

Special Board Meeting

Village of Grantsburg

The Board met on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at 316 S. Brad Street, Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

Present: Village President, Larry Ebersold and Trustees, Diane Barton; Gary "Goob" Coy; Caylin Muehlberg; Greg Peer; and Russell Stone.

Absent: Trustee, Scott DeRocker.

Others: Village Clerk, Patrice Bjorklund; Village Treasurer, Sheila Meyer; Public Works Director, Chris Bartlett; Police Chief, Jeff Schinzing; Charles Becvar; Gladys Becvar; Frank Becvar; Becky Anderson; Karl Anderson; James Muehlberg and Caylin Muehlberg.

Village President, Ebersold started the meeting with his discussion for conducting the meeting and how he felt the meeting should proceed. He then read a letter drafted by Frank Becvar. After he read the letter, he gave the floor to Mr. Becvar.

Mr. Becvar stated that at the October 12, 2004 Village Board Meeting, Karl Anderson and Warren White appeared before the Village Board to request permission to grade Anderson's property located on Highway 70. The Village granted his request with the stipulation that all engineering fees incurred by the Village would need to be paid by Anderson prior to a permit being issued. He feels that when this was done, it disrupted the natural watercourse on that property which resulted in water problems and drainage on his property. Mr. Becvar cited discussion in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan that discussed implementation and plan for maintenance of that area. He stated also at the April 20, 2004 Village Board Meeting that Mr. Anderson was present to request permission to place a culvert pipe on his property on Highway 70. At that meeting, Mr. Anderson was directed to obtain the necessary permits from the Department of Transportation (DOT) and possibly the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in conjunction with the Village of Grantsburg. Mr. Anderson confirmed that this was done. Trustee, Coy asked about the maintenance plan for erosion control that was supposed to be done as a condition by the Wisconsin Department of Commerce. He did not follow a maintenance schedule for the pond. He is currently doing maintenance. Mr. Becvar also cited §§ 88.89 and 88.90 Wis. Stats. These statutes address drainage and natural watercourses. Village President, Ebersold asked Mr. Becvar his suggestion for alleviating the problem. Mr. Becvar suggested having the drainage pond removed, and digging a ditch to Highway 70.

Village President, Ebersold gave the floor to Karl Anderson. He stated that the DNR directed him when he was digging the detention pond, that the smaller pond be filled. Warren White, Engineer was involved during the process. Mr. White had been in close contact with the DNR and the DOT during the process. He stated that when he started the digging in 2004 he did the work with the understanding that the plan for the pond was sound. He stated that he is still paying for the high costs of having the work done. The work was done with Olsen Excavating performing the original excavation, Warren White did the design and Lake Construction did the final work. Mr. Anderson stated that he also helped with bulldozing there. Mr. Becvar interjected that as a result of the drainage issues, he is not living in the house because of the mold and moisture. Village President, Ebersold asked if he has submitted any claims to insurance for damage. He stated that he has not because he currently does not have the house insured because of its condition. He has not maintained the house and has vacated his residence there. Trustee, Stone asked if the house has drain tile in the foundation. Mr. Becvar stated there is drain tile there. Mr. Becvar and Mr. Anderson agreed that the design of the retention pond may not be a good design. Mr. Becvar noted that both of the pipes from the pond are not flowing steadily.

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In conclusion to the discussion; Village President, Ebersold asked Mr. Becvar what would satisfy him. He stated that he would like Mr. Anderson held to the task of making the water flow move properly on the property adjoining his and secondly have someone buy his house if the problem is not rectified. Gladys Becvar interjected stating that the lot is 195' x 300' deep and if the lot ever dries up, it could be split. Village President, Ebersold, made the motion to do further studies with the Administration Committee and then present to the Village Board in the near future. Motion was seconded by Trustee, Peer. **Carried.**

Motion was made by Trustee, Muehlberg; seconded by Trustee, Barton to adjourn the Special Board Meeting at 7:35. **Carried.**

Submitted by:

Patrice Bjorklund, Village Clerk
June 5, 2017