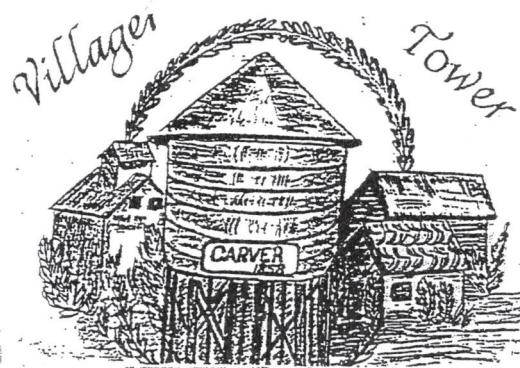


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## 2000 POLICE CONTRACT

Sheriff Bud Olsen was at the council meeting to discuss the 2001 Police contract with the council. The administrator talked about previous discussions to increase patrol time. The Sheriff presented proposal for preparations for the future. It has been speculated that Carver's population will double in the next five years. The council was also informed that under State law, the city's mayor is the local police chief.

The sheriff also discussed the benefits of contracting with the county rather than the city having its own police departments. Some control is lost when service is contracted but there is less cost involved versus with contracting. Per capita costs presently are \$6.93 per year.

The mayor inquired whether or not the city would have any say when using another source of policing. An example used was traffic problem areas. The sheriff's opinion was that the city could use one & half hours per day. Despite department's problem of filling vacancies due to retiring officers, it was the sheriff's opinion that the department has been able to fulfill their contracted patrol obligations.

The city had budgeted for special or extra patrol in 2000, but it had not been used. The council discussed contracted special patrol. One council member expressed preference to having spot patrols with contracted time and contract for less time. However, the majority expressed preference for one and half hours of patrol per day.

The administrator told the council that half hour patrol would cost approximately \$8,000. Per year; an hour, approximately a little over \$16,000. Per year and an hour and a half, approximately \$24,000 per year. The council will discuss this issue further at a future date.

## NEW FIRE STATION

The city engineer and the fire department had met regarding discussions of a new fire station. A brochure would be forthcoming. The Fire Department personnel plans to go door to door with their campaign. It was decided that the department should pay for these brochures. However, the engineer would donate part of the firm's services. The council was also told that the Fire Department had scheduled an OPEN HOUSE for October 8<sup>th</sup>.

## MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Administrator explained to council of problem encountered while conversion of septic tanks was occurring. A gas line had been ruptured during this process. Minnegasco had marked locations. However, this particular line was not known about.

A letter had been drafted for property owners concerning private utilities and the necessity to locate lines. It was the city attorney's opinion that this was not the city's responsibility and a precedent should not be set by paying the bill. Other cities set specifications for installation of private utilities requiring a tracer. The City of Carver should implement a similar policy. Motion was made and carried directing the administrator to relay denial of payment for gas line repairs.

The administrator relayed to the council that there is a federal requirement for tracer wire repairs.

The engineer announced that it was his opinion that drilling into the Mt Simon aquifer would be feasible. More regulations would be put into place on the city's water use.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The council was told that the Corps of Engineers inspected the levee. Certification may be feasible. It was the Corps of Engineers' consensus that if the levee was not certified, none of the downtown property could be removed from the flood plain.

Council discussed application for a rehabilitation loan. Guideline limit is \$10,000. Many exterior improvements have been completed. The Heritage Preservation Commission has been involved with the restoration. Motion was made and carried granting the loan for ten years.

The council reviewed procedures for "STOP" sign erection. The administrator stated that it was his opinion that the developer was responsible. Several locations were suggested.

The council discussed partial re-fund for liquor license fee. The attorney relayed that by State Law the city is not required to re-fund any of the fee. City ordinance states: "Refunds. No refund of any fee shall be made except as authorized by statute."

## PUBLIC UTILITIES

The council discussed the issue of a Public Works Building. Preparation for storage building should be considered in the event that the referendum for a new fire station fails. The council reviewed two types of buildings for construction. Building specifications were also talked about.

