



Village of Grantsburg

Public Works Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

The Public Works Committee for the Village of Grantsburg met on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at the Village Office, 316 S. Brad Street, Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

Present: Chairman/President Kucera, Trustee Java

Absent: Trustee Janke

Others present: Director of Public Works (DPW) Jerry Konobeck, Police Chief Dan Wald, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Allison Longhenry, Trustee Greg Peer, Trustee Muehlberg

Call to Order Chairman/President Kucera called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Grader. DPW Konobeck presented a quote from McCoy Construction & Forestry in the amount of \$9,344 for repairing the head gasket and replacing the head on the grader. If the head does not have to be replaced, the cost would be \$6,585. **Motion by Hank, second by President Kucera to recommend the Village Board approve the quote received McCoy Construction & Forestry for grader repairs in the amount of \$9,344 if the head has to be replaced and \$6,585 if the head does not have to be replaced. Motion passed unanimously.**

Tree removal and tree responsibility. DPW Konobeck informed the Committee Luedtke Landscaping would be taking down the tree at the corner of Olson Drive and Burnett Avenue this year, at a cost of \$2,845 including removing the stump and wood. DPW Konobeck also discussed several dead trees along the streets that should either be taken down or trimmed. Konobeck asked whose responsibility it is to do this. Further research will be done.

Well #1. DPW Konobeck presented a quote from Keys Well Drilling Co in the amount of \$15,415 to pull the old pump and install a new pump at Well #1 with an additional \$1,800 for video taping Well #1 piping. C/T Meyer stated \$14,000 was budgeted for this project. DPW Konobeck will have a discussion with Keys Well to see if they would do the project for \$14,000. If they agree, the project could move forward as budgeted. **Motion by President Kucera, second by Trustee Java to recommend the Village Board approve the quote received from Keys Well Drilling Co for \$15,415 to pull the old pump and install a new pump at Well #1 and an additional \$1,800 to video tape Well #1 piping if Keys Well Drilling Co does not agree to complete the project for the budgeted amount of \$14,000. Motion passed unanimously.**

Salt/sand storage. Discussion was held about the Village having a small place to store 100% salt to be used, sparingly, on some areas this winter. DPW Konobeck indicated the Village would be able to get 25% salt/75% sand mixture from the Burnett County storage shed located on the corner of Robert Street and Madison Avenue for this winter since the new County salt/sand shed will not be built at the corner of State Highway 87 and County Road Z until spring. DPW Konobeck proposed spending \$3,000 to \$5,000 for concrete blocks to construct a small,

temporary area for salt storage, with a tarp to cover the pile, for the 2021-2022 winter. A second stall for salt/sand storage could be added in the future along with a steel or fabric dome. **Motion by Trustee Java, second by President Kucera to approve a small, temporary, block area, to be used this winter for storage of 100% salt, at a cost not to exceed \$4,000. Motion passed unanimously.**

Sidewalks – winter clearing. Discussion was held regarding whether the Village crew should continue clearing the sidewalks of snow and ice or if the Village’s Sidewalk Ordinance for clearing snow and ice should be enforced. Village Ordinance §464-10 Streets and Sidewalks/General Regulations/Snow and ice removal states “...it shall be the duty of the owners and/or the occupants of any lot or parcel of land in the Village of Grantsburg to remove, or cause to be removed, the snow or sleet from any and all sidewalks adjacent to the premises of such owner or occupant, and to keep the same free and clear of snow and ice for the full width of the sidewalk”. **Motion by President Kucera, second by Trustee Java to recommend the Village Board remove Village Ordinance §464-10 in its’ entirety and require the Village crew to continue removing snow and ice from all sidewalks in the Village once the streets have been cleared. Motion passed unanimously.**

Adjournment. Chairman/President Kucera adjourned the Public Works Committee meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Sheila Meyer
Clerk/Treasurer