



Village of Grantsburg

Village Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, July 12, 2021

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Grantsburg met on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library Learning Center at 415 S. Robert Street, Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

Present: President Terrance Kucera, Trustee Diane Barton, Trustee Greg Peer, Trustee Caylin Muehlberg, Trustee Leo Janke, Trustee Kayla Woody, Trustee Hank Java.

Others: Police Chief Dan Wald, Director of Public Works Jerry Konobeck, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Allison Longhenry, Pool Manager Julie Fiedler, Library Director Sara Christopherson, Greg Marsten-Burnett County Sentinel, Andrew Fontaine-WCMP Radio, Dave Rasmussen-MSA Professional Services, Jeremiah Wendt-SEH, Mark & Marivel Harmon, Duke Tucker, Robert Wood, Brent Blomberg, Mandi Amundson, Scott Hanson

Call to Order President Kucera called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comments No one requested to speak during public comments.

Correspondence Included in the Board packets for their review: EDA Grant Award for Industrial Park Project, Burnett County Administration newsletter; Golf Course financials, Burnett County Towns Association meeting agenda, 2021 NW WI household hazardous waste collection schedule.

MINUTES Motion by President Kucera, second by Trustee Woody to approve the following minutes as presented: June 14, 2021 Public Works Committee; June 14, 2021 Airport Committee; June 14, 2021 Village Board. Motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Works 1) Public Works Report: Director Konobeck updated the Board on several public works items including cleaning up the park in preparation for Watercross, road patching completed in areas from water main break repairs, sewer fine bubble diffusers needing maintenance, pool chemical controller, etc. 2) Sewer Wastewater Treatment Plan inspection: Eric R. de Venecia, P. E. Wastewater Engineer with the WI DNR conducted an inspection of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. DPW Konobeck explained several of the comments and indicated a response would be sent to the WI DNR within the required 30 days. DPW Konobeck reported John Erickson is still working on obtaining full certification for Water & Sewer and paperwork has been submitted for reciprocity for his Water/Sewer licensing in Minnesota from his previous employment. 3) Water Manganese Project update: The building has been rebuilt and the filters are expected to arrive mid-August. 4) 2020 Water Consumer Confidence report: the report was included for the Board's review.

Police 1) Police Report: Chief Wald reported his department members all passed annual certification. We should know about the grant, applied for to assist with the purchase of vests,

by the end of July. Both Officer Getts and Officer Klatt received nice accommodations from the Burnett County Sheriff's Department in the last month. Chief Wald indicated he plans on calling the local bar establishments to request they have someone at each entrance to check IDs and at each exit to prevent drinks leaving the bar during Watercross weekend. 2) National Night Out. Chief Wald asked for street closures on August 3rd for National Night Out. Volunteers are still needed to assist with the event. **Motion by Trustee Muehlberg, second by Trustee Woody to approve closure of Broadway Avenue from Brad Street to Pine Street and Brad Street from Broadway Avenue to E. Wisconsin Avenue on August 3rd for National Night Out. Motion carried unanimously.**

6:15 p.m. Mark Harmon, Fired Up Bistro. Harmon informed the Board his purchase of 710 W. State Road 70 from Corinne Scheele and Dave Corty did not happen. Harmon submitted a rough drawing for constructing a new 5,000 square foot building on his property along State Road 70, across from the entrance to Burnett Medical Center and west of The Drive-In and proposed meat processing and retail shop. He plans on including a banquet room for weddings and events and wants to dig footings before winter. Harmon asked the Board about the possibility of obtaining a Class "B" beer and "Class B" liquor license for his restaurant. The Trustees discussed the pros and cons to giving the Village's last Class "B" beer and "Class B" liquor license to a business that is not open for business. It was also discussed that Corinne and Dave's Pub, LLC have applied for the Class "B" beer and "Class B" liquor license for their establishment which has been vacant since it was closed as The Den in 2020 (listed later on the agenda for approval or denial). **Motion by Trustee Muehlberg, second by Trustee Barton to award the Class "B" beer and "Class B" liquor license to Mark and/or Marivel Harmon for a new restaurant proposed on State Road 70 provided a building permit is requested and he has broken ground for the building before winter. Harmon would have to do the official paperwork to apply for the Class "B" beer and "Class B" liquor license and request approval at a later Village Board meeting. Motion passed 5 to 2 with President Kucera and Trustee Woody voting nay and Trustees Muehlberg, Barton, Peer, Janke and Java voting in favor of the motion.**

6:30 p.m. Duke Tucker, American Legion Post 185. 1) Tucker appeared to request the Board approve a street closure for an outdoor pro wrestling event on July 31, 2021. Tucker indicated it would be a kid friendly environment and that he had spoken to businesses along E. Olson Drive, so they were aware of the event. Tucker was asked about security for the event and informed the Board the pro wrestling association had its own security and medical personnel. **Motion by Trustee Java, second by Trustee Barton to allow the American Legion Post 185 to close E. Olson Drive from Oak Street east to the American Legion east property line for an outdoor pro wrestling event on July 31, 2021 from approximately 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.** 2) Tucker also requested an outdoor bar setup on July 31, 2021. **Motion by Trustee Barton, second by Trustee Woody to issue the American Legion Post 185 an outdoor bar setup on July 31, 2021 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

STAFF REPORTS continued

Clerk/Treasurer C/T Meyer informed the Board the Safe Drinking Water loan has closed for the Water Manganese project, we have received the first half of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money in the amount of \$67,040, and explained several new laws signed by Governor Evers. C/T Meyer presented the license and permits issued since the last meeting, the cash report and budget to actual reports for all funds.

