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*SteamBoat Days Tug-o-War*

Becky Stuber, Troy Poppitz,?, Gary Gestach  
Lori wickenhauser, Tonya Edwards, Kim Schultz

Winners of the SteamBoat Tug-o-War  
Sponsored by "Tom Diethlem"

After a hard day of pulling and tugging  
Team "Tom Diethlem" put an end to  
the other five teams, who were trying just  
as hard to win, to an end. The day was windy  
and hot, but it didn't stop team "Tom Deithlem"  
Good Job Team! Nice try to the other teams.  
Congratulations to the "Giese" team coming  
in with second place! See everyone next  
year!





## *Public Safety*

The deputy informed the council that there has been an increase in calls to the sheriff's office. Concerns involve assaults, disturbing the peace and vandalism which have all increased. Discussion was held regarding a disturbance at an event at the Village Hall.

The deputy reported to the council that there had been break-ins in Carver Bluffs and a car stolen. A shelter had also been vandalized in the addition. The sheriff's office was asked to check the area periodically. The mayor inquired about public events. The deputy responded that there had been only one complaint and it pertained to loud music. Activities resulting in disturbances are to be documented as directed by the mayor.

## *Conditional Use Permit*

Public Hearing was held to consider an amendment to the Conditional Use Permit. The council considered WKP's petition to amend his conditional use permit. The Planning Commission and the council granted a permit to operate the business in 1966. An addition to his building has been requested which constitutes expansion of the existing use, thereby requiring an amendment. The Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the amendment. This addition is nowhere near the area of erosion.

The council was informed that the Planning Commission reviewed the variance regarding the bluff and slope area behind the building and recommended approval. The addition is within the fifty foot set back zone from the bluff. A more detailed site plan had been complied with. The city planner had recommended conditions which the council had reviewed. Motion was made and carried accepting the variance specified by the Planning commission and to adopt the resolution to amend the conditional use permit.

## *City Park*

The issue of hours and rules for city parks had been discussed by the Park and Recreation Board. There are not any concrete recommendations to submit at present. The issue is still being worked on. There was discussion of dogs in parks. Consensus was that they preferred to keep dogs out due to the difficulty of forcing pet owners cleaning up after the dogs in park areas.

## *Downtown Improvements Proposed*

Possible downtown area improvements were presented to the council by the administrator and the engineer. The issues discussed were curb, gutter, sidewalk and some decorative brick. Since it is a county road, the Carver County personnel would have to approve width changes to the sidewalks. Assessing the improvements was suggested. Part of the cost could be assessed to benefited property owners. Business owners were to be contacted for their input.

## *Village Hall Rental Request*

Administrator reported that use of the hall for line dance lessons was requested. Since this would be a local get together, it was requested that use off the hall be at no charge. These lessons were proposed for once a week. Council member did not agree with free use and would like more information. A small fee would be expected to be paid. There was also discussion regarding unavailability of the hall if full rental was requested.

Another request had also been proposed for church services. Use of the hall requested for once during the week and on Sundays. Compensation was offered for the use.

## *Miscellaneous*

The council was informed of a problem regarding violation of the bluff protection provisions. The homeowner was contacted and the issue is being resolved.

Council was informed of another issue involving a property line dispute. Two surveyors were in dispute as well. The city was requested to assist in the matter. Since city property is not involved, it was the consensus of the that it was not something the city should become involved in with confirmation from the city attorney.

Council was informed that the Daily Grind would be reopening as "Skinner's Ribs Shack". Coffee and sweet rolls were planned to be served in the morning and later in the day the menu would serve ribs. The owner petitioned for a beer license. A three drink limit would be enforced. Renovations to the outside of the building were also be discussed and reviewed with the Heritage Preservation Commission.

Dahlgren Township resident via letter form to the city council requested a trail outside the city limits. This issue should be taken up with the Township Board. Administrator was directed to contact resident and suggest that they also contact the DNR regarding the possibility of a grant connecting to existing trails.

Administrator distributed proposed budget draft for 2001. Suggestions were submitted. Budget work session was scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup>. The council confirmed Truth-In-Taxation hearing dates for December 4<sup>th</sup> and if needed a continuation hearing date of December 18<sup>th</sup>.

