



# Village of Grantsburg

## Special Village Board Meeting

### Wednesday, July 13, 2022

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Grantsburg met on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Village Office Building, 316 S. Brad Street, Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

Present: President Terrance Kucera, Trustee Diane Barton, Trustee Leo Janke, Trustee Maurice DJ Henderson

Absent: Trustee Greg Peer, Trustee Kayla Woody, Trustee Hank Java

Others: Director of Public Works John Erickson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Allison Longhenry

**Call to Order** President Kucera called the Special Village Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Clerk/Treasurer Meyer conducted roll call. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Water Manganese** DPW Erickson explained how the filtration system and backwashing process work at Well #3. DPW Erickson explained the system worked well for lowering the manganese levels for the first 3 to 4 months after startup, but recently the manganese levels, after filtering, are very inconsistent with some of the readings going over the EPA recommended levels of 300 parts per billion for those over age 50 and for infants under 6 months of age. Trustee Henderson asked if the contract with Water Surplus contained any guarantees that their system would reduce the manganese levels to below the 300 parts per billion. C/T Meyer will look at the contracts and report back. DPW Erickson has been in contact with Water Surplus, the filter company. A rep from Water Surplus collected samples of the filtering media that show there is silica in the Village water that is lessening the effectiveness of the filtering media in removing the manganese. Water Surplus is recommending adding sodium permanganate to oxidize the silica, making it easier to remove both the silica and manganese. The Trustees expressed their frustrations but felt something needs to be done to stabilize the manganese levels. **Motion by President Kucera, second by Trustee Janke to authorize DPW Erickson to move forward with adding sodium permanganate at Well #3 and to work with Water Surplus and engineer Gary Strand from Cooper Engineering to install the necessary equipment for this at a cost not to exceed \$15,000. Motion passed 3 to 1 with President Kucera, Trustees Janke and Henderson voting yay and Trustee Barton voting nay.**

**Monitoring wells** DPW Erickson informed the Board he has been contacted by Nate Coller, hydrologist with the WI DNR, wanting the Village to take samples from the three monitoring wells located on the Wastewater Treatment/recycling center/brush site (former trash dump) property. These monitoring wells were installed when the former trash dump site was closed in 1987. DPW Erickson has researched the records and it appears these wells have not been tested or monitored for 30+ years. Erickson is hoping to sample the wells and then abandon them once the WI DNR is satisfied with the results. Coller is also requiring an outside company collect the samples to guarantee the integrity of the samples. DPW Erickson has discussed the process with Jeremiah Wendt, engineer with Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH) and presented a proposed contract for the necessary services. **Motion by Trustee Maurice DJ Henderson,**

**second by Trustee Barton to authorize DPW Erickson contact SEH and proceed with the initial samplings required from the monitoring wells located at the former trash dump property. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Adjournment President Kucera adjourned the Special Village Board meeting at 6:05 p.m.**

Sheila Meyer  
Clerk/Treasurer