## DISCLAIMER

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





## VILLAGE HALL



The administrator reported to the council his findings on divider panels in the Village Hall basement for acoustic purposes. These panels could also be utilized in alternate situations. One council member expressed his opinion that these panels were not necessary. Council member further stated that the meetings would be held in this location for a short time. Consensus was that several meetings should be conducted in the base before reaching a decision to purchase panels.

Rental policies of the Village Hall were discussed. Availability to local residents is becoming very limited. The floor is showing wear and tear, as well. New policies should be implemented. These should possibly include 'no smoking' or 'alcohol', as well as increase rent and damage deposits. The attorney cautioned their decision to prohibit alcohol since this policy would also affect local non-profit organizations. The administrator was directed to draft a revised policy.

Upon receipt of revised policy, the council discussed the issue further. The attorney's opinion should be included. Refusal to rent the Village Hall to individuals due to problems was talked about. This is an option, but risky. The sheriff's input on the alcohol issue should also be reviewed. The issue to be discussed further.

## 2001 BUDGET

The council reviewed the revised budget presented by the administrator including corrections and revisions. The council discussed increasing the sheriff's contract time. Motion was made and carried increasing the contracted time immediately to assess its effectiveness.

The budget is to be discussed further at an upcoming meeting. Motion was made and carried by roll call vote adopting resolution regarding tax rate authorization for the 2000 tax levy.



## FOURTH STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The engineer explained the Public Hearing procedures. Assessments and costs were discussed. Motion was made and carried adopting resolutions accepting the Feasibility Report and schedule a Public Hearing for the Fourth Street Improvements and order preparation of report.

The council held Public Hearing on the Fourth Street Improvements Project. The administrator gave a brief background regarding the process and scope of work to be done. The engineer said that the project would include construction of sanitary sewer, storm sewer and street improvements along Fourth Street from Elm Drive to High Street in conjunction with the Carver Creek Development. Estimated costs and payment options were explained.

Would road easements be widened? The engineer explained that land would be acquired possibly from property on the south side. Would trees be removed? Trees would probably be removed, but attempts would be made to replace, but they would be smaller trees was the answer given.

Distribution of assessments to new homes in the subdivision was discussed next. Determination of assessment would be based upon benefit received from improvements. Collector and residential street differences was explained. Concern was expressed regarding visibility and increased speed on the improved road. A sidewalk was needed in the area a resident stated. Another concern regarding speed was brought up again by another resident. It was the impression of several residents that this work was being done for the new development and that current property owners would not benefit. One comment was made that these improvements should be paid for by the developer. Another resident stated that Elm Street residents should also be assessed since they benefit as well. The benefits of this project would be paved streets, storm sewer, curb and gutter. A sidewalk would be in place on one side of Fourth Street. Residents were told by the attorney that these types of decisions were not easy for the council.

Increased traffic and speed were again brought up for discussion. Placement of "STOP" signs or cautionary signs was talked about. Sidewalk extension not currently planned for was asked about. No response was given at this point.

The attorney stated that the assessment would probably not occur until next year. The right of the property owners was explained, as well as the processes necessary to protect assessments. Resident expressed concern that the cost of the assessments wouldn't be known until completion of the project.

The type of assessment to be utilized needs to be confirmed in order to finalize the Developer's Agreement for Carver Creek Third Addition.

Assessment costs by front footage of property was Option #1. Assess by costs of lot was Option #2. Policy should be drafted for future assessments. An assessment policy does exist, however, this situation is unique. A precedent should not be set.

Motion was made and carried that cost for the Fourth Street project be divided between all lots and assessed equally. Motion was made and carried by roll call vote adopting resolution ordering improvement and preparation of plans for the Fourth Street utility and improvements.

