

October 23rd, 2019
Regular Monthly Meeting

The Regular Board of Supervisors meeting was held at the Town of Grantsburg office on October 23rd, 2019. Present were Chairman Ron Burg, Supervisors: Gilbert Meyer, John Hennessey, Treasurer Laura McKeag, Clerk Raylene Swanson, Road Maint. Operator Duane Selander, and 40 others.

- I. **Call to order:** Chairman Ron Burg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** The October 23, 2019 agenda was reviewed. All voted in favor. MC.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes from prior Board Meeting:** Gilbert Meyer made a motion to approve the September 11, 2019 meeting minutes as written. John Hennessey seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MC.
- V. **Communications Report:** Clerk Raylene Swanson relayed that the Wisconsin Elections Commission is offering grant money to Clerks throughout the state that need upgrading in election security. This includes money for Windows 10 upgrade, possible computer upgrade, IT support, and election security training. Raylene will be working on finishing up the required paperwork to submit to WEC.
- VI. **Treasurers Report, Laura McKeag:** Treasurer Laura McKeag submitted the September 2019 Treasurers report. The General Checking Balance is \$213,421.65; The Money Market balance is \$987,007.32; the CD balance is \$35,796.25. Motion by John Hennessey to approve the September Treasurer's Report. Gilbert Meyer seconded it. All voted in favor. MC.
- VII. **Public Forum:** (3-minute limit per person, unless arranged in advance): No input.
- VIII. **Former Wood Lake Bible Camp, Patrick Hansen, Et al.:** Patrick Hansen stated: I would like to thank the Board for their service and for having him on the agenda. Said they had a court ordered site visit to the development site. There were concerns over what might be happening there. Samantha Langenbach and others welcomed them there. Concerns that the Wood Lake Camp had applied to the state for a campground. Back track to the current Town of Wood River Ordinance 2011-01, Mobile Home Park Ban. Patrick referred to the Wisconsin Statute Sec 66 .0435 which has a definition of a "recreational mobile home". He stated that "this is the reason the Town did not allow mobile home parks. His concern is that the Kinsella's have applied for and received permission for 97 RV lots from the State. Wants detailed plans as to what is going to happen on that property. Wants the owners to consider what will fit in with the Town and the neighborhood. 2 transformers have been placed on the former Bible camp site. They somewhere plan to put 85 lots with water, sewer and electric. Patrick requests the Town send a letter to the developer to cease and desist until we get detailed plans from them. Chairman Ron Burg said he would like a written detailed letter for consideration. Suzanne Vitale read a letter she submitted to the Board regarding her opposition to the RV park and the significant cost for a new road and for extra ambulance services to the area. Jeff Sventek, whom had worked at the former camp is currently working with the Kinsellas. He said the goal of the camp is to remain as it has for the last 85 years. A camp for youth and families. The former camp had high intensity usage with lots of buses, accidents, and police there. They may not have a blueprint or plan as to what will be done. But everything is being done legally. All electric put in will only support 12 sites. Report states we could do 85. It doesn't mean we will. Regarding trailer park ban, he is not aware of it. Meeting all the requirements. DNR stated that that property is only one of a few that is not contributing to the lake pollution. Sam Langenbach, with Wood Lake Camp, said there had been 12 RV & tent sites on 22-acre parcel considered a Recreational