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## *DISCLAIMER*

*Preliminary minutes of the City Council meetings are referenced to compose the "Villager Tower".*



## *Lower Minnesota River Watershed District*

The city engineer wants to further review the proposed agreement between the Lower Minnesota River WaterShed District and the City of Carver. The attorney was of the opinion this agreement was disproportionate since it put the city's position responsible for enforcement of the watershed districts regulations. His contention was that this agreement gives the watershed district the right to revise and dictate actions since the city agreed to enforce their regulations. He further stated that the water sheds goals are admirable, but give the district the advantage. To his knowledge no other city had agreed in signing the agreement. The attorney's recommendation was to negotiate with the water shed and not sign the agreement as presented. The Administrator was directed to talk with other cities for their input.

Administrator's comments were that he'd reviewed the agreement and spoken with the watershed's representative expressing the same concerns as stated above. He'd also inquired about the lengths of time of reviewal and the timetable as not to delay the city's reviewals and handling of issues. Administrator considered affiliation with Lower MN River WaterShed District. There was the alternative not to affiliate with them. However, there was no other organization available for advise or regulation.

The Carver county personnel conducts these services for those people who are not in the district's jurisdictions. It was considered to be bad policy to have the city divided into different jurisdictions for policing reasons. It was not considered feasible to get the WaterShed District to expand their coverage to include the entire city, but if the city opted to be outside the district then possibly the city could have the county assume responsibility for the area. However, it must be taken into account that all of the assistance in the past recieved

ed from the WaterShed District. There is a clause stating that the agreement can be rescinded with sixty days notice. The Administrator was willing to attempt this plan of action. The participation could be forgone if necessary. The city has received a substantial amount of money in the past and is currently working on another city project. The attorney stated that his concerns are not with how the watershed works with the city, but with the agreement verbiage. The signing of the agreement was tabled until a later date.

In relation to this subject, the administrator addressed the drainage issue at Sixth Street and Sunny Ridge. The WaterShed District will be approached for financial aid with this project, as well.

The second issue is the Local Water Resources Management Plan grant program. This is a Metropolitan Council program. Under some circumstances, they fund up to fifty percent of some types of water resource management plans. The engineer informed the council that some follow up items will be necessary for the surface water management plan being worked on for the city. This application has been completed and submitted. The county and the watershed district will be approached to participate with the city's share of cost.

Further discussion was pursued with the watershed representative present at the meeting. He reviewed the proposed joint agreement with the council. Question was posed about other government units entering into the agreement. Response was that they too are in the process of reviewing the agreement and defining it as well. Council member commented on the attorney's statement regarding the enforcement issues. The representative responded that most of the enforcement policy is in place with city ordinances and this would not be anything new.

Administrator had attended the Lower MN River WaterShed meeting where he was asked if the city was going to enter into the agreement. The watershed district personnel have adopted a policy that a city will not receive assistance unless they sign some form of the agreement. Inquiry was made regarding actions taken by other cities. The attorney was modifying the agreement and this information is to be presented to the council.

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## *Tentative Agenda*

### *Monday evening 6:30PM*

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approve Agenda
- 3) Petitions from Residents
- 4) Consent Agenda
- 5) Public Safety
- 6) Municipal Utilities
- 7) Administrative Reports
- 8) Liaison Reports
- 9) Other Business
- 10) Adjourn

## *CARVER YOUTH SOFTBALL, BASEBALL ASSOCIATION*

No report available at time of print – Watch for future issues.





## Carver Bluffs

### "Annexation #3"

Public Hearing was held regarding the annexation in Carver Bluffs. Two areas in Dahlgren Township have already been annexed. The third annexation involved additional property in the township. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the annexation. Township board members were at the Public Hearing also. A resident asked about drainage issues proposed and the engineer explained this annexation would help provide for the ability to handle drainage issues better with ponds. Approximately half of the twenty three acres in the proposed annexation area would be for ponds and drainage, as well as open space requirements. Objections were heard regarding an entrance/access on County Road #40 for this proposed annexed parcel.

The developer also informed the council that discussion had taken place with property owned by Kelly which is "for sale" regarding purchasing this property. Further discussions will be necessary with Dahlgren Township regarding annexation issues. Township Board member stated consideration would be given to the approximate thirty seven acre parcel. If able to purchase this parcel, it would be developed prior to the newest annexation parcel further south (annexation number three). The developer was of the impression that it would take

approximately ten years to complete the entire development.

