

## Grantsburg Village Board Meeting

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The Village of Grantsburg Board of Trustees met on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Grantsburg Village Office, Village Board Room – 316 S. Brad Street. Present: Village President, Larry Ebersold; and Village Trustee's, Greg Peer; Caylin Muehlberg; Gary "Goob" Coy; Russell Stone and Diane Barton. Others: Village Clerk, Patty Bjorklund; Village Treasurer, Sheila Meyer; Public Works Director, Chris Bartlett; Library Director, Kristina Kelley-Johnson; Police Chief, Jeff Schinzing; Steve Briggs – Burnett County Sentinel; Priscilla Bauer – Inter-County Leader; Frank Becvar; Gladys Becvar; Mark Dahlberg; Brent Blomberg; Joe Sturdevant; Rick Quimby; Dave Corty; Corinne Scheele; Carrie Weaver and Tim Thompson.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Village President, Ebersold introduced guests, and asked if there was any public comment. Frank Becvar noted that there were errors on the Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor License Application for Dollar General. The board will discuss the issue later in the meeting.
4. **Discussion/Action: Approval of Minutes from the following meetings: August 14, 2017 Airport Committee Meeting; August 14, 2017 Plan Commission Meeting; August 14, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.** *Motion by Trustee, Muehlberg, seconded by Trustee, Peer to approve all minutes. Carried.*
5. **Communications:** None at this time.
6. **Discussion/Action: Dollar General Request for Class "A" Retailer's Fermented Malt Beverage License and "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor License.** As noted in public comments portion of the meeting, there were errors in regards to dates on the Original Alcohol License Application by Dollar General. *Renewal of a prior motion was made by Ebersold; seconded by Barton to approve the Class "A" Retailer's Fermented Malt Beverage License and "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor License and distribute after corrections were made to the application. Carried.*
7. **Discussion/Action: Watercross Requests for 2018 – Rick Quimby:** Mr. Quimby presented the 2018 Watercross requests. *Motion by Village President, Ebersold to approve the requests, seconded by Village Trustee, Barton as follows:*
  - *Closure of the following streets from 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 19, 2018 until Sunday, July 22, 2018 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).*
  - *Closing of W. Jackson Avenue on Friday, July 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. until Sunday, July 22, 2018 at 10:00 p.m.*
  - *ATV Route North of Bridge up to Jackson Avenue from Oak Street. No parking on both sides up to the bridge.*
  - *ATV Route from the gate on N. Park Street to the entrance driveway to the island.*

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- *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.*
8. **Discussion/Action: Requirements/Restrictions of Alternative Power Source for Hockey Rink:** Mr. Quimby informed the board that the Grantsburg Hockey Association is looking into purchase of a diesel or LP powered generator as an alternative energy source. He stated that they can be rather loud. He wondered what the decibel levels are in the code of ordinances for the Village of Grantsburg. Clerk, Bjorklund stated that the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. in Residential areas are: 65 and Commercial areas are: 55. From 10:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. in Residential areas are: 55 and Commercial areas are: 55. He stated that the generator would run from November to the end of March. He will do research to find a generator that works with the Noise Ordinances of the village and report to the board at a future time.
9. **Discussion/Action: Road Closure for House Move from: 214 State Road 70 To: 615 Pine Street North:** Kara Schmidt was present to discuss moving her family’s house that is 44’ x 25’ on Thursday, October 12, 2017. The move will take place at approximately 9:00 a.m. She presented proposed street routes that the house will be transported after electrical wires are relocated by Northwestern WI Electric for the move. She noted that the whole process should take approximately 1 hour by the house moving company they hired. After much discussion, the board directed Public Works Director, Bartlett and Police Chief, Schinzing to work with the family for the move.

**Board and Staff Reports.** 1) **Public Works** a) *Director Report.* Public Works Director, Bartlett informed the board about the following items: The pump for the South Lift station has been repaired and put back into service. He stated that the village went 2.5 weeks on one pump. He stated that the crew ended up going and picking it up from the company and putting in themselves. It saved the village roughly \$1,000 and 5 more days without it. He is looking in the budget for next year for some things that can be done to help alleviate this from happening again or being more prepared. The tennis court cracks have been taken out and repaved. When Monarch was cutting out the cracks, it was discovered that there were concrete slabs under the pavement. At each crack in the pavement were the joints of the slabs. This is why the cracks existed. The cracks will come back, but hopefully not for another 10 – 15 years. The resurfacing company is planning on coming after the 20<sup>th</sup> of September to do the work. LED