Educational Camp. She referred to a Conditional Use Permit from 2012. New ownership means a new Rec. Ed. Camp. Had to be updated with electric and sewer as part of County Land Use permit. They are waiting on a water test from the state. Regarding the other 80 acres, they did put a transformer out there and a gravel. That is the only work done in that area. Wood Lake Camp is hosting a toy drive on November 30th for low income families where parents would pay 1/10 of the cost. Bruce McPheeters would love to have the camp. Referring to the 97 RV sites, build it someplace else. Concerned if there would be a Land Use permit regarding no boats allowed. Could have an additional 97 boats on the lake. Gene Soderbeck, rep. for Big Wood Lake Association, stated they have been petitioning the County to open and reassess the conditional use permit. Impervious surfaces increase. We've been asking for a plan and they should have been forthright with information. Impervious surfaces for 12 units or 80 units. Where is it going to go? Big Wood Lake and surrounding wetlands is the lowest in the area. The lake is already impaired for phosphorous. Where is the drainage plan? Leif Erickson, not a Town resident, said he was in favor of the camp He said the Kinsella's have worked since day 1 with the DNR. Have worked to layout land to have the least amount of runoff. Have worked with Paul Cook from Land Service dept. Carol Huff, permanent resident on Big Wood Lake, wants to know where is the plan? She's been a nurse herself. She is requesting the Town Board to protect our lake, and our area. Terry Swenson said he echoed Mr. McPheeters concerns of the camp area. Wants it so RV park people would not have any additional docking. Ed Marquardt, resident of Daniels Town, is a friend of the camp. He wanted to know if the mobile home ordinance we have applied to the Memory Lake Camp. Board said that they have their own rules in the Village of Grantsburg. He said the cabins have been nicely remodeled- inside and out.

IX. Road Maintenance:

- a. Report, Duane Selander:** Duane reported that he has been hauling gravel, removing downed trees, mowing and other regular maintenance work. He said that the Crosstown paving project will be moved out to next year due to the weather delays.
- b. Annual Review, Board:** John Hennessey said, "Dewey has been doing a really good job and that he recommended a dollar or more raise." Ron asked Joel Johnson of his opinion of the work done. Joel said, "he has done a great job." Gilbert said "he is doing an excellent job and out there reacting to situations and has done a very good job of addressing things. Good job!" Ron said "we want to get insurance done that wasn't and give some compensation to him for that. Greatly appreciate your work." John Hennessey made a motion to increase Duane's wages to \$19.50/hr. Gilbert seconded it. All voted in favor. MC. **This wage aligns with the County's pay scale.**
- c. 2020 LRIP Plans, Duane and Board:** John Hennessey recommended Rylander Rd. Stated it has greatly deteriorated since this spring's road tour. Joel Johnson said that one should choose a road that is more heavily traveled. Gilbert Meyer mentioned that the first ½ mile section of Little Wood Lake Rd needs some repairs. The Board and Duane agreed. John Hennessey made a motion to request ½ mile of Rylander Rd. and ½ mile of Little Wood Lake Rd for the LRIP project, if possible. Otherwise, 1 mile of Little Wood Lake Rd. Gilbert Meyer seconded it. MC.

X. New Town Hall Project Report: Ron Burg reported that the testing company had pulled out last month more contamination. It will need more testing. Waiting on Dan Dowling. Wayne Lake asked, "if Dan is still willing to sell us the land, can we request that there be no parking on that section over the winter?" Ron said he would ask.

XI. Planning Commission Report, Rick Cunningham: Reported that the Planning Commission met the night before and have reviewed the first ~~10 chapters~~ **8 sections** of the ~~10-20~~ year plan, **which is reviewed every 10 years.** Now will be reviewing the recommended changes.

XII. Fire Association Report, Gilbert Meyer: Gilbert had e-mailed the October 21, 2019 minutes. They are looking at refurbishing Engine #1.

XIII. **New Business:**

- a. **Municipal Records Management Ordinance:** John Hennessey made a motion to approve Ordinance # 2019-01 An Ordinance Adopting the Wisconsin Municipal Records Schedule. Gilbert Meyer seconded it. All voted in favor. MC.

XIV. **Prepare 2020 Budget:** The Board, Clerk and Treasurer went over last years budget to make recommendations for 2020.

XV. **Audit bills and sign disbursements:** Bills were audited and paid.

XVI. **Identify agenda items for next meeting:** 2020 budget, former Wood Lake Bible Camp and regular monthly items.

XVII. **Adjournment:** Gilbert Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Hennessey seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Raylene Swanson, Clerk