Issue of the second access for Carver Bluffs was addressed. There was some discrepancy in understanding past verbiage regarding a second access. As addressed at present the developer was of the opinion that if annexation did not occur with the Kelly parcel, then the city would have to build this access by condemnation process, assessing benefited owners. However, if annexation were to occur, a second access would be platted by the developer. Question was asked regarding the placement of this access in reference to the gravel pit entrance location. Answer given was that temporary road on the Kelly parcel would be installed. Carver Bluffs Parkway would be connected to this temporary road.

A financial commitment from the developer was preferred for construction of the second access so that if the annexation did not occur then the city would not bear the entire cost. Statement was made that the original plat had two roads to the development from the start of the project.

Discussion occurred regarding clarification of the resolution. Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one nay adopting the resolution approving the preliminary plat of one hundred twenty lot on 43.23 acres and rezoning the land from agricultural to residential.

Further debate occurred regarding construction of this second road for the development. Council member inquired about the costs of this road. Comments were made for clarity that the developer did not have a signed agreement with owner of Kelly parcel. Preliminary plat was produced which did not designate a second access. The developer was of the understanding that Carver Bluffs Parkway was a double access since it was a divided road and the other road was an emergency access and temporary. The developer

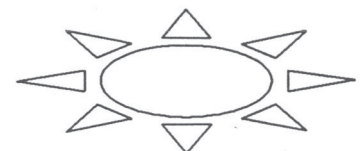
stated that he did not remember any discussion regarding a second road. There was a sketch plan showing a feasible road. However no commitments had been made. The mayor related that if a second road were necessary, it would be built. The developer reiterated that he has a verbal agreement with the owner regarding the Kelly parcel.

### *Carver Bluffs Fourth Addition – Final Plat*

Discussion was held regarding some conditions set by the Planning Commission, adoption of final plat prior to annexation finalization and the Lower Minnesota River WaterShed prior to accepting approval of Carver Bluffs final plat. The attorney commented that the annexation issue had been placed before the State Planning. He was of the opinion that the issue had passed. The mayor questioned having all the information prior to acting on issues. The attorney and engineer commented that acceptance contingent on approval and/or recommendations could be incorporated into the developer's agreement later.

The developer interjected that it was critical that the final plat be approved at present due to grading needs which are required to be completed in a short period of time. The Planning Commission had recommended approval of the final plat subject to recommendations submitted.

Motion was made and carried adopting the final plat for Carver Bluffs Fourth Addition subject to approval by the city engineer and recommendations from both the WaterShed District and the Planning Commission. Motion was made and carried approving annexation number three for Hans Hagen Homes per ordinance.





## *Carver Fire Station*

Representative from the engineering firm representing the city presented the council with plans and proposal for a new fire station which could be enlarged at a later date. At present it included a four stall, pitched roof, training space, rest rooms and work area. Costs and materials were reviewed. The attorney stated that there are alternatives for building a fire station, but due to the size of Carver it was logical to put out as a referendum. The Fire Department to solicit for the necessity of a station. Motion was made and carried to have the financial team put together the numbers and put the question on the November ballot contingent on the increase of property tax.

Administrator reviewed with the council the findings completed concerning proposed referendum. The financial consultant reviewed separate ways that the station could be financed. If a referendum was passed by the voters then General Obligation funds would have to be used to finance the station. The city could not switch to a lease purchase or any other way to finance the station. Consultant expressed concerns about debt limits. He discussed other options with the council. The tax impact was also reviewed. This tax impact would lessen as the city grew. Question was posed on how this would impact township rates. Response was that this option would require discussion. Educating the public on this referendum was brought up. The engineering firm would prepare flyers.

Motion was made and carried adopting resolution calling for an election on General Obligation bonds for a fire hall.



## *Proposed Renovation of Fire Station*

City employee presented draft of items requiring change if the present fire station were to be renovated for the public works garage. Included also was a list of necessary equipment. The roof on the present station requires replacement whether or not a new one is built. Suggestion was submitted that the city should attempt to budget for a public works building. Further discussion on this topic will be pursued in the future.

## *Fire Department*

The council was told by the fire chief that the Chaska VFW has paid for two air packs for the departments. The Chaska Legion is financing a third. MN Valley Electric Coop expressed interest in purchasing another one. There are four more air packs available at this time. The Fire Department has funds budgeted for this purchase and requested authorization to use the budgeted funds if enough donations are not received. This issue is to be discussed further.

The Carver Lions and fire fighters have also donated money towards the purchase of new air tanks. Motion was made and carried authorizing the purchase of air packs using donated and budget funds.

