



July 25, 2018

Special Board Meeting

The Village of Grantsburg Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Grantsburg Village Office, Village Board Room – 316 S. Brad Street.

The Special Board Meeting was called to order by Village President, Larry Ebersold.

Roll Call

Present: Village President, Larry Ebersold
Village Trustee, Diane Barton
Village Trustee, Gary “Goob” Coy
Village Trustee, Mike Longhenry
Village Trustee, Caylin Muehlberg (arrived at 10:10 a.m.)
Village Trustee, Greg Peer

Absent: Village Trustee, Mike Longhenry
Village Trustee, Russell Stone

Others: Village Clerk, Patty Bjorklund
Village Treasurer, Sheila Meyer
Public Works Director, Chris Bartlett
Police Chief, Jeff Schinzing
Police Officer, Dan Wald

Dump Truck Purchase Discussion from WI Surplus Online Auction took place. Public Works Director, Bartlett detailed the 2 trucks that he is interested in bidding on. The favored truck that he is interested in is a 1994 International 2550 dump truck. It has automatic transmission. The truck comes with a snow plow, wing, spreader and air brakes. The bidding is currently at \$5,075 and ends on July 30, 2018. The bids could jump on the last day, but it is always a risk if the village’s bid wins or not he noted. The mileage on the truck is 56,678. It has 4,725 hours. The truck is older but in good shape. He stated it has an 11’ plow with a 9’ wing. The sander looks good, but sands out the middle. It comes with a dump box bed liner. This truck was only used at a school, so it should have less wear and tear. The truck is located 5 hours away at Waunakee, Wisconsin for bid number 18668-130. The Village’s current dump truck is a 2002 International 2552. The truck was purchased in 2013 at a cost of \$22,660. It currently has 146,730 miles with 8,800 hours. The truck is manual transmission. It is an old style plow hook up with a McKenzie plow that is no longer in business. The engine was rebuilt in 2013 (6,500 on rebuilt) with new King Pins and Injectors in 2013 and a new air compressor in 2017 as well as new clutch put in this Spring. The dump box is in need of replacement. Village Trustee, Barton noted that there was a questionable spot underneath the dump box on the frame. Public Works Director, Bartlett asked about that with the seller, and it was hit by a plow. It is structurally sound he noted. Village President, Ebersold asked what the cost of a new dump box would be. Public Works Director, Bartlett received 3 quotes as follows:

- Crysteel Truck Equipment - \$11,599.51
- Monroe Truck Equipment - \$20,845
- Towmaster Truck Equipment - \$14,828



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He favors the lowest priced box. Village President, Ebersold suggested taking a trip to drive the truck. Public Works Director, Bartlett is so busy here that it would not be possible he stated. He could ask Burnett County, but they are very busy as well. A mechanic needs to look it over he stated. Unfortunately, that isn't possible at this time. Village Trustee, Peer suggested asking one of the pilots to fly him down there. That could be looked at possibly Public Works Director, Bartlett stated. He reiterated that he is very busy and he feels he doesn't feel comfortable leaving right now. He wanted the board to know that a new truck runs \$150,000 - \$155,000. Village Trustee, Coy asked how often these types of trucks come up for auction at WI Surplus. Public Works Director, Bartlett noted every once in a while, however not that often. Village Trustee, Peer asked if a new dump box was put on the existing dump truck, how long would it last. Public Works Director, Bartlett noted it could last 20 years.

Village Trustee, Peer moved, seconded by Village Trustee, Coy to put the new box on the dump truck.

Ayes: Ebersold, Barton, Coy, Muehlberg, Peer
Nays: NONE
Motion to approve: Carried

