



# Village of Grantsburg

## Special Village Board of Trustees Meeting

### Wednesday, September 22, 2021

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Grantsburg met on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Village Office Building, 316 S. Brad Street, Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

Present: President Terrance Kucera, Trustee Diane Barton, Trustee Greg Peer, Trustee Caylin Muehlberg, Trustee Kayla Woody, Trustee Hank Java.

Absent: Trustee Leo Janke

Others: Police Chief Dan Wald, Director of Public Works Jerry Konobeck, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Allison Longhenry, Dwayne Maier, Chris & Allen Carney, Carol & Robert Eidenschink, Nicki Peterson, Nell Polzine, Karen Guthmeedler

**Call to Order** President Kucera called the Special Village Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Grantoberfest Event and street closures.** Chris Carney, owner of the Pink Squirrel, asked the Village Board of Trustees to reconsider closing Madison Avenue on October 16, 2021 for the Grantoberfest Event. She also asked that the downtown businesses be contacted if closing Madison Avenue is considered in the future. Carney explained The Pink Squirrel is open five (5) days per month, around the third Saturday of the month. October 2021 is their third year in business. Dwayne Maier, manager of the Pink Squirrel, explained they have forty (40) vendors selling their items each month. Carney and Maier stressed the need to have their front door available for customers and also for loading customer purchased merchandise.

Nicki Peterson and Nell Polzine, representing GRO, Grantsburg Revitalization Operation, and two of the planners of Grantoberfest, apologized for not contacting the owner of the Pink Squirrel prior to meeting with the Village Board. They have 32 vendors confirmed for the event on October 16<sup>th</sup>. They offered assistance to the Pink Squirrel in the form of golf cart rides for their customers to and from the business and volunteers to assist with carrying purchased items to the customer's car.

President Kucera asked each Trustee their opinion. The Trustees commented on the positives of bringing people downtown for Grantoberfest, which may bring additional customers to the Pink Squirrel and felt the GRO planning committee had offered a plan to help alleviate the concerns being expressed by Carney and Maier. The prior decision to close Madison Avenue on October 16, 2021, from Olson Drive to Robert Street, for Grantoberfest was upheld unanimously.

**Tour of Village-owned properties.** The Trustees started the tour by going through the Village Office Building including the Board Room, Village Office, Police Department, Community Center, storage rooms and utility rooms. The Trustees then walked to the tennis courts and then carpooled to the cemetery maintenance building, pool building, pavilion and playground and the

golf course garage and clubhouse.

**Adjournment** President Kucera adjourned the Village Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Sheila Meyer  
Clerk/Treasurer