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lights were put into the beacon at the airport for \$315. The electric bill should be less and they should last quite a while. There is a stretch where the runway lights are getting knocked down. The village has done 3 in the last week and 3 more were found today leaning over. The village is using used parts that were obtained from the Amery Airport in the meantime. The alley south of Main Street is complete. It should last quite a while. The crew has almost completed painting of the pool. The paint should last for a few years. The fire hydrant was dug up and repaired at James and the service road to the Elementary School. The barrel was leaking when it was turned on. Sidewalk was taken out on the corner. Public Works Director, Bartlett is working with the Oachs brothers to get this done in the next week or so. He stated that the crew also dug out the outlet area for the catch basins around the intersection at the stop lights. He asked Burnett County to repair, but they stated it was the village's responsibility. Water was sitting in the manholes. While the backhoe was being used from the county, the crew also dug out the back side of the catch basin on Highway 70 by the DNR Station. The catch basin needed work and the culvert going into it was rusted on the bottom. The crew put in a new section of culvert from the catch basin towards the south. Crew member Steve Coy has been still doing a lot of mowing. The Lead and Copper Testing that is required by the DNR was completed last week. Public Works Director, Bartlett is still working on getting numbers together for his department's portion of the Village Budget.

**2) Police Department** a) August 1, 2017 – September 1, 2017 Police Report was included in member's packets. Police Chief, Schinzing noted that the fair parade was rained out. The state highway department will relocate the red stop sign at the Pine/Street State Road 70 intersection back to give southbound Pine Street drivers more notice that they must come to a full stop before turning right at that stop light. He noted that it is a dangerous intersection with the close calls there.

**3) Village Administration** a) *Clerk Report.* Village Clerk, Bjorklund reported (2) Operator's Licenses were issued with a date to expire on June 30, 2019. There was a Temporary Class "B" and "Class B" Retailer's License to the Burnett County Agricultural Fair August 24, 2017 – August 27, 2017 \*Fair; Temporary Class "B" and "Class B" Retailer's License to the Burnett County Agricultural Fair September 9, 2017 – September 10, 2017 \*Chell Wedding; Temporary Class "B" and "Class B" Retailer's License to the Burnett County Aricultural Fair September 16, 2017 \*Grantoberfest; Temporary Class "B" and "Class B" Retailer's License to the Burnett County Agricultural Fair September 23, 2017 – September 24, 2017 \*Peterson Wedding; Temporary Class "B" and "Class B" Retailer's License to the Burnett County Agricultural Fair September 30, 2017 – October 1, 2017 \*Peck Wedding. A Land Use/Building Permit was issued to Joe's Bobcat Service for raze of house at: 224 N. Oak Street. Village Clerk, Bjorklund reported that she went to the WCMA Clerk Conference from: August 22, 2017 – August 25, 2017 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells, WI. b) Village Treasurer, Meyer presented her Treasurer Report; Cash Reports; and Budget to Actual.

**4) Library** a) *Director Report.* Library Director, Kelley-Johnson presented her report. In August 2017 2,941 people visited the library, bring the total so far for 2017 at 25,377. There were 1,072 entries for the summer program prizes. Each entry represents three books which calculates to 3,216 books that were read in the program.

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Reading prize winners were Jennifer Bybee, Vincent Vogland and Aliyah Henderson. In September the library is celebrating the value of a library card by continuing free library cards for new members and replacing lost cards free of charge. On Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. the library will be hosting a destination Book Club aboard the Osceola Railway. Participants will enjoy a three course meal while discussing Agatha Christie's *Murder on the Orient Express* and enjoy the changing autumn colors. Library Director, Kelly-Johnson also noted that the Grantsburg Library will sponsor rental of the "Imagination Playground" system at Grantoberfest on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. If it is a popular item, the library might consider purchase. **5) Fire Association** a) Village Trustee, Barton discussed the Fire Association Budget for 2018. There are 17 active firefighters and 3 probationary fire fighters. Training commenced on August 31, 2017 and will end in June of 2018. There were 58 calls to date. Last year at this time there were 39. The Fire engine that was involved in an accident will be going to Cummins for engine repair after body work is done. The cost will be covered by insurance after deductible is paid. The 1999 Freightliner Tender needs to be replaced. National Night Out went well. There were no new updates for Fire Inspections. **6) Ambulance** a) Village Trustee, Stone would like Village Clerk, Bjorklund to verify dates for the Ambulance Subcommittee in October. The dates he had were October 4, 2017 and October 18, 2017. He wanted to clarify the correct dates and where the meetings will be held. **7) Golf Course** a) John Addison, Manager of the golf course included the August 2017 Financial Statements in members' packets. He also noted that 4 golf carts were added in the last 12 months bringing the total number of golf carts to 21. He is looking at lighting to protect dark areas, cart storage doors and clubhouse doors. He would like to expand alarms at the maintenance building. He will give an update at the October 9, 2017 Village Board Meeting in regards to equipment needs. **8) Pool** *Nothing new to report.* **9) Memory Lake Campground.** The board will need to look at adding new campsites. There are only 5 campsites available Treasurer, Meyer noted. Bartlett is looking at options for the shower. **10) Airport** *See Below.* **11) Public Property Committee** *Nothing new to report.* **12) Cemetery Association** *Nothing new to report.* **13) Public Safety** *Nothing new to report.* **14) Infrastructure** *Nothing new to report.* **15) Housing Authority** *Nothing new to report.* **16) Plan Commission** *Nothing new to report.* **17) Fair Association** *Nothing new to report.*

