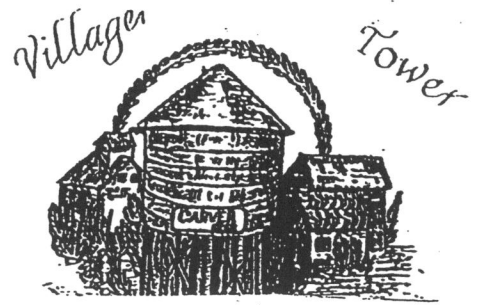


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## *RiverSide Park*

Residents informed the council of concerns regarding RiverSide Park. The council was asked if they were aware of underage drinking in the park vandalism by graffiti, fences being vandalized, as well as different types of vehicles tearing up turf. Speeding is occurring at all hours of the day, as well. Since the area is secluded it is more inviting late at night or early in the morning. Littering is a problem. Camping and tents are being set up which is not permitted. Snowmobilers are also misusing private property. On a positive note, there are individuals using the boat landing and exercising pets in the area. The park is supposed to be closed at 10 PM. The Sheriff's Department should be notified of people after hours. In many cases, the people are gone upon police arrival.

Suggestion was made for an entrance gate. The gate that had been in place, had been knocked down. Another alternate discussed was completely blocking access allowing only walking into the park. The sheriff's department has been called repeatedly regarding park activities. The Park and Recreation Board should be made aware of the problem. The DNR has personnel who are to check the park area three times per day. Speeding was briefly discussed further. It was also pointed out that last year there were concrete barriers in place. These deterred quite a few people until eventually the barriers were pulled away from the entrance.

## *River View Estates*

City Engineer stated that most of requirements for the subdivision final plat have been met to sign off. The city attorney stated that the council needed to sign per statute on the Mylar copy of the plat. There were a few procedural requirements that needed to be completed. Fees needed to be paid and a title commitment was needed. The engineer reported that a couple of minor issues need to be finalized. A legal description of the conservation area was necessary.

A letter was forwarded to the developer's attorney requiring list completion, this could serve as a checklist.

Revisions had been received from the developer's attorney. The legal descriptions are complex and the attorneys should study the case to ensure correct legal descriptions. The turn around is an unresolved issue as well. The Fire Marshall has been contacted to review the issue.

## *Public Works Report*

Road restrictions had been placed on the roads by MN Dot. Public Work Director was of the opinion that the ordinance required a change because only the council can issue permit to allow road restriction changes on city streets. The attorney would make that amendment to the code and present it to the council.

The council discussed whether or not retention ponds were to be paid from Public Works or Parks budgets. The Park and Recreation Board has not budgeted for pond maintenance, therefore the costs should be taken from the Public Works budget. The issue of maintaining the area was discussed. The council needed to decide if the area was to be that the grass is cut to water, natural appearance or wild area or somewhere in between. Then it was talked about the staff drafting a proposed storm water fee proposal.

## *Sunny Ridge Drainage*

The engineer reviewed findings regarding the maintenance of existing ponds, which will be an issue for the city. One pond at this site was not designed as a water quality pond. It is different than ponds that are currently being constructed in developments. The current ponds designed require that sediment be cleaned out every fifteen to twenty years.

The Sunny Ridge pond and terrace system along Sixth Street will continue to be an annual maintenance issue for the city until the area north of Sunny Ridge is developed run off/sediment would be controlled with additional ponds. The engineer suggested a fee be initiated to offset costs required for storm water improvements necessary with future developments.

## *Community Park*

The engineer spoke with the council regarding the estimated costs for the proposed work at the Community Park. Council member pointed out that the cost presented was for the entire project. These projections were good for long range plans. However, there was an allotted amount of money for a soccer field only. It provided that the soccer field should be completed right away while the balance of projections could be done later.

The attorney announced that the project would require a bidding process because of the size of the project. The attorney also agreed that it would be wise to get the soccer field done. The engineer was to draft a project for the council to review.

## *Municipal Utilities*

The utilities superintendent talked to the council about the main lift station. Replacement was becoming a necessity, he said. He had located two possible sites for relocating the main lift station. One property was on Maine Street and the other was on Oak Street. Cost and plans had been reviewed briefly with the administrator. A block building would be erected in place of the present home on Oak Street. Neighbors would need to be notified. One individual had been approached because wiring would have to be done on part of their property. Funding for these projects was discussed. Council consensus was that the staff proceed acquiring prices.

