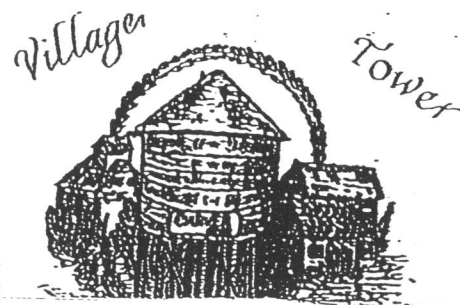


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"United We Stand"

Dedicated to the Memory of Ron Young

Carver has lost yet another friend. These losses are devastating and harder to recoup to continue going on in a positive attitude manner. These friendly faces we would see about the community almost on a daily basis until their health wouldn't allow these activities has taken it's toll on the rest of us left behind to carry on their 'positivity', smile and a special way to make your day just a little better and that meant each day.

Anyone who visited the 'Carver Depot' before Ron became ill knows exactly what this paragraph means. The man never had a bad word to say about anyone. He knew almost everyone and had a smile for even strangers. You couldn't help but feel better about the world, people, the atmosphere, weather, environment or any other thing that irritated you that morning. Ron's smile and friendly manner washed all those irritations away even if only for a short while.

Then there are all of us who either were babysat or had our kids babysat by Karen and Ron. There are more that were guests in their home then those who weren't. She was 'Daycare' before many of the younger generation knew what 'Daycare' was. These two people love children and are the best things to enter into a child's world. The valuable lessons passed on through these two individuals is not any priceless but invaluable. I can say that from experience. Not only have these two people had a terrific influence on my children, but they also have interacted with my grandson. So if a quarter of what Ron has taught a majority of the Carver children shines through, just think what a better place it will be.

Then there is all the volunteer work that Ron had performed all about the City of Carver throughout his many years living here. It would take too long to list everything he was involved in. Many of you don't know how much he contributed to the newsletter either. So the next time, you want to say something bad, think first about all the things that could be going on behind the scenes that you don't know about and all the good things that someone could be doing that you don't know about and follow suit as Ron would have. Smile, give joy, bring a smile to someone else's day and do something nice for someone. You won't believe how much better you will feel about yourself. Do it for Ron because he really did believe that : "TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON, AND A TIME TO EVERY PURPOSE UNDER THE HEAVEN. A TIME TO PLANT AND A TIME TO HARVEST."

We all will miss Ron immensely.

*Some people come into our lives and quickly go.
Some people move our souls to dance.
They awaken us to a new understanding with the passing
whisper of their wisdom.
Some people make the sky more beautiful to gaze upon.
They stay in our lives for awhile, leave footprints in our hearts,
and we are never, ever the same.*



Heritage Development

The Planning Commission also held a Public Hearing for the proposed use of property being developed by Heritage Development. The city planner provided a description of the request. Heritage Development is proposing to develop the approximate seventy nine and a quarter acre property on the east side of County Road #147 for single and multiple family land uses. The Public Hearing involved Phase I which is approximately thirty two acres on the southern portion of the property. A Concept Plan had been reviewed and discussed for this parcel. The city planner and the Planning Commission submitted recommendation to table the application pending the Environmental Assessment Worksheet process and resolution of some outstanding issues.

Potential plan plans for a total number of five hundred and eighty seven units; twenty; nine multi-family buildings; six twin homes, eleven single family homes and apartments with a total of twelve hundred residents. A number of residents questioned the population increase, as well as development increase. Development allows for a wide variety of people and a wide variety of housing was stated by public officials. There is a growth in population in general and it was the public officers opinion that it is inevitable that Carver will experience this growth.

The mayor pointed out that the city was not soliciting developers, rather the city was responding to developers. It was his contention that the city was trying to maintain the philosophy to keep the growth in the city and preserve our green, open areas. Also that the city would have the foresight that when industrial development occurs and municipal utility extensions are required that the city is prepared.

The audience queried topics involving traffic, highway connections, parking, municipal utilities, traffic control, trails, landscaping, and the Health and Safety Guidelines required of the city. Continued discussions were again involving the volume of the traffic increases and how would this be dealt with, parking considerations, Fire Department demands, hikers, bikers, safety of children, policing issues, and vandalism. It was the overall opinion of the audience that favoring development was not on their venue. One person stated; "Enough people have expressed opinions that need to be addressed. Please listen instead of ignoring us by just going ahead with this plan." The mayor responded that responsible growth was needed. He then was asked if this was being responsible.

Motion was made and carried tabling the request for application for development of the property referred to as Heritage Development for mixed-residential development.

Carver Community Youth Softball/Baseball Association

Girls and boys games will be starting real soon. Come and support our local youths. Games will be played at the Lions Park and the Community Park.

YellowStone Raccoons

No report this month.

Casual Praise Contemporary Service

Pastor Keith Perry would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested. Come and attend Trinity Lutheran Church' Casual Praise Contemporary Service on May 18th (3rd Sunday of each month). The theme for the service will be "Loving One Another". See you at 6PM.

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!

Fire Department and Community Calendar May 2003

- May 1st - Happy Birthday Texan!
May Day
Happy Birthday Barbi!
- May 4th - Happy Birthday Darrin!
- May 7th - Lion's Meeting
- May 11th - Mother's Day
Happy Mother's Day to all "Moms"
- May 12th - Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Dahlgren Township Meeting Night
- May 14th - Happy Anniversary Patti and Scott!
- May 15th - Happy Birthday Tim!
- May 17th - Carver Clean-Up
- May 18th - Casual Praise - Trinity Lutheran Church 6 PM
- May 19th - Council Meeting
Happy Birthday Scheryll
Drill Night 6:30 PM
- May 20th - YelloStone Raccoons 4-H Meeting
- May 21st - Lion's Meeting
Happy Anniversary Scheryl & Leon!!
- May 26th - Memorial Day
Happy Birthday Elliel
- May 27th - Planning Commission
- May 29th - Fire Department Meeting Night
- May 31st - Happy Birthday Karlyn!

