



March 3, 2020

## Special Village Board Meeting

The Village of Grantsburg Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Office, 316 S. Brad Street, Grantsburg, WI 54840.

Present: Village President Michael Longhenry  
Village Trustee Diane Barton  
Village Trustee Greg Peer  
Village Trustee Russell Stone  
Village Trustee Julie Roberts  
Village Trustee Joe Sturdevant

Absent: Village Trustee, Caylin Muehlberg

Others: Director of Public Works (DPW) Chris Bartlett  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Allison Longhenry  
Police Officers Joel Klatt and Bridget Getts  
Beau and Dane Carey, Carey's Ben Franklin/Radio Shack

President Longhenry called the Special Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Discussion/Action: Beau Carey-Security Camera System for Downtown.** Dane Carey, Carey's Ben Franklin/Radio Shack, talked about the Ring Security System. It is a cloud-based wireless system that utilizes a wi-fi network to record activity to a cloud-based app that can be accessed from a desktop computer, laptop computer or a cellphone for up to thirty days. The Careys presented an estimate to purchase and install a system with two cameras and two solar panels for power along with setting up viewing capabilities for \$760. This system could be added onto in the future to cover a larger or different area. The police could save a portion of the recording, email or text a section directly from the app. Trustee Sturdevant asked why the Village was looking at purchasing a system to protect businesses from being broken into. Carey explained it would also cover if an altercation took place on the street, sidewalk or in a parking lot and could assist the Police with solving cases. **Motion by President Longhenry, second by Trustee Peer to move ahead with the purchase and installation of a two camera Ring Security System with two solar panel power sources for the downtown area, with Carey's Ben Franklin/ Radio Shack at a cost of \$760. Motion failed on a 3 to 3 vote. President Longhenry, Trustees Peer and Roberts voted in favor of the purchase and Trustees Barton, Stone and Sturdevant voting against the purchase.**

**Discussion/Action: The Village Board will convene into closed session to interview applicants for the Police Administrative Secretary position pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility."** Motion by Trustee Barton, second by Trustee Stone to convene into closed session. Motion carried.

**Discussion/Action: The Village Board will reconvene into open session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (2) and will make decisions, if needed, from closed session.** Motion by Trustee Barton, second by Trustee Roberts to go out of closed session and reconvene into open session. Motion carried.

The Village Board along with Police Officers Klatt and Getts interviewed the following four (4) candidates: Larissa Lee, Juliann Carey, Aimee Vaksdal and Shelby Klemann for the Police Department Administrative Secretary position while in closed session. Police Chief Wald is currently out of the office on a medical leave.

**Motion by President Longhenry, second by Trustee Peer to allow Police Chief Wald to make the final decision and offer the job to either Lee or Vaksdal after he conducts further investigation.** Motion carried.

**Discussion/Action: Capital Projects Plan.** Clerk/Treasurer Meyer provided several examples of Capital Projects Plans and requested the Village Board start working on a plan for the Village to use going forward. C/T Meyer explained the increased difficulty in preparing the budgets over the last 5 years with no written plan of future projects or needs being considered. Routine street and building maintenance projects keep being delayed. C/T Meyer also informed the board she met with a financial planner the Village has used in the past, and requested he look at and analyze the Village's Tax Increment Financing Districts and existing long-term debt for possible refinancing. The board instructed C/T Meyer to meet with the Administration Committee once the information is available from the financial planner to start work on a Capital Projects/Improvements Plan.

**Discussion/Action: Airport Petition.** The board was made aware of the discussion at the Airport Committee meeting, held earlier, regarding the possibility of the Village being responsible for 100% of the costs incurred by the Bureau of Aeronautics in obtaining an estimated project cost if the Village failed to go forward with the improvements. **Motion by Trustee Barton, second by Trustee Sturdevant to submit Resolution #19-05 Petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid to obtain estimates for airport improvements, but to not sign any contracts until the Village is confident they are not responsible for costs in obtaining these estimates.** Motion carried. Trustee Stone voted no.

**Discussion/Action: Adjournment.** Motion by Trustee Sturdevant, second by Trustee Stone to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Sheila Meyer  
Clerk/Treasurer