



Village of Grantsburg

Village Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, May 9, 2022

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Grantsburg met on Monday, May 9, 2022 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 Leo Janke, Trustee Hank Java, Trustee Kayla Woody, Trustee Maurice DJ Henderson

Others: Director of Public Works (DPW) John Erickson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Allison Longhenry, Library Director Lynett Yoerg, Pool Manager Julie Fiedler, Greg Marsten-Burnett County Sentinel, Cindy Michaelson-Inter County Leader, Brent Blomberg, Brandon Willger-Two Rivers Accounting, LLC, Mike Janke

Call to Order President Kucera called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Clerk/Treasurer Meyer conducted roll call. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Swearing In Newly elected Trustees Gregory Peer, Leo Janke and Maurice DJ Henderson were sworn into office by Clerk/Treasurer Meyer.

6:00 p.m. Village auditor, Brandon Willger of Two Rivers Accounting, LLC presented a summary of the 2021 Village Audit Report.

6:15 p.m. Public Hearing Rezone Request from Raymond & Linda Barenz President Kucera called the public hearing to order. C/T Meyer read the Public Hearing Notice. President Kucera asked for anyone wishing to speak in favor of the proposed rezone request. Ray & Linda Barenz appeared stating they requested the rezone of their property to allow them to construct a shed in their side yard. President Kucera asked if anyone present wanted to speak in opposition to the rezone request. No one spoke. President Kucera closed the public hearing at 6:20 p.m. Plan Commission's recommendation to rezone the parcel was read. **Motion by Trustee Peer, second by Trustee Barton to change the current zoning of R-4 Multiple-Family Residential District to R-1 Single-Family Residential District on parcel 07-131-2-38-19-15-4 01-000-012000 as requested by owners Raymond & Linda Barenz, 427 W. Olson Drive. Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Comments Pam Peterson, Legenderry Auto Body, informed the Trustees she was planning Big Gust Day events for the downtown area. Peterson presented an event listing for the event to be held June 4, 2022. The street closures were referred to the Administration Committee for approval (original request was emailed to wrong email account and so did not make the meeting agenda).

6:30 p.m. Mike Janke, owner of Hummer's Rendezvous, 115 W. Madison Avenue, appeared to request approval to close off the section of alley located directly south of his establishment on June 11, 2022 for an event he is hosting as in past years. **Motion by Trustee Barton, second**

by Trustee Woody to approve the request received from Mike Janke to close off the section of alley located directly south of his establishment from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on June 11, 2022 for the annual Squirrel's event. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence Included in the Board packets for their review: Burnett County Administration newsletter; Golf financials-January to March; Burnett County Agricultural Society Fair property report. There were no questions on correspondence.

Minutes President Kucera asked if there were any changes, corrections or additions to the presented minutes from the following 2022 meeting: April 11th Recreation Committee; April 11th Village Board; April 28th Personnel Committee; April 28th Special Village Board/Organizational Meeting; May 4th Administration Committee. No changes, corrections or additions were proposed. **Minutes were accepted as presented.**

BOARD, STAFF and COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works DPW Erickson gave his report informing the Board of various tasks completed by the Village crew in the last month including preparing the Swimming Pool for a June opening. Trustee Peer asked DPW Erickson about the geese stencils on the streets, that show the route to Crex Information Center, needing repainting. Friends of Crew paid for the stencil paintings in the past. Mike Janke and President Kucera volunteered to split the cost of repainting the geese stencils. DPW Erickson requested approval to purchase a new pool heater for \$15,346 with an expected delivery of 10 to 12 weeks. The new heater would fit in the existing space and replace the failing heater. **Motion by President Kucera, second by Trustee Woody to table DPW Erickson's request to purchase a new pool heater, obtain more quotes and present to the Recreation Committee for recommendation to the Village Board. Motion passed unanimously.**

Police Trustee Peer reported talking with Police Chief Wald who is willing to work beyond the June 10th date given as a last working day, if needed.

Clerk/Treasurer C/T Meyer provided a list of license and permits issued since the last meeting and the cash report showing a checking account balance of \$93,382.33 after all vouchers are paid. C/T Meyer asked if authority could be given to the Administration Committee to approve the street closures requested by Pam Peterson for Big Gust Days. **Motion by Trustee Woody, second by Trustee Peer to authorize the Administration Committee to approve the street closure requests from Pam Peterson for Big Gust Days on June 4, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.**

Library 1) Lynett Yoerg, Library Director went thru the monthly Library report showing April 2022 activity and programs and upcoming May programs.

Fire Association Trustee Barton presented minutes from the April 18, 2022 Grantsburg Fire Association meeting.

Ambulance Trustee Peer informed the Board the new ambulance contract with North Memorial

Health will be sent to the attorney in May and then it will be sent to the County for their review. The Town's Association will review the new contract at the July 28th meeting and then approve it in October to go into effect January 1, 2023.

Administration Committee Motion by President Kucera, second by Trustee Janke to approve the recommendation from the Administration Committee and pay for the lifeguard certification training and to increase lifeguard starting wage to \$10.00 per hour. Trustee Barton asked about the possibility of the Village paying for lifeguards to become certified and then having them leave for another job. Pool manager Fiedler assured the Trustees she would express the concerns discussed with the lifeguards. **Motion passed unanimously.**

S E H Master Agreement C/T Meyer informed the Board the existing master agreement with S E H for engineering services is from 2013 and they've asked the Village to approve an updated agreement. **Motion by Trustee Java, second by Trustee Janke to approve the updated master agreement with S E H for engineering services. Motion passed unanimously.**

Bills Motion by Trustee Janke, second by Trustee Java to approve payment of the bills as presented:

Checks #34362-34427	\$67,673.75
Payroll vouchers #V7831-V7868	\$32,804.62
ACH/EFTPS payments	\$12,736.39
Total	<u>\$113,214.76</u>

Motion passed unanimously.

THE VILLAGE BOARD WILL CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION to discuss hiring for the Public Work's crew 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 Peer, second by Trustee Janke to convene into closed session.

THE VILLAGE BOARD WILL RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (2). Motion by Trustee Woody, second by Trustee Java to reconvene into open session. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Woody, second by Trustee Janke to offer the full-time Public Work's crew position to Tracy Blakeslee at an hourly rate of \$18.00 with a one-year probation period. Motion passed 6 to 1 with Trustee Barton opposed.

Adjournment President Kucera adjourned the Village Board meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Sheila Meyer
Clerk/Treasurer