



Village of Grantsburg

Public Works Committee Meeting

Monday, May 17, 2021

The Public Works Committee for the Village of Grantsburg met on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at the Village Office, 316 S. Brad Street, Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

Present: Chairman/President Terrance Kucera, Trustee Leo Janke

Others present: Police Chief Dan Wald, Director of Public Works Jerry Konobeck, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Allison Longhenry, Trustee Greg Peer, Trustee Diane Barton, Hank Java, Bart Sexton-Sand Creek Environmental, Gary Strand-Cooper Engineering

Call to Order Chairman Kucera called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Sewer Groundwater Discharge Pilot Program Bart Sexton and Gary Strand explained the proposed pilot program being considered by the Village, to add a groundwater discharge component to the wastewater treatment facility. This would be utilized in addition to the current Wood River surface water discharge. The pilot program is being proposed to reduce the use of chemicals to lower phosphorus levels as required by WI DNR, and to determine design parameters, operational issues and limitations. The pilot program involves planting switchgrass as a filtration before the wastewater reaches the Wood River. The estimated cost of the pilot program is \$13,267 with the Village crew assisting with monitoring and sampling. **Motion by Trustee Janke, second by President Kucera to recommend the Village Board approve moving forward with the groundwater discharge pilot program. Motion passed unanimously.**

Utility Locator DPW Konobeck presented information on a utility locator that would assist the crew with locating water and sewer lines, electric lines, etc. This was tabled and will be discussed in the future.

Ferrous Metal Detector DPW Konobeck presented information on a VM-880 Metal Detector for \$985.00. The locator used by the public works crew is currently not working. The crew uses the locator to locate water and sewer lines and shutoffs when requested by Diggers Hotline. **Motion by President Kucera, second by Trustee Janke to recommend the Village Board approve the purchase of a Ferrous Metal Detector for \$985.00. Motion passed unanimously.**

ComfortCab Commercial Mower, Blower and Brush DPW Konobeck informed the committee the Village's current 2003 John Deere 1565 mower with cab, blower and brush, used for clearing sidewalks of snow in the winter and dirt in the summer is in bad shape. It is in need of new tires,

the shaft is broken and will cost \$3,000 to replace and there may be other repairs needed once gone over; transmission inspection work is \$1,500 to \$3,000. DPW Konobeck was asked to obtain several quotes and present at a future Public Works Committee meeting.

Burnett County Salt Shed/Future Village Shop C/T Meyer discussed the request from Burnett County Highway Commissioner, Mike Hoefs, for assistance in finding a location for a larger salt shed. The current salt shed is located on E. Madison Avenue, but the lot presents some challenges for building a larger salt shed. C/T Meyer also discussed a possible location for a future Village shop that could house both the Village shop and the County salt shed.

Adjournment. Motion by President Kucera, second by Trustee Janke to adjourn the Public Works Committee meeting at 5:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheila Meyer
Clerk/Treasurer