



Village of Grantsburg

Special Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Grantsburg met on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, 5:30 pm at the Village Office, 316 S. Brad Street.

Present: President Longhenry, Trustee Barton, Trustee Peer, Trustee Muehlberg, Trustee Stone, Trustee Sturdevant, Trustee Janke.

Others: Police Chief Dan Wald, Director of Public Works (DPW) Chris Bartlett, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Allison Longhenry, Jonathan Richie-Burnett County Sentinel, Rod Kleiss

CALL TO ORDER President Longhenry called the Special Village Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

DEER – Investigate hunt. Several deer complaints have been received by the Village. Discussion ensued regarding bow hunting in the Village limits, which is currently allowed by state law and by Village Ordinance. The Board felt Village residents need to be made aware of this information. The Board will look at Village-owned properties at the August Board meeting and decide if bow hunting should be allowed on any of these parcels.

AIRPORT REFERENDUM – Question and Explanation. Trustee Sturdevant asked whether the question was to spend the Federal and State Bureau money or close the airport? The majority of the Trustees felt there was no desire to close the airport but felt that spending that much money on projects at the airport should be on a referendum. An email from Rod Kleiss, pilot, was distributed to the Board stating the possible damage or crashes that could happen from the current runway condition. President Longhenry expressed his concern with the Village's liability, now that the Village has received this concern in writing. Several Trustee agreed. Clerk/Treasurer Meyer was asked to contact the Village's insurance agent and the Village's attorney and report back. C/T Meyer also offered to compile the Trustee comments into a draft question and explanation as a starting point for the Board to consider at a Special Village Board meeting on July 27, 2020.

OPERATOR'S LICENSE – Suspend or Revoke? Police Chief Wald informed the Board there is already a procedure in place on how operator's licensee violations have been handled in the past. A warning is issued first and if a second violation were to occur, it would be brought to the Village Board. **Motion by President Longhenry, second by Trustee Stone to follow Police Chief Wald's recommendation to not suspend or revoke the individual's operator's license for a first violation and follow established policy. Motion carried.** Trustee Sturdevant asked to have something in writing with the procedure used.

BATHHOUSE – Open or leave locked? Several residents have asked if the bathhouse could be left unlocked so their children playing in the playground can use the restrooms. The Board asked DPW Bartlett to see if crew member, Nate Glover, would be interested in increasing his hours to clean and sanitize the bathhouse daily. **Motion by Trustee Muehlberg, second by Trustee Sturdevant to open the bathhouse at the campground, have it cleaned and sanitized daily and to add hand sanitizer. Motion carried. Trustee Barton abstained.**

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

VILLAGE OF GRANTSBURG HOUSING AUTHORITY – Board Commissioners. Motion by Trustee Peer, second by Trustee Janke to follow the Administration Committee recommendation and change Village Ordinance §19-5 and §19-7 to require Village of Grantsburg Housing Authority Commissioners to reside within five (5) miles of the Village of Grantsburg boundaries to comply with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Trustee Janke, second by Trustee Barton to adjourn the Special Village Board meeting at 6:30 pm.

**Sheila Meyer
Clerk/Treasurer**