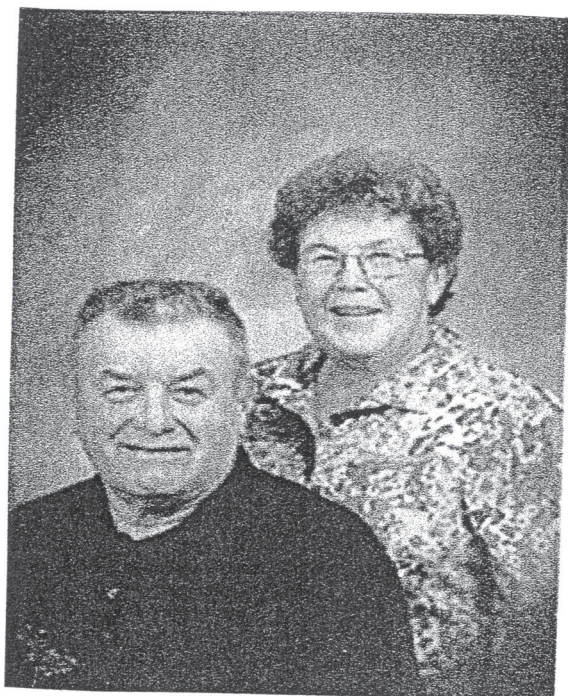


"United We Stand"

Dedicated to the Memory of Carver's Best Friend — Bev Swanson



"God saw she was getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around her
And whispered, "Come with Me."

With tearful eyes we watched her suffer
And saw her fade away,
Although we loved her dearly
We could not make her stay.

A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

• Some people leave their
mark on earth through
their passing. "

Many pieces have been written and it may seem redundant to some. But to those of us who are familiar with the social structures, the people, the characters and the locales, it is only appropriate, befitting and expected. Afterall, this is where we all are and where we all shared those moments, those memories, those precious times with our friend, mother, sister, comrade, competitor, giver, advocate and/or adversary. And what a friend she was! What didn't she support if it meant making things better for others? Or just plain giving!

When someone needed help? Who was there to pledge her support?
When some crisis occurred? Who was there to make sure everyone got nourishment, attention, care or just a hug? When the floods happened? Who was there? When someone died? Who was there? When a friend needed help? Who was there? When you needed a listening ear? Who was there? When it was time to play? Who was there?

I remember when we were dating and came to Carver when the tournaments were held at RiverSide Park. There was Jean and Bev and the others playing ball and having a good time. As time passed, and we moved to town, I got to know Bev better. She was always socializing. She always asked how you were. I remember when our kids fought. There wasn't blame. We talked and let the two kids work it out. I remember her support for the newsletter. I remember our disagreeing politically, but we could overlook our differences and still respect one another for our opinions. You know what I remember the most? She always thought about others first, not herself. The smile, the how are you today? She didn't care if you were a stranger, she'd smile and welcome you with that upbeat positive outlook and make sure you were no longer a stranger. Someone referred to her as the 'Mother of Carver' ensuring that everyone was taken care of.

It's going to be very difficult not to be able to see that smile anymore. But the memories will never be gone. Bev will always live in our hearts and minds. I am a better person for having known Bev and I thank her for that.

Bev had a lot to offer and she gave just as much. Those are some mighty big shoes to fill. But you know what, if you know her kids, her sister, her brother, her husband, they will carry on what she was, because she taught them what was also part of her. So in them, she lives on. She would be upset with us all, if we continue with sour faces, she would want to see those smiles and be happy.

Goodbye Bev. Forever, you will be in my memory!

Mt Hope Road Improvements

The city held an information meeting prior to a Public Hearing Meeting on the Mt Hope Road Improvements. It was the city's opinion that a water treatment plant was necessary. Resurfacing Mt Hope Road at the same time was decided to be good planning. Input from residents was requested.

