



Village of Grantsburg

Village Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2026

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Grantsburg met on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Village Board Room, 316 S. Brad Street, Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

Present: President Rick Lindberg, Trustee Greg Peer, Trustee Leo Janke, Trustee Hank Java, Trustee John Addison, Trustee Matt Chadwick, Trustee Kim Korhonen

Others: Police Chief Jared Woody, DPW John Erickson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Allison Longhenry, Greg Marsten-Burnett County Sentinel. Via Teams: Dylan Friss & Thad Webb, SEH, Brian Bistram & Mitchell Wickorem-Bam Auto Body, LLC, Brent Blomberg

Call to Order. President Lindberg called the Village Board meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Clerk/Treasurer Meyer conducted roll call. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comments. No one appeared

Correspondence. Included in the Trustee packets were the Burnett County Administration newsletter, the monthly project update report from SEH, and a letter from Burnett County Agricultural Society Fair Board regarding their property account.

Minutes. President Lindberg asked if there were any changes, corrections or additions to the minutes presented from the following 2026 meetings: February 9th Administration Committee; February 9th Village Board; March 6th Public Safety Committee. None were proposed. **Minutes were accepted as presented.**

Brickfield Brewing, LLC. An application for a Tobacco license was received from Nicole Peterson, Brickfield Brewing. The application indicates only Tobacco products in the form of cigars will be sold occasionally during events. **Motion by Trustee Addison, second by Trustee Korhonen to grant a Tobacco License to Brickfield Brewing, LLC, 151 W. Olson Drive, Nicole Peterson, Agent, effective 3/10/2026 to 6/30/2026. Motion passed unanimously.**

Library Board appointment. Motion by Trustee Addison, second by Trustee Java to appoint Sarah Schmidt to the Grantsburg Public Library Board to fill an unexpired term to end 5/1/2027. Motion passed unanimously.

Southern Crex Spirits/Hummers. Motion by Trustee Java, second by Trustee Addison to approve the extended drinking area request received from Southern Crex Spirits dba Hummer's to include a fenced area set up outside the front door, large enough for a food

truck and several picnic tables (approximately 5 parking stalls) during Rock the Block on April 11, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Jokers Bar and Fun Alley. Motion by Trustee Java, second by Trustee Addison to approve the extended drinking area request received from Jokers Bar and Fun Alley to include the fenced area set up outside their front door, large enough for a food truck and several picnic tables (approximately 5 parking stalls) during Rock the Block on April 11, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Greg Marsten joined the meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Works DPW Erickson informed the Trustees of items happening since the last board meeting including receiving the additional snowflake decorations, putting the winter banners up, receiving the streetlight head for the streetlight at Oak & Olson only to have the electrician find a broken ground wire, and filling potholes around town. DPW Erickson also informed the Board the contractors are anticipating fixing the section of W. Olson Drive caused by the WWTP project this Spring and that he will be interviewing a candidate for the W/S Operator position on Wednesday.

4:15 p.m. Public Hearing. A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application was received from Beau Carey, owner of 497 State Road 70 E., to sell sheds from his property. Carey was unable to attend the meeting due to a work delay. President Lindberg called the Public Hearing to order at 4:15 p.m. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Longhenry read the Public Hearing Notice. President Lindberg asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the CUP application. CT Meyer explained details from the Plan Commission meeting stating these would be Premier sheds arranged neatly on the site with a sign at the highway, an in and out driveway, and ample parking. The sheds would be for display purposes. President Lindberg asked for anyone wishing to speak against the CUP application. No one spoke. The Public Hearing was closed at 4:17 p.m. Trustee Java asked what Plan Commission recommended and was told they recommended approval. **Motion by Trustee Java, second by Trustee Janke to grant the Conditional Use Permit to Beau Carey, owner of 497 State Road 70 E., to sell sheds from his property. Motion passed unanimously.**

STAFF REPORTS (continued)

Police Chief Woody presented his monthly incident report and graph for February showing 44 calls for service and reported on the Police Chief conference he attended in February. The conference included 200 Wisconsin Chiefs and over 175 vendors. Topics included legal updates,

labor negotiations and media reports. Chief Woody informed the Trustees the WI Department of Justice reimburses departments for some of the training. Grantsburg receives \$325 per officer.

Administration Clerk/Treasurer Meyer presented the license and permits report showing one zoning permit for a new driveway and two operator's license, the cash report with a checking account balance of \$59,016.09 after all vouchers are paid, and a Treasury account balance of \$1,505,795.69.

4:30 p.m. Public Hearing. A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application was received from Brian Bistram & Mitchell Wickoren to operate an auto body shop at 675 State Road 70 W owned by Mark Harmon. President Lindberg called the Public Hearing to order at 4:30 p.m. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Longhenry read the Public Hearing Notice. President Lindberg asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the CUP application. Bistram explained he feels there is a need for another body shop in Grantsburg. This property was previously designed to be an auto body shop and was operated as one in the past. President Lindberg asked if anyone wished to speak against the CUP application. No one spoke. The Public Hearing was closed at 4:32 p.m. **Motion by Trustee Addison, second by Trustee Korhonen to grant a Conditional Use Permit to Brian Bistram & Mitchell Wickoren dba Bam Auto Body, LLC, to operate an auto body shop at 675 State Road 70 W. Motion passed unanimously.**

4:45 p.m. Jeff Kirkeby called and will not be able to attend tonight's meeting but will be on the agenda in April.