The city staff met with the drilling company, Traut regarding Well #2. Drilling should occur in March. The utilities supervisor is working on sprinkling ordinance revisions. Also the council should receive submittal concerning graduated water rate for high water users. Soil test can also be begun for water treatment plant. These borings will provide information as to whether the existing soils will allow the proper amount for infiltration for backwash ponds related to a future water treatment plant. Some quotes have been received for soil borings and testing. Motion was made and carried approving the quote for the testing.

Water Treatment Plant Design Study tour dates to view existing water treatment plant facilities was discussed. This tour would take approximately half a day. The council discussed suggested dates. The council decided to go on the fourteenth of March. This tour would be considered as a meeting and needed to be posted as such.

The council briefly reviewed the topic of the need for a new main lift station. Neighbors adjacent to the proposed HRA property were to be invited to the council meeting to discuss intent.

## *Mt Hope Cemetery*

The council reviewed the finances regarding Mt Hope Cemetery. The funds were shrinking and this problem needs to be corrected. The administrator stated that possibly the new auditors would have a remedy for the funding problem. Concern was also expressed concerning the fence requiring repair.

City staff has been working at the cemetery clearing the trees. Fence restoration quote is forthcoming. However, with future road work planned, placement of the fence was talked about. Work will continue at the cemetery.

## *DownTown Improvement Project*

The City engineer met with assistant and county engineer reviewing drafted resolutions and variance packets to be submitted to the State Variance Committee in March. The county preferred that the city approve the resolution be advertised by the State.

Motion was made and carried by roll call vote adopting a resolution requesting variance to MN Rules for State Aid. This will mean operations to allow the re-construction of Broadway as a 62 foot wide road-way with 45° diagonal parking on both sides of the road way between Fourth Street and Main Street in historic downtown Carver.

The council briefly discussed street parking. One council member complained of visual difficulty of oncoming traffic exiting the Post Office onto Broadway.

## *Carver Ridge*

The council discussed streets. Design standards for streets should be contained in the Subdivision Ordinance. Variances for reduced street widths could be applied through the Subdivision Ordinance.

The property needs to be rezoned from Agricultural to Low Density Residential. A feasibility report is being done on municipal utilities placement.

Approval for preliminary plat of seven lots and one outlet was requested. The usual standard practice for this developer is working with three contractors who purchase the lots. Motion was made and carried directing the staff to draft appropriate resolutions in order for the project to move forward.

## *Auditing Services*

The administrator examined the 2000 year budget documents, as well as a letter from the State Auditor's office. The administrator recommended hiring a new auditor. Motion was made and carried to change city auditors.

The council heard the presentation from the audit firm of Abdo, Eick and Meyer. Small cities are their largest clients. The three year contract was not binding if the council changed their decision. It binds the amount of the audit for the next three years. Motion was made and carried to enter into three year contract with audit services.

## *YellowStone Raccoons*

No report this month

## *District #112 Schools*

### *Long Range Facilities Options Plan*

There were two representatives at the council meeting to discuss facilities options within the school district. The area is growing rapidly with an immense impact on the school district. Cities are being asked for help in the future. It is the districts contention that the district will peak in approximately twelve years with eleven thousand students. A master facility plan is necessary. Inquiry was made regarding the new high school that opened about five years ago and why wasn't it built bigger. The school is at its maximum presently. It was designed to house students adequately. There is the capability of an additional wing being constructed. Personnel in 1993 when the school was planned had no idea the area would expand as it has.

The council was of the opinion that enlarging the East Union school could be an option. The school representative commented that East Union was a delightful school. However, it was very expensive to operate due to the numbers of students attending and small parcel of land. It could be enlarged. Options are being reviewed. Having a school in Carver was an option the council voiced that should be considered.

### *Computer Service*

The LDSI representative spoke to the council regarding the service agreement for the network of the city's computer system. They reviewed the proposal. The council discussed service software agreement for offsite work only. There was additional cost for time on site to maintain the system, plus an additional cost if on site work exceeded the four hours contracted. Problems with the computer system were discussed. Administrator stated that the system was on track presently. Inquiry was made about an option to the twelve month agreement. The response was that on site service could be terminated after several months if system was working well. However, after that the hourly charge would be changed if on site work was required. The council understood the terms.