2019 Campground Site Rental Agreement was presented to the Public Property Committee at their July 16, 2018 meeting. Village Treasurer, Meyer had presented the agreement to them and the seasonal rate at that time was changed from \$1,500 to \$1,550 for the 2019 camping season. This was a recommendation for the full board to review. Also, the expected arrival date and expected departure date for 2019 was added to the 2019 agreement as a recommendation for the full board to review. Village Trustee, Muehlberg noted that she felt that the cost should be increased more than suggested. She felt that costs should be increased to \$1,650 - \$1,695. She did some checking with other campgrounds and we are below others. She thought the raise would help with improvements at the campground. Village Treasurer, Meyer also noted that she checked as well. Village Trustee, Barton had also looked into rates. She noted that most were \$1,650 and others were more because of amenities offered. Village Treasurer, Meyer felt that a Public Property Meeting should take place for such an increase. Village President, Ebersold thought that a gradual increase would be better. Village Trustee, Peer asked about upgrades that need to be done to the campground. Public Works Director, Bartlett will put into the 2019 Budget patching of the road in the campground. It needs attention. Also, he will look into upgrading of the showers and pads for sites for the future. He will also look at moving the playground to free up a few more campground sites for future expansion. The playground could be situated east of the bath house. Village Treasurer, Meyer is letting interested campground rental individuals know that the village is looking at expanding the current campground. Discussion ensued.

Village Trustee, Barton moved, seconded by Village Trustee, Coy, to change the rate for the 2019 camping season from \$1,500 to \$1,550 within the 2019 Seasonal Campsite Agreement. Also add a section for expected arrival date and expected departure date for the 2019 agreement per Village Treasurer, Meyer's suggestion.

Ayes: Ebersold, Barton, Coy, Peer
Nays: Muehlberg
Motion to approve: Carried



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Wage Plan for Crew discussion took place. The 5-year plan was reviewed. The plan presented is based on the 2015 rate. Public Works Director, Bartlett was approached by employee Tryn Bryant regarding a 5-year plan for his position. When he was hired, he had a degree in water and sewer. He is also keeping up his training with his 36 credits for yearly sewer and water certification. Previous to his hiring in 2013 he had worked in the field of water/sewer with the Village of St. Croix Falls, WI. He had expectation of increase to his pay at the time of his hiring. The plan was presented to him at that time. The 5-year plan was created by former Village President, Glenn Roloff who had done several surveys at the time of its creation in 2013 as compared to villages of Grantsburg's size. Public Works Director, Bartlett stated that he has been with the Village of Grantsburg for 5 years now and was looking at an increase as was discussed at his hiring in 2013 per the 5-year plan. Village President, Ebersold suggested an increase to his pay as was looked at in the 2015 rate for Waterworks Manager which was \$24.29. He would like to see the Wage Scale moved to Old Business at the August 13, 2018 Village Board Agenda. Village Trustee, Muehlberg asked if this would be an increase to his salary now or during Budget time in the Fall of 2018. Village President, Ebersold stated he should be increased to \$24.29 now. Village Treasurer, Meyer noted that anything to do with any more responsibility for water and sewer, his pay would be derived from the water and sewer accounts which are funded from water and sewer rates. She stated that both accounts are healthy. Those accounts are separate from the General Budget for the Village. Public Works Director, Bartlett felt he is deserving of the increase due to his knowledge and the time of 5 years passing since his hire. He values his crew and appreciates the help that they offer him he stated. Village Trustee, Barton noted that she had done research and WI League of Municipalities are stating that municipalities are going away from scales of pay because they can't meet the expectations of pay because of budgetary restraints.

Village President, Ebersold moved, seconded by Village Trustee, Coy to increase Tryn Bryant's hourly wage to \$24.29 based on the 2015 wage scale and based upon his experience and knowledge of his job.

Ayes: Ebersold, Coy
Nays: Barton, Muehlberg, Peer
Motion to approve: Failed

After further discussion, Village Treasurer, Meyer noted the increase would be based on a percentage of work done for water and sewer. The increase of wage would be approximately \$6,000 and half would come out of water and sewer with the other half coming out of the general fund. Village Trustee, Coy noted that he should do all of the water/sewer duties including reading meters, etc. He realizes that he does other duties as well.

Village Trustee, Muehlberg seconded by Village Trustee, Barton to discuss an increase to Tryn Bryant's hourly wage at the August 13, 2018 Regular Village Board Meeting.

Ayes: Barton, Coy, Muehlberg, Peer
Nays: Ebersold
Motion to approve: Carried

Village Trustee, Barton moved, seconded by Village Trustee, Coy to adjourn the Special Board Meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Ayes: Ebersold, Barton, Coy, Muehlberg, Peer
Nays: NONE
Motion to approve: Carried



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Submitted by:

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