

The Committee of the Whole met Tuesday May 4, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the village hall with Margaret Young, Ken Lindner, Genny Eddy, Kristy Lunderville, Penny Danielson, Doreen Demaskie, Fire Chief Al Lunderville, Superintendent Randy Brown, Officer Cooper and Debra Green. Absent was Trustee Todd Antony.

**1. Call to Order – 7:00 PM**

**2. Vouchers:** were approved and signed.

**3. Delinquent List:** Lindner moved, seconded by Demaskie to accept as printed. Carried.

**4. Operator License Applications:** applications were received from Lori Kitelinger and Heather Calkins. Lunderville moved, seconded by Danielson to approve the applications contingent upon proof of the applicants meeting all the necessary requirements for obtaining an operator's license in the village.

**5. Communications with Village President:**

a. Read and Review Commentary:

1. Department of Administration's (DOA) Low income Energy Assistance program enrollment date was changed from May 1, 2010 to July 1, 2010 due to the contract re-newal timeline of the DOA. The Village is currently working with Focus on Energy to acquire some energy saver kits that will be given to low income eligible customers. The kits will be purchased with public benefit funds collected in May and June. The Energy Efficiency and Conservation program enrollment was effective as of May 1, 2010 with Focus on Energy.

2. Consideration to contract with Sue Sampson to paint an historical mural dedicating Ashbel Haydon and A.J. Merrill together as founding fathers of Merrilan. Placed on the May 11, 2010 Board meeting agenda.

3. Spring clean-up day in the village is scheduled for Saturday May 22, 2010, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

4. Board of Review is scheduled for Wednesday May 19, 2010.

5. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 implementation postponed to 2011.

6. Memorial Medical Center at Neillsville is contemplating having a mini health fair here in the village to conduct various health screenings.

7. Ad-Hoc Committee set to meet and review the village budgeting process this Thursday.

8. CDBG Housing Program has an allowance for 20% of facility projects, or \$43,480.00. This money could be used to replace the old bathroom at the Trow Lake beach park with a new pre-fab concrete bathroom.

9. WIDNR 2011 Stewardship grant will be applied for next year and could be used for various uses in the village.

10. The electric facility charge will go down slightly this year and Jackson Electric's 3-phase circuit installation through the village will add about a 1 mega watt of new load. This will affect the Dairyland Power facility charge next year.

11. Zoning Administrator Ray Ransom investigated and drafted a report on the encroachment issue of property owner located at 300 W Pearl Street. Officer Cooper will speak to the property owner advising him to abstain from encroaching until the Board has had time to investigate it further. Tabled to the May 11, 2010 Board meeting agenda.

12. Update on the STH 95 manhole-storm sewer road cement repairs to be done by the contractor who initially did the cement work.

**6. Communications with Village Maintenance Department:**

a. Street Sweeper Options: Superintendent Brown reported that Supreme Sweeping out of Eau Claire who would do the village street sweeping for about \$300.00 each time, but offered that if Hixton and Alma Center would also join and do theirs at the same time then they would do all three municipalities then for \$425.00. Divided by three that would be a cost of \$141.67 to each municipality. Officer Cooper also reported that Power Cleaning Systems out of Holmen would be interested in doing regular village street sweeping for about \$300.00 each time. Superintendent Brown was asked to investigate further and get final cost figures to present to the Trustees.

**7. Communications with Village Police Department:** Officer Cooper reported he is pulling together the final squad equipment invoices for submission to Sue Larson at the USDA. Officer Cooper also asked what the legal procedure is for selling village equipment to the public. This was tabled to the May 11, 2010 Board agenda.

**8. Communications with Village Fire Department:**

a. Fire Engine Repair Cost Approval: Demaskie moved, seconded by Eddy to approve the engine repair cost of \$1,250.00. Carried.

**9. Public Comment:** none.

**10. Adjournment:** Lunderville moved, seconded by Lindner to adjourn at 8:16 pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debra Green*, Clerk    05/05/2010