



Village of Grantsburg

Special Village Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Grantsburg met on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at the Village Office Building, 316 S. Brad Street, Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

Present: President Terrance Kucera, Trustee Diane Barton, Trustee Leo Janke, Trustee Hank Java. Trustee Greg Peer and Trustee Caylin Muehlberg via zoom.

Absent: Trustee Kayla Woody

Others: Police Chief Dan Wald, Director of Public Works Jerry Konobeck, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Allison Longhenry, Cindy Mickelson-Inter County Leader. Rod Kleiss via zoom.

Call to Order President Kucera called the Special Village Board meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Clerk/Treasurer Meyer conducted roll call. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

S E H Proposal. The Trustees discussed a proposal submitted by engineers from S E H for submitting a grant application for a Department of Administration Tourism Capital Grant for possible funding of a new campground and 6 additional sites at the existing James N. McNally campground. **Motion by President Kucera, second by Trustee Janke to approve the proposal received from engineers at S E H in the amount of \$9,400 to submit a grant application for a Department of Administration Tourism Capital Grant for construction of a new campground and the addition of 6 sites at the existing James N. McNally campground and to assemble and submit the required WI Department of Safety & Public Services (DSPS) permit application. Motion passed unanimously.**

Use of 100% salt President Kucera started the discussion regarding a motion made by the Public Works Committee and approved with the minutes at the October board meeting. The motion approved DPW Konobeck's request to use 100% salt instead of 25% salt/75% sand mixture on Village streets this winter, when conditions warrant. President Kucera shared information he received at the League of WI Municipalities' conference regarding salt damaging streets and being washed into storm sewer, rivers and lakes. Questions were asked about damage to streets and gate valves from the salt. DPW Konobeck explained the salt would be used sparingly at the intersections and on hills. He further explained the amount of cleanup needed from salt/sand getting in yards, boulevards, storm sewers, etc. is very time-consuming and a lot more of it ends up getting in the storm sewers, rivers and lakes. Trustee Java asked if the plan was to use the same amount of salt as in previous years with less sand being mixed in with the salt. DPW Konobeck indicated under the same conditions, this would be accurate. Trustee Peer felt DPW Konobeck should be allowed to use what he thinks works the best. Trustee Barton left the meeting. **Motion by Trustee Janke, second by Trustee Java to approve the use of 100% salt as recommended by DPW Konobeck for one year and to review after a year. Motion passed 4 – 1 with Trustees Janke, Java, Peer and Muehlberg voting yea and President Kucera voting nay.**

Airport inspection letter. The Trustee packets included an email and Airport Inspection Report done in September 2021 by Howard Davis, C.M., Airport Compliance Manager WI DOT, Bureau of Aeronautics. The report indicated there are trees on three of the runway ends that are obstructions and must be removed for the airport to remain public use. The Village is to put together a plan and timeline for addressing these obstructions. The report also indicated the blacktop runway, 12/30, and the pavement markings are in poor condition. An email from Davis did state he did not think the runway was unsafe at this time, but if it were to get to this point, it could be switched to private use. Trustee Janke asked if a private use airport would still be owned by the Village. C/T Meyer was asked to contact Davis with this question.

Adjournment President Kucera adjourned the Special Village Board meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Sheila Meyer
Clerk/Treasurer