10. **Discussion/Action: Pickle Ball use at Old Kozak Building:** Discussion took place regarding Pickle Ball use at the Old Kozak Building. Village Clerk, Bjorklund had researched the village liability and noted that the village insurance recommended not doing that there as this was not a designated park for that purpose. ***Motion was made by Village Trustee, Stone to not allow Pickle Ball use at the Old Kozak Building due to the liability issue; seconded by Village Trustee, Peer. Carried.***
11. **Discussion/Action: Resolution #17-03 Petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid:** ***Motion was made by Village Trustee, Muehlberg after discussion to work with the Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautic to loan the \$150,000 Entitlement Dollars for 2014 to another Wisconsin Airport rather than***

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*losing those funds. At a future date, the airport that accepts the funds will repay back the loan to the Village of Grantsburg for bigger projects it takes on. The board will still go after the 2015 funds with her motion. Motion seconded by Trustee, Peer. Carried. Motion was made by Trustee, Muehlberg to approve Resolution #17-03 Petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid. Motion seconded by Village Trustee, Barton. Carried.*

12. **Discussion/Action: Agency Agreement and Federal Block Grant Owner Assurances:** *Motion was made by Village Trustee, Muehlberg to approve the Agency Agreement and Federal Block Grant Owner Assurances to the Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics; seconded by Village Trustee, Peer. Carried.*
13. **Discussion/Action: Class “B” Retailer’s Fermented Malt Beverage and “Class B” Intoxicating Liquor License for Corinne and Dave’s Pub, LLC dba Dreamers St. Croix Bar & Grill:** *Motion was made by Village President, Ebersold to deny issuance of Class “B” Retailer’s Fermented Malt Beverage and “Class B” Intoxicating Liquor License for Corinne and Dave’s Pub, LLC dba Dreamers St. Croix Bar & Grill. The basis of the denial he noted was that the business is sitting vacant. He felt that the license should remain open to the first qualified individual who wishes to open the bar or other establishment that meets the village requirements. If the license was taken by Dreamers, and did not remain open, this would cause a new owner to pay the Reserve License Fee which would be \$10,000 per State Statute compared to the usual \$600. Motion was seconded by Village Trustee, Peer. Carried.* The village will refund the \$600 license fees to them. Not the \$20 publication fee.
14. **Discussion/Action: Mutual Aid Agreement with Village of Frederic for Disaster Assistance:** Public Works Director, Bartlett requested a Mutual Aid Agreement be in place with the Villages of Siren, Webster, Frederic, Luck and St. Croix Falls. There is an agreement in place with Siren, and Frederic has submitted theirs. The agreement helps in the event the Village of Grantsburg has a disaster situation and needs equipment and/or manpower. *Motion made by Village Trustee, Barton to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with the Village of Frederic for Disaster Assistance; seconded by Village Trustee, Muehlberg. Carried.*
15. **Discussion/Action: 119<sup>th</sup> League Annual Conference – Village Trustee Attendance:** *Motion was made by Village President, Ebersold to allow Village Trustee, Barton to attend the 119th League Annual Conference from Wednesday, October 18, 2017 – Friday, October 20, 2017 in Appleton, WI. Motion seconded by, Village Trustee, Peer. Carried.*
16. **Discussion/Action: Approval of Payment of Bills:** The following bills were presented for approval:
  - General Checks (#30669 - #30720) - \$100,484.20

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- Payroll Checks (Voucher #: 4794 – Voucher #: 4851) & Manual Check (16151) \$38,165.45
- ACH/EFTS - \$37,380.17

**TOTAL: \$176,029.82**

***Motion to approve bills in the amount of \$176,029.82 was made by Village Trustee, Barton; seconded by Village Trustee, Coy. Carried.***

***Motion to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. was made by Trustee, Stone; seconded by, Village Trustee, Barton. Carried.***

Submitted by:

Patty Bjorklund – WCMC, CMC, CMTW  
Village Clerk, Deputy-Treasurer  
September 11, 2017