



Village of Grantsburg

Public Works Committee Meeting

Monday, August 2, 2021

The Public Works Committee for the Village of Grantsburg met on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at the Village Office, 316 S. Brad Street, Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

Present: Chairman/President Terrance Kucera, Trustee Hank Java via zoom

Absent: Trustee Leo Janke

Others present: Director of Public Works Jerry Konobeck, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Allison Longhenry, Police Chief Dan Wald, Trustee Greg Peer, Mike Hoefs-Burnett County Highway Commissioner and Nate Ehalt-Burnett County Administrator

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

Burnett County Salt Shed Mike Hoefs gave some background information on his experience in Public Works. Hoefs further explained the WI Department of Transportation has funding for a new salt shed to house additional materials (salt and salt/sand) needed for the County to maintain State Road 70 in the winter. Hoefs explained the current site and shed owned by Burnett County is too small to accommodate the amount of needed material. Hoefs and DPW Konobeck have been discussing the possibility of a new shed being constructed on the current Village shop property with a Burnett County truck and loader stored in the Village shop during the winter months. To accommodate the truck and loader, Burnett County would reconstruct the entrance aprons, enlarge the overhead doors on the shop where needed and redo any electrical required. Any Village-owned summer equipment needing heated storage could be stored at the Highway Shop during the winter months. The location and increased size of the salt shed would allow the Village and area towns to fill their trucks with salt/sand without the expense and time of traveling to the Highway shop near Siren to fill their trucks. Burnett County would also have several trucks that could fill mid-route instead of returning to the Highway shop. The 53-foot wide by 80-foot long dome shaped shed is being proposed for the northwest corner of the Village shop property. President Kucera expressed concerns about the building being unattractive in the downtown area of the Village. Nate Ehalt, Burnett County Administrator, informed the committee it was common for Village shops and salt sheds to be located in downtown areas. Ehalt explained the County could look at landscaping and designs that would be pleasing for the area. Trustee Java expressed concerns with space in the current shop. Trustee Peer had this same concern. DPW Konobeck felt installing larger garage doors would open the space up and also explained his plan to reduce the number of vehicles/equipment currently housed in the shop. When asked about the timeline for this project, Hoefs explained the State's fiscal year is from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and the project would need to be completed by June 30, 2022. Future discussions will be held.

Water/Sewer Meters DPW Konobeck discussed meetings recently held with several meter supply companies, Core & Main that sells Sensus meters and Dakota Supply Company that

sells Kampstrup meters. The current plan is to change over to radio read Kamstrup meters over a 20-year period. This plan was started three years ago. This timeline causes many issues with having two different systems for reading meters. Staff asked the committee if a proposal could be brought back to the committee for doing all meter change outs over a one to two-year period. The committee thought this was a good plan.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Several items were discussed including the cost of changing meters. The committee requested a list of priorities, with costs, be brought back to the committee prior to the September Village Board meeting.

Part-time hours DPW Konobeck was asked if he felt the hours approved for part-time public works should be extended another eight (8) weeks. He felt the crew was making progress on getting caught up with different maintenance items and would appreciate having the extra hours extended. **Motion by President Kucera, second by Trustee Java to recommend the Village Board approve extending the part-time public works hours for another eight (8) weeks. Motion carried unanimously.**

Plow trucks DPW Konobeck discussed the condition of the grader, plow truck and dump trucks currently owned by the Village. Most need major work. The committee asked that an explanation of each vehicle and its use be brought back to the committee. DPW Konobeck suggested lining each truck up in the parking lot so the committee could see each one. This will be done at the next Public Works Committee meeting.

Street closure request A request was received from Scott DeRocker to close Oak Street from Madison Avenue to Olson Drive for a car show on Saturday, August 7, 2021 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. The committee felt he should work with DPW Konobeck since the proposed event is prior to the next Village Board meeting.

Sewer Utility 1) Discharge options 2) WPDES permit The WI DNR renewed the five (5) year Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit effective August 1, 2021. The committee asked DPW Konobeck and C/T Meyer to contact Jeremiah Wendt, PE, S E H, for a proposal(s) to 1) review the current WPDES permit 2) advise if a Facility Plan should be started and 3) train staff.

Adjournment. Chairman Kucera adjourned the Public Works Committee meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Sheila Meyer
Clerk/Treasurer