One citizen inquired about the treatment plant being constructed at the Lion's Park. The engineer explained that this was not a good site because of the close proximity of Well #1, potential park loss and high traffic volume in the area. It was advisable to have the plant closer to a high-pressure pumping rate well.

The engineer also pointed out that the trail system costs had been included in the proposed assessments.

Citizen inquired about improvements that would be made from Seventh Street to County Road #40 on Lime Street. The street had been improved when municipal utilities were installed. The engineer stated that there was a necessity for curb and gutter. Plans were to reconstruct Lime Street. The Public Works Director stated that the street was seventeen years old with a design life of twenty years.

Another citizen asked about loss of property due to road improvements and the proposed trail system. The engineer stated that the trail would be an eight foot width. Road right-of-way is enough to work with at the present time. Proposed costs were discussed. The engineer explained that the project would be done under the #429 project and assessments could be done for ten to twenty years, plus the interest. The attorney pointed out that the bonds most recently purchased held an interest rate less than five percent. The interest for residents it was approximated would be an additional one percent fixed rate. Confirmation was given that the proposed assessments did not include connection fees. Citizens would be required to connect to municipal utilities.

An Eagle Ridge resident inquired about assessments being lumped together in one sum. Eagle Ridge had been required to contribute to the future costs of upgrading Mt Hope Road. Another resident was of the opinion that the development was not contributing its fair share. The height of the road was discussed. Then the speed limit was talked about. The speed would remain at 30 mph. An increase in traffic was a concern of another resident. It was the council's opinion that with the new #312 highway, the increase would be more on County Road #147. Assessments of the agricultural property was discussed. Municipal utility hook up times were talked about. A Public Hearing was scheduled to be held. A question was also posed if gravel upgrade could be done versus paving the road.

The city held a Public Hearing on the Mt Hope Road Improvement project. The proposed plans were reviewed for the benefit of the audience. Questions and answers were covered. The proposed trail being constructed all the way to Highway #212 was asked about. The response given was that the City's Comprehensive Plan included this proposal from the past. A citizen voiced his opinion that the city would not be able to maintain a trail. It was also pointed out that if a four foot sidewalk were installed that the maintenance would be borne by the residents versus a trail that the city would maintain. It was pointed out that the trail was only a small portion of the project and decisions pertaining to this item would occur at a later date.

Another citizen announced their surprise to learn that their home was on the Right-of-Way. They were concerned about the affect this would have with the curb/gutter portion of this project. The engineer explained that it was the design intent to accommodate items encroaching on the Right-of-Way.

Motion was made and carried ordering the improvement of Mt Hope Road Improvements Project and authorizing the city engineer to develop plans and specifications.

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow The important thing is to not stop questioning."

Mt Hope Proposed Trail

The proposed Mt Hope trail was discussed by the Park and Recreation Board. Specific questions were reviewed by the board. They included: Was the trail a finalized certainty? What budget category would the trail be classified? Who would be responsible for snow removal on the trail? Could the trail be moved to the east side of Mt Hope Road? Was an eight foot wide trail necessary? What was the purpose of the trail? Presently, the widest trail in Carver was six feet. Would the width encourage snowmobile traffic? Would the trails be directly in front of homes? One citizen itemized his concerns as follows; reexamination of road placement for centering purposes; trail placement due to water run-off; erosion; traffic; speed issues; and private driveways. The Park and Recreation Board's recommendation to the council was a four foot paved sidewalk versus a trail and the placement of this sidewalk on the east or west side of the road.

Public Safety

The Fire Chief told the council that the STS individuals had been doing work at the fire station and there were some problems experienced. It was the department's decision that they did not want these individuals to return to do any more work. The council was also told that the department is submitting applications for some grants and are also doing some work on the Capital Improvement Program.

The attorney informed the council that the township had a meeting regarding the fire contracts. It was the attorney's opinion that the meeting was productive even though there was still some confusion regarding the township's requests. The townships want to sign only a one year agreement, but the attorney recommended a three year contract.