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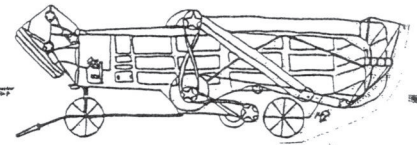
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## CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

The Planning Commission and Heritage Preservation Commission reviewed plans to construct a garage with an apartment on the upper level. This construction would match the appearance of the house on the property. An apartment would be allowed with a Conditional Use Permit. The Planning Commission recommended approval with the condition that the apartment be restricted to three occupants and two vehicles. Motion was made and carried approving the Conditional Use Permit and conditions.

## CARVER CREEK ADDITION

The final plat for Carver Creek Third Addition was reviewed. The attorney pointed out that the retention ponds are outside property owned by the developer. Also the easement for ponds should be recorded. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the plat. Motion was made and carried adopting resolution approving the final plat for Carver Creek Third Addition.

## COMMUNITY PARK

Recommendation has been submitted by the Park and Recreation Board to construct a multi-use field in the Community Park. Council member stated that repairs are necessary to the existing fields prior to construction of a soccer field. The Park and Recreation Board is obtaining information for costs of irrigating. Minimum concrete costs for the construction of a multi-use field was re-requested. Administrator was directed to get these numbers.

## CARVER YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

No report received at this time.

## YELLOWSTONE RACCOONS

No report received at this time.

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 2000  
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 Report
- 8) Liaison Reports
- 9) Other Business
- 10) Adjourn

## CARVER LIONS

Twenty one Carver Lions and their spouses attended a Dinner Cruise at Al and Alma's on Lake Minnetonka. It is almost certain that they all had a good time.

Two Carver Firemen from the Fire Department demonstrated the air packs that were purchased with the help of the Lions.

The Halloween Party was a huge success. Thanks to everyone. There was a big turnout.

New rail fence has been erected around the Lions Park with an entrance.

The Pancake Breakfast plans are underway and discussions have begun. Watch for updates.

Three Lions members were sent to Arizona for the US Canadian Forum which was held in Tuscon. They have brought back many new and different ideas.



## SCOTT-CARVER THRESHERS ASSOCIATION

The Scott-Carver Threshers Association is presently conducting research to prepare to publish a history book on the organization. This history book will also be available to the public. Some local historians may remember that one of the founders of this organization was from East Union, Mr William Olander.

The association is asking you for your help. If anyone has or knows of anyone who has buttons from the Festival held in Jordan for the years of 1967 or 1968, the association would like to have these. The complete set will be displayed on the show grounds during their festival held the first weekend in August. (Hopefully in the East Union store which recently was moved onto their grounds.

The association is also looking for posters of the festival from the years 1968 through 1973, & 1975. These would be for the 5<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> festivals. The 1975 poster would be for the 12<sup>th</sup> show. If someone has these posters and would rather not surrender them, the association would like to make copies. Acknowledgement will be made in the history book. These posters would also be displayed.

The association is also interested in any stories pertaining to the Festivals, special memories, special people, and/or photos relating to the past threshing festivals. Please look around in those forgotten boxes in the attic and contact, Ricki Y Schultz at 14210 County Road #40, Carver, MN 55315.