These smoke packs donated to the firemen are masked used during a fire allowing fireman to enter into a smoke filled environment for the purpose of rescuing victims in an area where there is fire. The old air packs allowed them fifteen minutes to search and find. The new air packs allow them forty five minutes time to locate and rescue victims.



## *Municipal Utilities*

The mayor inquired about the repainting of the wastewater clarifier. Response was given that the primer had not been applied properly and the contractor had repainted at his cost.

Council member relayed that there is yellow water in their area often. The system has been flushed. However, in that area the problem is that it is looped. Council member requested that the average amount of water pumped per month be reported, as well as the total amount pumped. Figures of how close the city is to pumping at capacity should be known.

## *Sunday Liquor Sales*

Request was presented that Sunday Liquor question be placed on the November ballot. Motion was made and carried putting Sunday Liquor on the November ballot. Discussion was held to understand request placed for Sunday Liquor sales. The antique shop business has most of their customers on Sunday and a lot of traffic passes through on this particular day which leads the owner to believe that it would be good for business.

## *Carver County Sheriff's Contract*

The contract for patrol services was reviewed. The council discussed their options. Question was asked how many citations were issued and if these funds were remitted to the city. Suggestion was submitted that officers be asked to patrol speeding problem areas. Comment was made that funds are still budgeted for special patrols. Administrator would like to discuss with the sheriff's office concerning directing their patrol times to designated areas. Options are to be queried by the administrator. An invitation is to be extended for a representative from the sheriff's office attend the councils next meeting.



## Church on the River

Administrator informed that council of the need for working area and storage. The Church on the River grant application, if awarded, still means months before work can begin. The Historic Grant Program received many applications. There is a good chance that the city would be denied. Furthermore, the administrator inquired if the council would consider holding meetings in the basement or in the gym of the Village Hall.. Consensus was that meetings could take place temporarily in the basement until the church would be usable. Chamber space would be utilized as office, meeting room and break room area. Council desks could be moved directly into the church. However, a sound system would be needed for the basement area in the Village hall, as well as in the church when it becomes available.. Administrator was directed to look into this.

Motion was made and carried adapting resolution pertaining to state capital projects Grants-In-Aid Program involving the Presbyterian Church restoration.

## Development Plan for Community Park

Administrator discussed the resolution regarding CFL/MN Amateur sports commission Grant Application which involved the community park soccer field proposal. The School Board had authorized monies towards construction of a soccer field in Carver. Another grant application had been submitted for additional funding. The council was informed of their share of cost if a second grant were obtained. The mayor relayed that there had not been a commitment from the council to construct a soccer field. This commitment should be received before any more time is spent on the project by the administrator.

Administrator announced that the city has been awarded a grant from the MN Amateur Sports Commission. The grant is for the development of a soccer field. School District #112 has committed additional funds towards the construction of a new athletic field in Carver.

Parking areas were discussed since more parking is necessary. The fences on the ball fields were discussed. An irrigation system for good fields was stated as being necessary. Council was also reminded that the Carver community Youth Baseball/Softball Association proposed to install batting cages at the Community Park. Also the Park and Recreation Board is attempting to find adequate funds to install an irrigation system on all of the fields. Representatives from the School District and the Chan-Chaska Soccer Club were present to discuss the proposed field with the council.

School District representative explained that while the school at present does not have plans to utilize the fields, it is the contention that if the fields are constructed, they would be used in some capacity by the school. Soccer is the fastest growing sport in the state and in the school district. There are approximately twenty five youths who play for the Chan-Chaska program.

The Park and Recreation Board had not submitted any recommendations at this point. Recommendations are dependent on grants and availability of funds. Discussion pursued regarding timing, costs, recommendation submittals, other work necessary to be completed and the fields requiring maintenance. These issues were being discussed by the Park and Recreation Board, the council was told. Administrator interjected that starting the project in fall could not be ruled out.



## Yellowstone Raccoons

By: Norma Timmons

The Yellowstone Raccoons met at the home of Matthew and Julia Timmons and had a full agenda, including the welcoming of six new members.

Lauren Stelton, Tad Thon, Julia and Matthew reported on their entries at the Carver County Fair and encouraged other members to enter next year. They showed some of their projects and explained the judging process was a chance to share with an adult what their projects had taught them.