Safety Services

The city administrator recommended entering into a contract with Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association to plan, organize and/or conduct regular monthly safety meetings plus develop and maintain a standard compliance management record keeping and reporting system in Carver. This issue had been researched and this company had the most reasonable contracts. Both the administrator and the Public Works Director recommended the program to upgrade the city to OSHA compliance. The Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association had been highly recommended in other communities. Motion was made and carried approving signing the MMUA contract allocating expenses throughout various departments.

April 26 2003 – Bev Swanson Day

The council reviewed a resolution presented to the council declaring April 26th as appreciation day for Bev Swanson. Motion was made and carried adopting the resolution declaring April 26th, 2003; Bev Swanson Day. The mayor stated that he had not been a resident of Carver for too long to have learned that Bev touched a lot of lives in the city.

Church-By-The-River

It is the Lion's Club's opinion that the Church-By-The-River will be ready enough to schedule the June Community Leaders Meeting at the church.

Disclaimer

The preliminary minutes of the city council meeting are referenced to compose the "Villager Tower"

Park Surveillance

The Park and Recreation Board discussed park surveillance options to address park vandalism at city parks with the Carver County Sheriff's deputy. There are two types of surveillance cameras. There is an "activity camera" [wide scope] which shows a wide area, but not necessarily allowing specific identification. Or an "identifying camera" [narrow scope] which is more concentrated allowing identification of vandals providing there is adequate lighting. Lighting is an extremely important factor. It was considered that this should be addressed as a priority prior to choosing the type of surveillance to be used. Suggestion was also submitted to initiate a "Neighborhood Watch" program. This discussion would be continued in the future.

Development Proposals

The council was presented with a proposal from Tollefson Development introducing a preliminary master concept plan for development of four hundred thirteen (413) acres of property in the western edge of the city in Dahlgren Township. The proposal discussed a "mixed use residential community" creating housing for different ages and income levels. These plans included other focal points determined by the needs and goals of the city. The pros and cons of this type of development were discussed. Long range plans for the city were reviewed. Then the council examined whether or not this proposal opportunity would benefit the growth of Carver in respect to the Comprehensive Plan, Water Distribution Plan and/or Wastewater Sewer Plan. First on the scheduled agenda pertaining to the proposal was to arrange a meeting with the Dahlgren Township Board to share opinions, concerns and goals. Then the School District would need to be contacted to review plans and determine the affects on the school district.

Heritage Developers

Heritage Developers would also be introduced to the council in the future with plans.

While there is a strong growth potential in years to come at the same time a lot has to be considered and studied prior to commitments being made. All proposals presented to the council must adhere and coincide with the Comprehensive Plan or the Comprehensive Plan must be updated for the city's benefit.

The Planning Commission reviewed the Heritage Development Concept Plan. The proposed use of property was discussed with Heritage Development seeking to develop 79.25 acre property located on the east side of County Road #147 for single and multiple family land uses. Presently the proposal is only in concept stages. Preliminary sketch plans will be incorporated into a formal application at a later date. The Planning Commission listened to the plans described as conceptual ideas.

"Life without love is like a tree without blossom and fruit"

Highway #212/#312

The council reviewed maps, ideas and the administrator shared the meeting schedule for the Highway #212/#312 exchange expressing his intent to attend these meetings.

The council also looked at a memo received regarding Highway #41 and the study being conducted on this corridor in relation to the overall overview of road expansion locally. The pros and cons of this issue were discussed.

Minnesota Public Facilities Authority Application

The council held a special meeting to approve or deny the resolution regarding the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority Application: drinking water revolving fund. The purpose of the special meeting was to approve the PFA loan resolution for the Water Treatment Plant project. A requirement had been inadvertently overlooked which required immediate addressing. Motion was made and carried approving the resolution.

