



# Village of Grantsburg

## Public Safety Committee Meeting

### Thursday, January 17, 2022

The Public Safety Committee for the Village of Grantsburg met on Thursday, January 17, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Office, 316 S. Brad Street, Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

Present: Chairman/Trustee Greg Peer, President Terrance Kucera, Trustee Kayla Woody

Others present: Police Chief Dan Wald, Director of Public Works (DPW) Jerry Konobeck, Trustee Hank Java, Jodi Schinzing, Kraig & Julie Fiedler, John McNally-Phantom Trail Riders Snowmobile Club

**Call to Order** Chairman/Trustee Peer called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**No Overnight Parking on Village Streets** Chairman/Trustee Peer asked if anyone in the audience wanted to address the committee. Jodi Schinzing indicated she would like to. Schinzing went on to read a statement regarding Village Ordinance §511-15 C which states no parking allowed on Village streets between the hours of 12 midnight and 6:00 a.m. during the months of November thru March. Schinzing's daughter received a \$25.00 ordinance citation for parking overnight on the street by their house. Schinzing said she was unaware of the ordinance and thought it only pertained to when there was snow on the streets that needed to be plowed. She asked how this ordinance was enforced without warnings being given to offenders prior to issuing a citation as other ordinances are enforced. She also believes signs stating the no parking ordinance should be erected on every street. Schinzing was told this was the second season for the no parking ordinance, warnings were given out in October and all of the 12 entrance to the Village signs state the no parking times and months. C/T Meyer indicated at least three (3) newsletters, mailed with the utility invoices, had contained the ordinance information along with being published in the local paper. Julie Fiedler also asked to address the committee and stated she had family home for the weekend and three of her guests received \$25.00 ordinance tickets. She also thought the no overnight parking only pertained to when it had snowed and needed to be plowed. Trustee Java stated his daughter had also received a \$25.00 citation for parking overnight on the street. He said he was upset at first but realized the information had been provided and paid the citation. Schinzing stated her complaint was not about the \$25.00 but rather how the ordinance was being enforced. President Kucera thanked Schinzing and Fiedler for coming.

**Ordinance §451-7 Snowmobile routes and §507-1 All-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles** John McNally addressed the committee regarding the current snowmobile trail in the Village. The route to access the back of businesses on the south side of Madison Avenue is currently from Olson Drive east on Burnett Avenue to Pine Street and a sharp corner to the alley. Turning snowmobiles sharply and/or on blacktop is a difficult task and requires going into the wrong lane of traffic on Pine Street to make the turn. The committee discussed which streets are currently open and closed to snowmobiles and ATV's. McNally was asked about parking in the public parking lot on E. Olson Drive and walking to the Madison Avenue businesses. He

said most people like to have their machine close so they can check on it. Safety with possibly opening up Madison Avenue to snowmobilers was discussed. McNally did not think there would be a large amount of increased traffic downtown from snowmobilers. **Motion by President Kucera, second by Trustee Woody to recommend the Village Board revise Ordinance §451-7 A (1) to read: All streets in the Village of Grantsburg are designated as snowmobile routes except the following: (a) South Pine Street and (b) Oak Street. Motion passed unanimously.** Chairman/Trustee Peer indicated the committee would discuss the all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles' ordinance at a later date.

**Police coverage** Trustee Woody discussed complaints/concerns she had received regarding the Grantsburg Police not checking in with Burnett County Dispatch. Trustee Woody emphasized her feelings about officer safety with them not contacting Dispatch when they are going to a call. Chief Wald indicated he and his officers would make sure they are checking in with Burnett County Dispatch.

**Adjournment** Chairman/Trustee Peer adjourned the Public Safety Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Sheila Meyer  
Clerk/Treasurer