

The Committee of the Whole met Tuesday March 3, 2009 at the village hall with Ray Ransom, Ken Lindner, Penny Danielson, Larry Green, Kristy Lunderville, Margaret Young, Doreen Demaskie, Village Engineers Clem Safranek and Nick Dums, Superintendent Randy Brown, Fire Chief Lunderville, Officer Cooper, Cemetery Secretary-Treasurer Vonnie Breheim and Debra Green.

1. Call to Order – 7:00 PM

2. Vouchers: were approved and signed.

3. Delinquent List: delinquent utility customers will be notified and invited to attend the Committee meeting in April to explain to the Trustees why they are not able to pay their utility bill. Young moved, seconded by Demaskie to approve as printed. Carried.

4. US 12/STH 27 WisDOT Project ID # 7080-05-03: Village Engineer Clem Safranek reviewed with the Trustees the WisDOT Roadway Concept Plan and Schedule; the WisDOT Project concept definition items; the utility replacements options and the proposed grant opportunities and schedule. Engineer Clem Safranek also discussed his response he to WisDOT's Chad Hines questions and the historic flooding problems and based on that he recommends the following village activities to be completed in 2009:

- * Village televises all sanitary sewer mains within the US12 corridor (including side road crossings) in the Spring of 2009;
- * Village crews measure depths to top of water mains (top of main line valve operating nut) north of STH 95 on US12;
- * Park committee confirms Village wide trail routes by May 2009, and submitted to county by September 2009 for incorporation in to county outdoor recreation plan. This will support the 2010 TE grant application.

President Ransom asked Engineer Safranek to assemble and submit a timetable schedule for the Board.

Village Engineers Clem Safranek and Nick Dums were then excused at 8:15 PM.

5. 2008 Annual Cemetery Report: Cemetery Secretary-Treasurer Vonnie Breheim discussed and reviewed the cemetery report with the Trustees. Demaskie moved, seconded by Danielson to approve the 2008 Annual Cemetery report. Carried. A full and complete copy of the 2008 Cemetery report is on file and the village hall office for public viewing. Secretary-Treasurer Breheim was praised for the fine job she is doing with the cemetery.

6. Communications with Village Fire Department: Chief Lunderville submitted his annual Fire/EMS report of calls, training activities and events the Fire/EMS were involved in to the Trustees. A full and complete Fire/EMS report is on file at the village hall office for public viewing. Fire Chief Lunderville also reported that the fire department has a tanker on loan from DNR for use while the village's tanker is being repaired. The possibility of combining with the Alma Center fire department and applying for a grant to construct a new fire hall was also discussed.

7. Communications with Village Police Department: Officer Cooper reported that the multi-jurisdictional grant that was applied for has been approved and as a result approximately \$7,900.00 will be coming to the Village of Merrilan for police equipment. Officer Cooper will also be submitting his work hours worked for drug enforcement to the state for Cease reimbursement. Trustee Lindner commended Officer Cooper for his recent work done with area drug enforcement. Officer Cooper informed the Trustees he also will be actively seeking to apply for grants to purchase of a new squad and police equipment.

8. Communication with Village Maintenance Department: Superintendent Brown reported that the sewer lift station by the Depot Saloon has about an inch of grease in it. There were questions about the grease in the lift station as the Depot Saloon has installed a commercial grease trap. The lift station was last pumped on 11/11/08. Superintendent Brown said he has been treating the lift station with degreaser to help keep the floats in the lift station clean of grease but that is expensive to do. He explained it would be cheaper to pump the grease out of the lift station. It is the consensus of the Trustees to have Superintendent Brown have the lift station pumped.

9. Communications with Village President: President Ransom informed the Trustees that League of Wisconsin Municipalities Mutual Insurance CEO Dennis Tweedale will be here at the April 14, 2009 Board meeting to review and discuss with them the LWMMI video on Preventing Public Officials Liability.

10. Resolution NO. 01-09 – Resolution Adopting Outdoor Recreational Plan: President Ransom introduced Resolution No. 01-09. It was moved by Young, seconded by Lindner to adopt Resolution NO. 01-09 adopting the Jackson County Outdoor Recreation Plan 2009-2013 as its guide for future recreation facility improvements in the Village of Merrilan. Carried.

11. Oakwood Dam Embankment/Slope Repair: Ayres Engineer Chris Goodwin is scheduled to be here Thursday March 5, 2009 survey the dam embankment/slope repair.

12. Operator License Applications: Lunderville moved, seconded by Danielson to approve the applications of Denise Shaw and Jodi Schrick. Carried.

13. Public Comment: none.

14. Adjournment; Danielson moved, seconded by Lindner to adjourn at 8:50 PM. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Green, Clerk

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