Lions Park

The council was informed that the Park and Recreation Board requested replacement of the play ground equipment at the Lion's Park. Replacement equipment had been looked at and found. If purchased before the end of March would show a substantial savings in the purchase price. Motion was made and carried approving the purchase of the play ground equipment for Lion's Park.

Carver Creek Sixth Addition

The Planning Commission discussed the next phase of the Carver Creek Sixth Addition Development involving six lots, Outlot A for future development and the right-of-way on Fourth Street. The plat involved a total of 9.12 acres. The city planner recommended approval with conditions. Her conditions included deeding Overlook Park to the city meeting park dedication requirements; final landscape plans be submitted for approval prior to release of the final plat for filing; conditions/requirements of the city engineer and attorney be met; and Development Agreement be prepared prior to release of final plat for the addition. The engineer listed issues to be addressed as part of the final plat approval. Motion was made and carried recommending approval to the city council for the final plat of Carver Creek Sixth Addition with conditions as presented. The council will review the issue in April.

Carver Youth Baseball/Softball Association

No report at this time.

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Carver Bluffs Ninth Addition

The Planning Commission reviewed the final plat for Carver Bluffs Ninth Addition. The city planner recommended approval with conditions listed. The city engineer presented issues to be addressed as part of the final plat approval. Motion was made and carried recommending approval of the final plat for Carver Bluffs Ninth Addition with conditions presented. The council would also review this recommendation in April.

River Bluffs Estates

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing for River Bluffs Estates. The Planning Commission reviewed rezoning of Residential Unsewered to units per acre for sewer property; conditional use permits for townhomes and preliminary plat for townhome lots and outlots. Developer is requesting approval for development of forty three townhomes located south and west of the intersection of Highway #212 and County Road #40. The site consists of Outlots A and B. Five existing homes on Lano Lane are not included in this development described as exceptions on the preliminary plat.

Recommendation was submitted denial or tabling approval of rezoning, conditional use permit and preliminary plat because issues required to be addressed and resolved. The plat and sketch plans were not complete and incompatible with existing regulations. The issues requiring resolutions were reviewed by the Planning Commission. Residents concerns, questions and opinions were discussed at length. The preliminary plat issue was tabled requesting additional information, answers and issues addressed.

Casual Praise

Pastor Keith Perry would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested to come and attend Trinity Lutheran Church' Casual Praise Contemporary Service on May 18th (3rd Sunday of the month). There is no service in April because of Easter Sunday.

This contemporary service is to reach out to new people and old friends. A little less formal and more relaxing so people are more comfortable. You can find Trinity Lutheran Church at 417 Oak Street in Carver. Anyone is welcome. Come and see what the service is about. You just might be surprised!

Carver Lions

The Lions were busy getting ready for the breakfast. They were involved with the Easter Egg Hunt. Preparations were also done for helping with the 'Bev Swanson Memorial'.

There are now forty two members of the Carver Lions. New members are always welcomed. Come and see what they are all about.

YellowStone Raccoons

The YellowStone Raccoons 4-H club is having their Flower Sale. If interested in buying flowers, contact Norma Timmers. The 4-H group has plans to help with the blood drive coming up soon by putting up posters. The 4-H Club will also be presenting a donation for the 'Bev Swanson Memorial Fund'.

Carver's March 'Get Well' List

Darryl Swanson has fallen ill. Get well Darryl.

Doug Swanson has had hip replacement surgery. Don't rush out and dance too early Doug! You'll be surprised how quickly you will be up and around and feeling much better. Get well!

Lee Ostlie is in the hospital with pneumonia. Wishing him better health! Ron Young is still under the weather. Be sure to wish him well.

Mable Swanson is also in the hospital. Get well Mable!

Anyone else? You need to let us know, so we can print it....

