



Village of Grantsburg

Village Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2022

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Grantsburg met on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Board Room, 316 S. Brad Street, Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

Present: President Terrance Kucera, Trustee Greg Peer, Trustee Leo Janke, Trustee Kayla Woody, Trustee Hank Java, Trustee Maurice DJ Henderson. Trustee Diane Barton participated by speaker phone.

Others: Police Chief Mitchell Olson & K9 Tracker, Director of Public Works John Erickson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Allison Longhenry, Library Director Lynett Yoerg, Pool Manager Julie Fiedler, Greg Marsten-Burnett County Sentinel, Brent Blomberg, Sally Craven, Pat & Ken Kutz, Angie Anderson, Kraig Fiedler, Charlie & Lisa Slater, Gail Potvin, Adriana Addison.

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.

Public Comments No one appeared

Correspondence Included in the Board packets for their review: Burnett County Administration newsletter, Grantsburg Golf Course financials for September and Year-to-Date.

Minutes President Kucera asked if there were any changes, corrections or additions to the minutes presented from the following 2022 meeting: October 10th Village Board; October 12th Personnel Committee; October 13th Administration Committee; October 17th Special Village Board. No changes, corrections or additions were proposed. **Minutes were accepted as presented.**

BOARD, STAFF and COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works DPW Erickson gave his report updating the Trustees on public works' activities since the last Board meeting. DPW Erickson reported the Well #3 start up is scheduled for November 17th.

Police Dept Police Chief Olson presented the October police report showing 57 calls for service. No questions. President Kucera asked Chief Olson to present year-to-date call information at future meetings.

Clerk/Treasurer C/T Meyer provided Village results from the November 8th General Election. There were 524 voters with 34 new registrations added to the 769 previously registered voters. A list of license and permits issued since the last meeting was included along with the cash report showing a checking account balance of \$49,550.87 after all vouchers are paid and a Treasury account balance of \$400,768.36.

Library 1) Lynett Yoerg, Library Director went thru the monthly Library report showing 2022

activity and programs and upcoming October programs. Yoerg reported the Grantsburg Area Historical Society is preparing a program on the history of the library in preparation for the 75th Anniversary of the Library's opening on 11/22/1947.

Fire Association Trustee Barton had no Fire Association report as they are now meeting quarterly.

Personnel Committee 1) Employee evaluation process. **Motion by President Kucera, second by Trustee Janke to follow the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to discontinue the employee evaluation process and remove the employee evaluation requirement from the Employee Handbook. Motion passed unanimously.**

Administration Committee 1) Health insurance options. A decision was tabled for further review and another Administration Committee meeting. 2) Burnett Dairy land use contract. **Motion by Trustee Java, second by Trustee Peer to approve a land use contract with Burnett Dairy Cooperative for planting grass/alfalfa crop and spreading whey on Grantsburg Airport property, 13284 County Rd D, for a three-year term starting January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025 with a yearly rental fee of \$4,000. Motion passed unanimously.** 3) Blueberry Rentals, LLC Tax Increment Financing Agreement. Agreement was withdrawn. 4) Community Center and Room Rental agreement – The Village Church of Grantsburg. **Motion by Trustee Janke, second by Trustee Peer to approve a long-term rental agreement with The Village Church of Grantsburg for use of the Community Center and Storage Room #1 from November 15, 2022 to December 31, 2023 at \$7.00 per hour for Community Center use and \$50 per month for Storage Room #1 rental. Motion passed unanimously.**

Grantsburg Rotary 1) Grant for pickleball courts. Trustee Peer, representing Grantsburg Rotary, updated the Village Board on a WI Economic Development Corporation Vibrant Spaces Grant available to assist with the development of pickleball courts at the Memory Lake Park. The WEDC grant would have to be applied for on behalf of the Village and would be a matching grant. **Motion by Trustee Janke, second by Trustee Java to approve Grantsburg Rotary applying for a WI Economic Development Corporation Vibrant Spaces Grant, on behalf of the Village, with Grantsburg Rotary paying the matching funds amount to be used in the development of pickleball courts at the Memory Lake Park. Motion passed 6 – 0 with Trustee Peer abstaining.** 2) Sign at future sight. Trustee Peer also asked for permission to place a Grantsburg Rotary sign at the future pickleball court site. **Motion by Trustee Janke, second by Trustee Java to allow Grantsburg Rotary to place a sign at the future pickleball court site at Memory Lake Park. Motion passed 6-0 with Trustee Peer abstaining.**

6:30 p.m. 2023 Budget Hearing President Kucera called the 2023 Budget Hearing to order and thanked the Village Board members for their hard work in presenting a balanced budget for 2023 which included making some hard decisions.

