

Airport Committee Meeting

Village of Grantsburg

The Airport Committee met on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 10:00 p.m. at 316 S. Brad Street, Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

Present: Member, Larry Ebersold and Member, Caylin Muehlberg.

Absent: Chairman, Greg Peer.

Others: Village Clerk, Patrice Bjorklund; Village Treasurer, Sheila Meyer; Trustee, Diane Barton; Public Works Director, Chris Bartlett; Tryn Bryant and Gregg Westigaard – Inter County Leader.

Member, Ebersold opened discussion of trees in the easement by the Grantsburg Municipal Airport. Mr. Bryant stated that he wants to keep the trees which run alongside his property near the road, as they are important to him and are a privacy barrier. Member, Ebersold asked Public Works Director, Bartlett if they were a high danger for planes taking off from the runway. He stated that for now they were medium danger. In the recent past, trees were removed there that were high danger. He also noted that if any Entitlement Dollars are taken for renovating the runway, the trees would need to be either topped off or removed. This is important for night flying. Member, Muehlberg interjected by stating that someone should speak with Matt Messina, Airport Development Engineer of the WI Department of Transportation before proceeding with the removal or possible replacement of trees there. She noted that the cost might not be covered for removal and replacement. She also thought that maybe Mr. Messina would know of a reputable forester who can top the trees. Also, specific costs for mature trees would also need to be looked at for the replacement of the removed trees. Public Works Director, Bartlett stated that a plan for the trees needs to be formulated. The committee would like to schedule a meeting in the near future with the pilots and Mr. Messina to discuss the plan for the airport and removal of trees. Other questions needed to be asked at that meeting were fuel income from sale of fuel at the airport. The fuel project cannot be done unless renovations are done on the runway. Does that go back to debt or in the current and future projects? Also, are the hangar owners interested in doing the loan for airport repairs and projects? Do the current hangar owners have an interest in doing the loans? The committee asked Clerk, Bjorklund to place the Entitlement Dollars Discussion on the June 12, 2017 Regular Board Meeting to discuss.

Noncompliance of Hangar Lease for Hangar #8 was discussed. The owner(s) of the hangar do not have Airport Related Items in the hangar. They are willing to rent the hangar to interested individuals. The committee would like to see that this discussion is on the June 12, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

Motion was made by Member, Muehlberg; seconded by Member, Ebersold to adjourn the Airport Committee Meeting at 11:30 a.m. Carried.

Submitted by:

Patrice Bjorklund, Village Clerk
May 22, 2017