



July 18, 2019

Special Village Board Meeting

The Village of Grantsburg Board of Trustees met on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 5:45 p.m. at the Village Office, 316 Brad Street S, Grantsburg, WI 54840.

Present: Village President, Mike Longhenry
Village Trustee, Diane Barton
Village Trustee, Greg Peer
Village Trustee, Caylin Muehlberg
Village Trustee, Julie Roberts
Village Trustee, Russell Stone
Village Trustee, Joe Sturdevant

Others: Director of Public Works (DPW), Chris Bartlett
Allison Longhenry, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

President Longhenry called the Special Village Board meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk/Treasurer Meyer read the recommended motions from the Administration Committee meeting held on July 15, 2019.

Discussion/Action: Wage increase for new Police Chief. Motion by Trustee Peer, second by Trustee Barton to increase the new Police Chief Dan Wald's wage to \$32.10 per hour effective August 3, 2019. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action: Personnel Manual Change- Residency Requirement. The WI State Statues only allow a local governmental unit to impose a residency requirement on law enforcement, fire, or emergency personnel that require such personnel to reside within 15 miles of the jurisdictional boundaries of the local governmental unit. The Administration Committee felt each employee is made aware of the expectations during emergency situations when they are hired, and it should be the responsibility of the supervisors to ensure emergency situations are being adequately covered. **Motion by Stone, seconded by Barton to drop the "emergency personnel" residency requirement currently in the Village's Personnel Manual and add "must be a resident of the State of Wisconsin" for all Village of Grantsburg employees. Motion carried. Trustee Sturdevant opposed.**

Discussion/Action: Advertise for Full-time Police Officer. Motion by Trustee Muehlberg, second by Trustee Barton to advertise for a full-time police officer. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action: Bar Establishments-Smoking Area Regulations, Violations & Penalties. President Longhenry reported another complaint regarding the window occupants at Denny's Downtown Lanes. Trustee Sturdevant relayed his concern about how this situation has been handled so far. He felt there should have been more discussion amongst the Village Trustees prior to Dennis McKenzie being asked to come to a meeting. The other Trustees did not agree. Clerk/Treasurer Meyer was asked to call

the Village's attorney to see who can enforce the WI Smoking Ban Law from 2010 and how it can be enforced.

Discussion/Action: Preparation for Airport Petition Public Hearing. The Trustees discussed how the Public Hearing should be done and what information needed to be relayed to the citizens in attendance. President Longhenry will read a general statement about the required hearing and give the guidelines for the hearing. The Public Hearing Notice will be read and Trustee Muehlberg will give a petition and project overview. Each individual wanting to speak for or against the petition being submitted and/or the proposed airport improvements will have 5 minutes. Some key facts that should be stated are: a decision has not been made yet, the Village would not be responsible to pay back any Federal or State aid as long as the airport continues to be an operating airport-even if the pilots all left, the entire 95% of the project costs would be covered by Federal and State funds, 2 years of entitlement dollars have been lent to another airport that will be returning that money to the Village in the future. Clerk/Treasurer Meyer will prepare a bullet list of talking points for Trustee Muehlberg to review prior to the hearing.

Discussion/Action: Adjourn. Motion by Trustee Roberts, second by Trustee Stone to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Sheila Meyer
Clerk/Treasurer