Library 1) Director Christopherson went through her monthly Library reports including a circulation report showing what was signed out and by which age group and a programming recap report.

6:45 p.m. Jeremiah Wendt, P. E., S E H Wendt presented his review of the WWTP subsurface discharge pilot being considered. He had concerns about lines freezing in the winter, nitrogen levels from the discharge with no ability to treat nitrogen and the cost of the project vs. the cost savings in chemicals. Wendt also indicated the WI DNR would require a Facility Plan before approving any changes (including the proposed pilot) to prove it would be cost effective. Wendt suggested staff training and equipment upgrades to auto feed chemicals as needed and suggested waiting until the new WPDES permit is approved before doing a Facility Plan.

STAFF REPORTS continued

Fire Association Trustee Barton reported there are currently 21 active fire department members with 1 individual on leave. There have been 81 incidents to date compared to 57 at this time in 2020. Profits from the pancake breakfast will be used for National Night Out.

Pool Manager Julie Fiedler presented a power point introducing the lifeguards and concession workers at the pool this year. 80 memberships have been purchased. New lounge chairs, ropes, floats and 7 triangular sunshades have been purchased for the pool. Fiedler informed the Trustees she has several events planned for the summer including movie night and a luau night. A question was asked regarding Fiedler's ability to offer discounts and whether Village Board approval was required. A Recreation Committee meeting will be held to discuss.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Plan Commission Dave Rasmussen, MSA, reported on the Plan Commission meeting held prior to the Village Board meeting. Rasmussen explained that Tax Increment District (TID) #5 qualifies for a base value redetermination by WI Department of Revenue. TID #5 was created in 2008 with a base value of \$212,000. The 2019 value of the district was \$67,800 and 2020 was \$102,000. The district is scheduled to close in 2035. Rasmussen reported the Joint Review Board had also met earlier and approved a three-year standard extension and a three-year Tech District extension to TID #5. If the Board approves the base value redetermination, TID #5 would be extended to 2039. Rasmussen suggested using the positive increment currently in district #5 (which was transferred from TID #3) to pay down the debt held for the Madison Avenue project completed in 2019.

Resolution 2021-12 Motion by Trustee Peer, second by Trustee Muehlberg to approve

Resolution #2021-12 Amendment of Tax Increment Finance District No. 5. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #2021-13 Motion by Trustee Janke, second by Trustee Java to approve Resolution #2021-13 Creation of Tax Increment Finance District No. 6. Motion passed unanimously.

Airport Consultant Selection The Board discussed the consultant proposals received from Cooper Engineering, S E H, Inc. and Westwood PS for the reconstruction of the blacktop runway at the Grantsburg Airport. **Motion by President Kucera, second by Trustee Barton to select S E H, Inc. as preferred consultants on the Grantsburg Airport runway reconstruction project with the WI Bureau of Aeronautics. Motion carried 6 to 1 with Trustee Muehlberg voting nay.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS reopened

Scott Hanson approached the Board with an invitation to be flown by area pilots to other airports on August 1st at 3 p.m. The pilots would visit Solan Springs, Ashland and Voyager Village airports. The Board thanked Hanson for the invitation.

License Extension Request 1) A request was received from Southern Crex Spirits. **Motion by Trustee Muehlberg, second by Trustee Janke to approve an outdoor bar setup for July 16 to July 18, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights as requested by Southern Crex Spirits dba Hummer's Rendezvous and to also allow music on the patio each night until 11:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

Street Closure Request A request was received from Burnett County Agricultural Fair Society. **Motion by Trustee Woody, second by Trustee Janke to approve no parking on the east side of S. Pine Street (State Rd 48/87) for the entire length of the fairgrounds from August 26 to August 29, 2021 and to close Madison Avenue from Olson Drive to Pine Street on August 28, 2021 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for the fair parade. Motion passed unanimously.**

Village Office Building Cleaning Contract Discussion was held on a new law recently signed by Governor Evers allowing Village Board members to be employees of the municipality provided they do not earn more than \$15,000 as an employee of the municipality. **Motion by Trustee Muehlberg, second by Trustee Janke to hire Hank Java as cleaning person at the Village Office Building. Motion carried unanimously with Trustee Java abstaining.**

Class B Liquor & Beer License An application was received from Corinne and Dave's Pub, LLC dba Dreamers, 710 State Road 70, Corinne Scheele, Agent. **Motion by Trustee Muehlberg, second by Trustee Barton to deny the application received from Corinne and Dave's Pub, LLC for a Class "B" beer and "Class B" liquor license at 710 State Road 70. Motion passed unanimously.**

Springlake Contractors, Inc. Motion by Trustee Muehlberg, second by Trustee Java to approve pay request #2 from Springlake Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$142,500 for

the Water Well #3 Manganese Project. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills Motion by Trustee Muehlberg, second by Trustee Barton to approve payment of the bills as presented:

Checks #33709-	\$222,694.55
Payroll vouchers #V7347-V7401,16644-646	\$38,160.25
ACH/EFTPS payments	\$37,689.74
Total	<u>\$298,544.54</u>

Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment President Kucera adjourned the Village Board meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Sheila Meyer
Clerk/Treasurer