STAFF REPORTS (continued)

Library Director Yoerg was unable to attend the meeting. Her monthly report was provided in the Trustee packets for their review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Committee. 1) Community Center rental agreement with the Grantsburg School District. President Lindberg informed the Trustees that the Administration Committee had met with several Administration personnel from the School District and discussed the Community Center rental agreement. The school will verify the exact hours needed by the gymnastics program and C/T Meyer will send the proposed agreement to the Village attorney for review of the indemnification paragraph. Once completed, the agreement will be considered by the Village Board and the Grantsburg School Board at their April meetings.

2) Rock the Block. The Administration Committee discussed the request with Mike Janke. **Motion by Trustee Addison, second by Trustee Korhonen to approved parking spot closures (fenced) in front of Southern Crex Spirits/Hummers and in front of Jokers Bar and Fun Alley large enough to accommodate a food truck and several picnic tables for Rock the Block on April 11, 2026, from 8 a.m. to noon on April 12, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.**

3) WWTP Change Order Proposal #08. Thad Webb and Dylan Friss from SEH joined the meeting via Teams. Webb explained they had talked with Market & Johnson regarding Change Order #08 to see if the digging contractor had a built-in contingency for finding debris and having to haul new fill into the campground. Webb said they did not, but they did change the process from digging further to boring to reduce the amount of debris needing removal and fill needed to be brought in. **Motion by Trustee Addison, second by Trustee Java to approve Change Order Proposal #08 on the WWTP project. Motion passed unanimously.**

4) WWTP project Change Order No. 2. Dylan Friss explained Change Order No. 2 which includes Change Order Proposal #09 through Change Order Proposal #13. These include a contract deduct of \$4,462.50 for exterior coating omitted on below-grade wet-well concrete, an addition of \$37,387.27 to include the North Lift Station control panel/PLC replacement in the project, a deduct of \$1,689.00 for RFI #13 omit chemical fill station, a deduct of \$3,776.30 for RFI#14 omit precast topping and an addition for adding 1 inch of insulation at the treatment building of \$2,834.41 for a total net addition of \$30,293.88. **Motion by Trustee Peer, second by Trustee Java to approve Change Order No. 2 with a net addition to the contract of \$30,293.88. Motion passed unanimously.**

5) Police Officer sponsorship. Police Chief Woody explained he has an individual he would like to hire to fill the vacant Police Officer position and sponsor to go to the Police Academy. The individual has a bachelor's degree but needs to complete the Police Academy to be a certified officer. Chief Woody explained WI Department of Justice pays for the Academy, lodging, meals, and mileage. The Village would pay a reduced hourly wage, taxes, retirement, and 90% of the life insurance premium while he would be attending the Academy. **Motion by Trustee Korhonen, second by Trustee Java to allow Chief Woody to hire for the vacant Police Officer position and to have the Village sponsor the individual's attendance at the Police Academy. Motion passed unanimously.** C/T Meyer will send the Police Academy Sponsorship Agreement to the Village Attorney for review.

6) Possible site for a hockey rink. President Lindberg stepped away as President and presented a proposal to the Village Board as a private citizen regarding a community hockey rink in the Village. The rink boards would be purchased with fundraised money with a future plan to possibly add a warming house and install necessary lighting. Lindberg asked the Village to consider providing a permanent spot that would work for a rink with the Village paying for the water (estimated at \$140 - \$270 per season), the heat if a warming house were built, and electric costs of lighting. The Board was generally in favor of the project and discussed possible sites. Several other items of concern such as supervision, maintenance, and insurance were brought up. Lindberg assured the Board this project was not be in competition with the Blizzard Hockey program but may offer additional practice time. The rink would be for recreational purposes for children and adults. **Motion by Trustee Addison, second by Trustee Korhonen to approve of village resident Rick Lindberg pursuing the idea of bringing an outdoor hockey rink to the Village. Motion passed with President Lindberg abstaining.**

Market and Johnson Inc. pay request. Motion by Trustee Peer, second by Trustee Janke to approve the WWTP project pay request #7 from Market & Johnson in the amount of \$284,681.64. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills Motion by Trustee Janke, second by Trustee Java to approve payment of the bills as presented:

Checks #36905-#36953	\$705,965.98
Payroll vouchers V9870-V9900	\$36,076.75
ACH/EFTPS payments	\$84,826.49
Total	<u>\$826,869.22</u>

Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee reports, concerns... Trustee Peer provided an article on Stable Housing and a report on the work of the Burnett County Housing Committee he has been participating in, showing a goal of constructing 20 single-family homes by 2028 with a target sale price of \$250,000. Trustee Peer reported no homes were planned in the Grantsburg area.

5:15 p.m. Scott DeRocker. Scott DeRocker joined the meeting on behalf of the Grantsburg American Legion requesting permission to host a UTV/ATV run. DeRocker asked for the same items as in 2025. **Motion by Trustee Java, second by Trustee Korhonen to approve the request from Scott DeRocker, Grantsburg American Legion, to host the 3rd Annual Spring UTV/ATV Patriot Run on April 25, 2026, to close one-half of E. Olson Drive by he Legion, to use the Village parking lots, if needed, and the park property northwest of the Legion. Motion passed unanimously.**

President Lindberg reported on the Burnett County Tourism meeting he attended.

Adjournment The Village Board meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Sheila Meyer
Clerk/Treasurer