## CARVER FIRE DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2000

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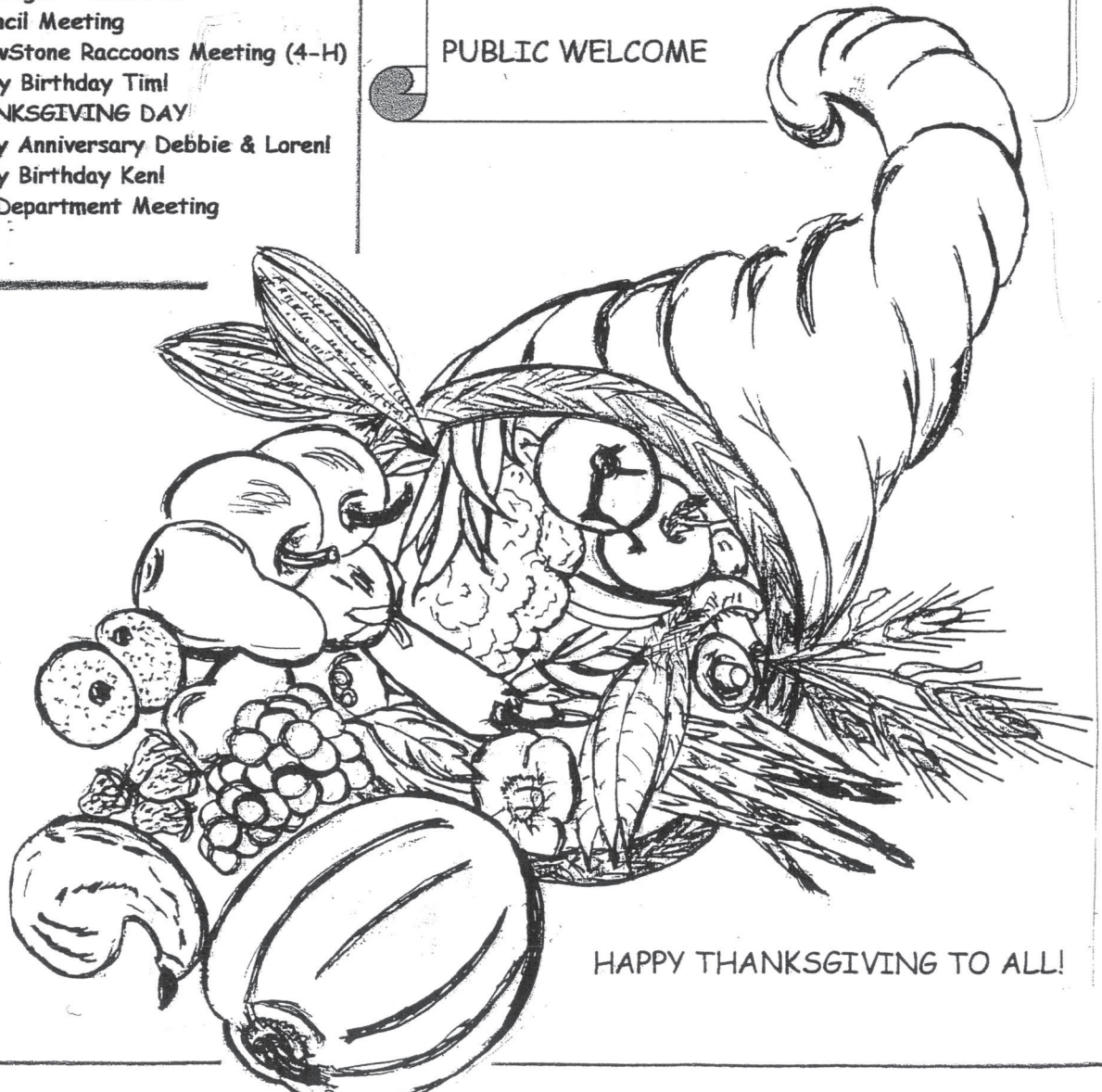
- November 1<sup>st</sup> - Lions Meeting
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting  
Drill Night 6:30 PM
- November 5<sup>th</sup> - Black Sox Bingo
- November 6<sup>th</sup> - Council Meeting 6:30 PM
- November 7<sup>th</sup> - Election Day
- November 8<sup>th</sup> - Canvass Votes
- November 13<sup>th</sup> - Park & Recreation Board Meeting
- November 15<sup>th</sup> - Lions Meeting
- November 20<sup>th</sup> - Drill Night 6:30 PM  
- Council Meeting
- November 21<sup>st</sup> - Yellowstone Raccoons Meeting (4-H)
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> - Happy Birthday Tim!
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> - THANKSGIVING DAY  
- Happy Anniversary Debbie & Loren!
- November 29<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Ken!
- November 30<sup>th</sup> - Fire Department Meeting

### HARVEST FESTIVAL AT EAST UNION CHURCH

CHICKEN DINNER 5-7PM

NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2000 SUNDAY

PUBLIC WELCOME



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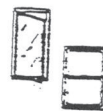
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