### *Township Fire Rates*

Township representatives spoke with the council about township fire rates for fire rates for 2003 through 2005. City attorney suggested a formula based contract. It was the attorney's concern about cities continuing to subsidize the townships. Township board member pointed out that the Carver Fire Department's budget had increased considerably in the past year. It was also noted that Carver had had half the calls of last year. Notation was also made that some townships receive discount because of the distance from the Fire Station. Motion was made and carried for the staff to draft a proposal for township fire rates.

### *Carver Baseball/Softball Youth Association*

No report this month

## *Park Dedication Fees*

The city planner distributed a recommendation from the Park and Recreation Board regarding increasing fees. The dollar amounts were calculated by units and acres. The increase was based on a long range plan. The attorney was of the opinion that the increase was too substantial. The increase would also need to be handled by an ordinance which would refer to the analyses study by the city planner. This issue will be discussed again.

## *Heritage Preservation Commission*

The Heritage Preservation Commission discussed remodeling project plans for a house that ended up being mostly demolished. The contractor explained that the materials had a good deal of rot. The city attorney explained approval is necessary from the Heritage Preservation Commission. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss further plans.

## *Miscellaneous*

Letters have been forwarded to the core city residents regarding an ordinance pertaining to tree trimming. If residents do not trim required trees the work would be contracted and residents billed for services.

## *Church-By-The-River*

Work on the church steeple has been occurring. Other work items for the Church-By-The-River is still not complete. The council reviewed future improvement costs for the building. The staff is to review this list and create work timetable schedule. Financing was discussed. The Heritage Preservation Commission is discussing a fund raiser for the church.

## *Bluff Ordinance Revisions*

The engineer told the council regarding an issue developing due to building adjacent to bluffs concerning rail road beds ad the alteration of the bluff/creation of the bluff. The city is protecting slopes greater than 18% adjacent to slopes of 30% or greater for a minimum height of 25' as part of the bluff ordinance. The engineer explained that from a brief review of these rail road beds in recent plats; it appears that these beds altered the slopes adjacent to steeper slopes. These slopes are in the category of the bluff ordinance. The question remains whether or not man made slopes on abandoned rail road bed should be protected as part of the bluff ordinance. Motion was made and carried to have the attorney draft an amendment to the bluff ordinance for altered bluffs.

## *Carver Lions*

Be sure to come to the Pancake Breakfast on April 7th.

## *Fire Department and Community Calendar*

### *April 2002*

- April 1<sup>st</sup> - Happy Birthday Joel  
Council Meeting  
April Fool's Day
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Happy Birthday Kellyl
- April 4<sup>th</sup> - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting  
Drill Night  
Happy Birthday Wayne!
- April 7<sup>th</sup> - Daylight Savings Time Begins!!!  
Lion's Pancake Breakfast 7:30 AM - 1 PM
- April 8<sup>th</sup> - Park and Recreation Board Meeting
- April 14<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Barbl
- April 15<sup>th</sup> - Council Meeting  
Board of Review & Equalization  
Drill Night
- April 16<sup>th</sup> - YellowStone Raccoons Meeting
- April 17<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Cheryl!
- April 18<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday John!
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Planning Commission Meeting
- April 25<sup>th</sup> - Fire Department Meeting Night

### *Carver Fun Run*

On May 4<sup>th</sup> in Carver, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Carver Fun Run for Diabetes will be held. This event is sponsored by the Silver Bullet (formerly DogHouse), Harvey's Bar and Lisa's Place. Registration begins at 10:30 AM; run begins at noon sharp! There will be food at 5 PM along with other fun. The goal this year is to raise \$15,000 for juvenile diabetes.

Through these efforts a fund was established for children diagnosed with diabetes so that they can attend camp. The balance of funds were used to purchase medical equipment and supplies for camp.

Details can be found throughout town on posters. Check out the Depot.

"To accomplish great things, we must not only  
Act but also dream, not only plan but also believe."  
- Anatole France

### *Tentative Agenda*

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

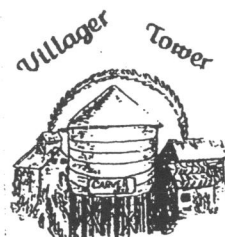
### *Lions Annual Pancake Breakfast*

**7:30 AM - 1 PM**

**Like Pancakes? French Toast?  
Homemade Sausage?**

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Also available will be diabetes screening with a nurse  
on site. But remember, you must not eat prior to being  
tested.**

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