggs, who is a neighbor to this property has experience with the City of St. Paul and he does work related to water issues. He noted that Mr. Briggs and the neighbors are dealing with sump pumps that run constantly. The groundwater is saturating all homes there. He noted that brush that has been piled by the landowners has not helped the situation. Member, Coy felt that no one person is at fault. The retention pond that was dug is for runoff. Village President, Ebersold noted that he has spent time talking with Bill Sandy who works with the Army Corp. of Engineers. His stepfather was in the service with Ebersold. Mr. Sandy stated that the Great Lakes are up 3 feet. Wis. State Stats., § 88.90 were discussed. The area is a watercourse, not a waterway. The complaint he feels isn't just. The Village does not have the expertise to address the issue per statute. There are too many factors that are not within the committee's scope to decide how to proceed. He also noted that Village Trustee, Barton had visited with the Army Corp. of Engineer's with the Becvar's over this issue. He asked Village Clerk, Bjorklund if that was legal for her to do so as a board member. She will research. Member, Coy also noted that Dollar General has runoff to the pond on the north end. Public Works Director, Bartlett stated that the runoff flows to the south naturally toward the pond. Member, Coy disagreed. He felt that it is adding more water to an already saturated area. Village President, Ebersold noted that the landowner by statute has permission to remove obstruction on adjoining property if there is an issue. **Village President, Ebersold made the motion that the complaint isn't just and he would like to make the recommendation to bring this issue to the Village Board as such. Also, not to make Karl and Becky Anderson bear the burden of doing anything further. Motion was seconded by Member, Peer.** ***Carried.***

Discussion of purchase of 860 S. Pine Street took place. Village President, Ebersold stated that the Village of Grantsburg is not in the business of purchasing property. Member, Peer inquired as to the asking price of the property. Village President, Ebersold stated the asking price is $70,000. Member, Coy believes that the previous board could have done more for the issues at the property, but that doesn't warrant purchase of the property. **Village President, Ebersold made the motion to not purchase the house on 860 S. Pine Street and bring his recommendation to the Village Board; seconded by Member, Coy.** ***Carried.***

Motion was made by Member, Coy; seconded by Member, Peer to adjourn the Airport Committee Meeting at 10:26 a.m. ***Carried.***

Submitted by:

Patrice

Patrice Bjorklund, Village Clerk
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