



Village of Grantsburg

Special Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, July 27, 2020

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Grantsburg met on Monday, July 27, 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.

Absent: Trustee Janke

Others: Police Chief Dan Wald, Director of Public Works Chris Bartlett, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Allison Longhenry, Ron and Nancy Wilhelm, George and Suzanne Sherwood, Darcy Kolander, Inter-County Leader and Kayla Casey, Burnett County Sentinel

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

STREET CLOSURE – Car Show. A request was received from Scott DeRocker to close the street in front of the American Legion for a car show. **Motion by Trustee Muehlberg, second by Trustee Barton to approve closing N. Oak Street from Madison Avenue to Olson Drive and to use the grassy area west of N. Oak Street, south of Edina Realty and north of Olson Drive, if needed, for a car show on Saturday, August 1, 2020. Motion carried.**

COVID-19 Burnett County Department of Health – Masking Guidance. The Board was given copies of the Masking Guidance issued by Burnett County Department of Health. No action was taken.

AIRPORT 1) Runway. President Longhenry informed those present that Larry Passint, the Village's insurance agent, says the insurance company would require a professional to inspect the blacktop runway and issue a statement regarding the safety or danger in opening it. He felt someone from the Bureau of Aeronautics, or an airport runway inspector would be qualified to decide if the runway was safe to reopen. Trustee Barton was leery of opening the runway with the liability attached, Trustee Muehlberg felt the insurance company should send someone to come and inspect the blacktop runway. More discussion ensued. The Board felt some improvements have been made to the blacktop runway by having the crew sweep rocks off the runway and by spraying the weeds in the cracks. The Board was shown Airport Directories and the ForeFlight app stating the Grantsburg Airport blacktop runway has numerous cracks, vegetation in pavement and deteriorating pavement. **Motion by President Longhenry, second by Trustee Peer to have C/T Meyer update the Airport Directories' blacktop pavement description to indicate further deteriorating pavement and remove the NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) to reopen the blacktop runway. Motion carried.** The pilots at the meeting were asked if replacing runway lights needed to be part of the project being considered for the airport. They indicated the lights do need to be replaced, but the Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPI) do not need to be part of the project. C/T Meyer will check with Matt Messina from the Bureau to see if the \$20,000 CARES Act Grant can be applied to the Village's 5% of the proposed airport project.

DEER HUNT/TAGS. Michelle Carlyle, WI DNR, joined the meeting by conference call. Trustee Peer explained the deer hunts the Village had in the past (years 2004 to 2009) where additional tags were made available to qualified hunters. The Trustees expressed their concern that even though bow hunting is

allowed by State law and Village Ordinance, there would not be the needed impact on the large deer population in the Village if damage tags or additional tags were not obtained from the WI DNR. Carlyle asked the Board to try using what is already in place first before additional tags are requested. She recommended promoting Village residents not having bird feeders where the deer can reach them and getting the existing Ordinance information out to residents, so they are aware bow hunting is allowed in the Village limits. President Longhenry thanked Carlyle for her time. The Board will look at Village-owned property at the August meeting and finalize a plan prior to this year's bow hunting season.

AIRPORT 2) Referendum. Discussion was held on the draft referendum question and explanation provided by C/T Meyer. President Longhenry asked the Trustees to take the printed copies home, edit, add and delete whatever they would like and return their marked-up copies by August 5th to C/T Meyer for inclusion in the packets for the August 10th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Trustee Sturdevant, second by Trustee Stone to adjourn the Special Village Board meeting at 6:25 pm.

Sheila Meyer
Clerk/Treasurer