Members also reported on working at the fair's food booth and again encouraged others to help next year. Jennifer and Jackie Melchior were thanked for the support they gave to make a float entry possible. The members decorated at Dauwalters' and then rode in the parade and distributed candy along the route.

A thank you note was read from Ruth Melchior, past leader, who expressed her gratitude for the bench she received from the club as a token of appreciation for her past service.

Leaders distributed a letter of goals for next year which included the club's participation in the "Share the Fun: contest and the clowing project. Members are to bring a costume to the October meeting so work can begin on the "Share the Fun" skit. Other discussion followed about possible group projects. Input from new members and their parents was greatly appreciated. A motion was made to have a future sewing project. This matter was discussed and moved to a committee which will report at the next meeting.

The group established the host schedule, and the October meeting will be held at Lauren Stelton's.





# HALLOWEEN PARTY

When: October 28

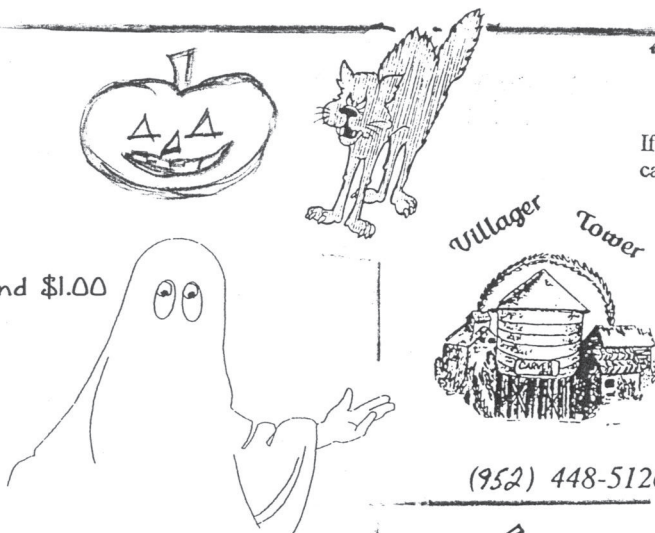
Where: Village Hall/Carver, MN

Cost: Non-perishable Food Donation and \$1.00

Lots of activities:

Fish Pond  
Costume Contest  
Lots of Goodies  
Prizes

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Volunteers need to contact Karen at 952) 448-4962

## Carver Fire Department Highlights and Community Calendar

### October 2000

- October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Council Meeting
- October 4<sup>th</sup> - Lions Meeting
- October 5<sup>th</sup> - Heritage Preservation Meeting  
Drill Night
- October 9<sup>th</sup> - Yom Kipper  
Columbus Day  
Special Council Meeting
- October 16<sup>th</sup> - National Boss's Day  
Drill Night  
YellowStone Raccoons 4-H Meeting
- October 18<sup>th</sup> - Lions Meeting
- October 19<sup>th</sup> - HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANNETTE!
- October 21<sup>st</sup> - East Union Country Fare
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Council Meeting
- October 24<sup>th</sup> - United Nations Day
- October 26<sup>th</sup> - Lions Meeting  
Fire Department Meeting
- October 28<sup>th</sup> - Halloween Party - Village Hall
- October 29<sup>th</sup> - HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MOM AND DAD!  
Daylight Savings Begins
- October 31<sup>st</sup> - HALLOWEEN

Birthstone: Opal  
Flower: Calendula:



## "Villager Tower"

If you want to submit article, news, ad, you can contact the "Villager Tower" at:

Villager Tower

Ricki Yvonne Schultz  
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## Carver Lions

Work is continuing on the Carver Lions Park. The parking lot is paved. Soon there will be picnic tables at the park. Plans are also to have a chain link fence around the park with a gate.

SteamBoat Days was a success. Thanks to everyone involved! Senator Claire Robling is working with the Lions on the gambling tax reduction issue.

The Lions held a Paint-A-Thon. This was to help seniors with painting their homes. Lions who participated in the paint-a-thon were: Doug Dauwalter, Lowell Peterson, Ben Lano & Lee Ostlie. There were several members of the Trinity Lutheran Church whose names were unavailable. Also Keith Wickinhouse of Harvey's Bar was in on the fun! Thanks fellas!



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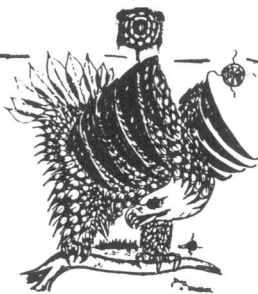
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