Tentative Agenda

April 17th - Village Hall 6:30 PM

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

Scott Carver Threshers Spring Festival

The Scott Carver Threshers invite you all to come and join them at their annual antiques and craft sale, spring festival and swap meet. When you say? Saturday and Sunday May 3rd and 4th. Everything you want to know can be found at their new website, www.scottcarverthreshers.org. For those of you who do not have computers, come to Jordan on May 3rd and 4th and see a whole different kind of fun. You can also see the flyer in this issue of the newsletter with more information. But, if you have a computer, the association has a really 'cool' new website worth checking out. Lots of information and pictures, etc. They are a non-profit organization and depend on donations and their attendance at their festivals.

Flag Trivia

- Who cut the American Flag into pieces and was honored for doing it?
When is it appropriate to fly the flag upside down?
What is done with worn or outdated flags?
The American flag first flew over a foreign fort in what country?
A vexillologist is an expert in what?
The US flag has 13 stripes of alternating colors. But are there 6 white and 7 red stripes or 6 red and 7 white stripes?
What is the upper left of the flag where the blue area with stars called?
The stars on the flag have 5 points. How many points did Betsy Ross plan for the stars originally?
When folding the American flag, after the first lengthwise fold, should the blue field be on top or on the bottom of the fold?
What do the red, white and blue colors of the flag represent?

[Answers on the last page]

Carver Fire Department Highlights and Community Calendar

April 2003

- April 1st - April Fool's Day
Happy Birthday Joe!
- April 2nd - Happy Birthday Kelly!
- April 4th - Happy Birthday Wayne!
- April 6th - Daylight Saving Time Begins
- April 7th - Council Meeting 6:30 PM
- April 9th - SteamBoat Days Meeting
- April 11th - Black Sox Bingo - 7 PM
- April 13th - Palm Sunday
- April 14th - Happy Birthday Barbi!
- Park and Recreation Board Meeting
- April 16th - Lion's Meeting
- April 17th - Passover
Happy Birthday Cheryl!
- April 18th - Good Friday
Happy Birthday John!
- April 19th - Easter Egg Hunt - City Park @ Gazebo
- April 20th - Easter
- April 21st - Council Meeting 6:30 PM
- April 22nd - Planning Commission Meeting
- April 26th - Bev Swanson Day

"Bev Swanson Appreciation Day"

The City of Carver, the Carver Lions, the Black Sox, the Second Alarm and the Carver Fire Department will all be coming together on April 26th to host the "Bev Swanson Appreciation Day" at the Village Hall at Noon until 6 PM. Tickets are available from local businesses, ask around, someone will know where to direct you. The tickets will also be available at the door. Scheduled events are dinner, meat raffle and a silent auction, along with a lot of laughter, memory sharing, caring and a small piece of history being reviewed, as well as remembered. Even if you didn't know Bev, you are welcome. Her spirit will be with us all. Come and join in. She would have wanted it that way!!! Believe me.

Rodney Atkins

Many of you in the city proper have seen Kevin Atkins riding his bike through town, or know Brad Atkins, or even Don Atkins. It seems everywhere you go at least someone knows someone in the family. There are five boys and one girl. Don and Evelyn are the proud parents of this group. And they certainly have had their share of stumbling blocks throughout their lives.

Rodney is the oldest son in this family. Last year in October he underwent open heart surgery and had six by-passes. However, he has still experienced health problems and has since been put on the heart transplant donor list in Rochester.

Hicks Trucking out of Litchfield is setting up a benefit/fundraiser for Rodney at the Eagles Club in Litchfield on May 10th, 2003. There will be food, a silent auction and donations are being asked for.

If interested you can contact Hicks Trucking at 320) 693-3292 or call Don and Evelyn Atkins at 952) 361-9836. Watch around town for flyers to be posted, as well.

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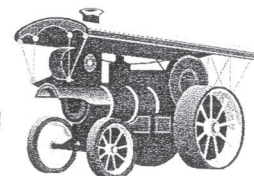
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Swap Meet
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