Clerk/Treasurer Meyer read the Public Hearing Notice. President Kucera asked for anyone wishing to speak in favor of the 2023 Budgets. No one appeared. President Kucera asked for anyone wishing to speak in opposition to the 2023 Budgets. Julie Fiedler, 560 N. Russell Street spoke as the current Pool Manager. Fiedler expressed her understanding of the situation causing the Pool funding to be cut from the budget for 2023 but expressed her concern for all of the children that spend hours at the pool in the summer and for those that take swimming lessons through summer school. Fiedler asked the Board if she could attempt to raise the needed money to allow the pool to be open for 2023. Ken Kutz, 379 W. Olson Drive also spoke in favor of the swimming pool and asked if the Board intended to close the pool permanently or if this was a year to year decision. Ken felt the same option that was used to keep the golf course operating should be looked at (the golf course is leased to someone else who runs the operations). President Kucera closed the 2023 Budget Hearing at 6:40 p.m. and asked for Trustee comments. Each Trustee expressed their concern with closing the pool and recognized the importance of having a place for kids in the summer. The consensus was to allow Julie Fiedler to fundraise and hopefully allow the pool to open in 2023. Several audience members expressed their willingness to help Fiedler.

The 2023 General Fund budget was reviewed.

Motion by President Kucera, second by Trustee Janke to adopt the 2023 General Fund budget with revenues of \$1,592,213 and expenditures of \$1,612,213 using \$20,000 from the 2022 expected ending cash balance to balance 2023. Motion passed 5 to 2 with President Kucera, Trustees Peer, Janke, Woody and Java voting yay and Trustees Barton and Henderson voting nay.

The 2023 Water Utility Fund, Sewer Utility Fund, Storm Water Utility Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Tax Incremental District (TID) Funds were reviewed with no questions.

Motion by Trustee Woody, second by Trustee Peer to approve the following 2023 budgets as presented: Water Utility Fund with revenues of \$407,180 and expenditures of \$348,180 (including principal payments) and depreciation/amortization expenses of \$81,450.81; Sewer Utility Fund with revenues of \$245,650 and expenditures of \$294,899 (including principal payments) and depreciation/amortization expenses of \$59,661.91; Storm Water Utility Fund with revenues of \$72,950 and expenditures of \$46,594 (including principal payments) and depreciation/amortization expenses of \$32,097.62 ; Capital Projects Fund with revenues of \$3,216,917 and expenditures of \$3,216,917 ; TID Funds with revenues of \$84,254 and expenditures of \$52,467. Motion passed 5 to 2 with President Kucera, Trustees Peer, Janke, Woody and Java voting yay and Trustees Barton and Henderson voting nay.

Motion by Trustee Peer, second by Trustee Java to set the Village of Grantsburg 2022 levy at \$478,129. Motion passed unanimously.

Schedule of Fees C/T Meyer presented a proposed list of Village fees. Motion by Trustee Java, second by Trustee Janke to approve the Schedule of Fees as presented. Motion

passed unanimously.

Nomination paperwork C/T Meyer explained the procedure and timeline for interested persons to be placed on the ballot at the April 4, 2023 Spring Election. President Kucera, Trustees Barton, Woody and Java are up for re-election.

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

Checks #34763-34802	\$98,865.60
Payroll vouchers #V8159-V8194	\$39,042.09
ACH/EFTPS payments	\$62,915.87
Total	<u>\$200,823.56</u>

Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD, STAFF and COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

Administration Committee (continued) Health insurance options Motion by Trustee Woody, second by Trustee Henderson to allow the Administration Committee to decide on 2023 employee health insurance prior to the December 1st deadline. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment President Kucera adjourned the Village Board meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Sheila Meyer
Clerk/Treasurer