Carver Lions

The Carver Lions continue their work on the Church-By-The-River project. They are also deeply involved in the planning stages of SteamBoat Days. Which will be here before you know it!

The Easter Egg Hunt was a successful event. There were about ninety kids who participated in the fun! It was a blast. Therefore, this event will be repeated next year for the youngins'!

There are forty one Lion members presently, but that doesn't mean more aren't welcomed. Ladies/Men or couples, come and see what the Lions are planning next. They had elections. The results will be posted in the next issue.

Emerging Artists Show

Linda Schutz from the HazelNut House is seeking students (21 years or younger) in Carver County to submit art work for her upcoming 'Emerging Artists Show'. Depending on your preference, your art can be sold or donated. Or not. It's up to the individual artists. The Carver County Historical Society plans on attending the show. They are interested in purchasing or accepting donations which is specific to Carver County. They feel that the art work by younger people is very much underrepresented. They would like to correct this imbalance. More representation of youth's art is needed at the Historical Society museum.

So come on kids, sign up. Call Linda to get an entry form and more information. She can be reached at 612) 987-5454.

Disclaimer

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

Community Youth Baseball/Softball Association

The Park and Recreation Board discussed the issue of dragging ball fields and chalking the fields. The season is about to begin. The Community Youth Baseball Softball Association has games scheduled to begin the week of May 19th.

Mt Hope Trail

The Park and Recreation Board discussed the proposed trail in the Mt Hope area. A final location for the trail has still not been determined.

The board talked about a city easement for the trail extension from Lions Park to Sixth Street and Seventh Street to County Road # 40. Maintenance concerns were discussed. They also talked about bicycle trails.

The board briefly reviewed the proposed trail on County Road #147 with an idea to extend the trail from the wastewater treatment plant to the new Carver Bluffs Parkway with Carver Ridge Second Addition. Future extensions were not within construction limits.

The Park and Recreation Board also needed to discuss the proposed trail connection with River Bluff Estates and SkyView Lane. This issue needs a lot of alternatives and adjustments.

Lions Park Playground Equipment

The new play ground equipment for the Lions Park was scheduled to be delivered in mid-May. Volunteers and installation were talked about.

RiverSide Park

The Park and Recreation Board has been approached about rental of RiverSide Park for a Scott County function. The plans were scheduled for September 12th weekend. The board did not oppose this request.

Another group also spoke to the board about using RiverSide park. This group spoke with the board and represented ABATE (American Bikers for Awareness, Training and Education). Annually they hold a state-wide rally which is a weekend event. These events include camping, concerts, booths and local patronage to businesses. This group provides their own security. If this event were allowed to be held in the park, they pledged to help maintain and improve the park area. The group was directed to submit written proposal along with references.

Mt Hope Road Improvements

The council, engineer and residents discussed the Lime Street/Mt Hope project sites. The council reviewed preliminary locations of new street improvements at the said intersection.

County Road #40 and Seventh Street was reviewed. The new street will be centered close to the existing centerline which presently is not in the centerline of the Right of Way. Proposed road would be increased by 2' approximately on each side. Existing retaining walls would be affected. Storm sewer would be placed down the road of the vacated Fifth Street. Right of Way on Sixth Street will require reviewal. Discussion occurred regarding widening the turn on the northeast corner of Sixth Street and Lime Street.

Then the council continued their physical on site reviewal of Seventh Street to US Hwy #212. Issues to be reviewed included trees, retaining walls, trail locations, street crossings, survey information, right of way, grass, mailboxes, signs, lights, trail widths, street widths, parking issues, funeral parking, cemetery fencing, and power poles.

Equalization Meeting

The council met as the Board of Appeals and Equalization. The assessor's office representative presented a brief report on the valuation trends in the county. The meeting was extended to continue through May 5th.

River View Estates Development

Resident presented concerns regarding the water run off from the River-View Estates development. The engineer had conversed with the county and the resident. The engineering firm is watching the project.

Council member inquired about work done on property of the inquiring resident. Notation was made that the property owner had been working with the Soil and Water Conservation District restoring the area. The council member had not observed work up close, only from a distance.

Suggestion was submitted to review related documents with the development and the Developer's Agreement. If the terms were not being handled appropriately, then the council should be told and reviewal should be done. The engineer reported to the council that the developer has decided not to construct a berm and that there will not be any drain tiles. The water will be retained by three depression areas.

River Bluff Estates

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing regarding the River Bluff Estates. The city Planner described the developer's request to the audience. The developer was seeking approval for the development of forty two townhomes on an approximate twenty one and half acre site south and west of the intersection of Hwy #212 and County Road #40. The site consisted of an Outlot 'A' and 'B'. Outlot A was the subject of the Public Hearing requests consisting of approximately fifteen acres of the parcel. At the present time there was not any action proposed for the Outlot B portion of the site. Additionally, there are five existing home sites on Lano Lane which are not considered as part of this development, displayed as exceptions on the preliminary plat.

Rezoning of the site is necessary. Townhomes required Conditional Use Permit relating to the design of the units and the development to be compatible with surrounding environment. It was the planners opinion that the preliminary plat and sketch plans were incomplete. There were issues that required further discussion and needed to be resolved. Recommendation was submitted to table the issue until items were resolved.

Traffic increase was also briefly discussed. Motion was made and carried with all ayes tabling the request for approval of rezoning, PRD, Conditional Use Permit and Preliminary Plat for River Bluff Estates which is to be resubmitted upon the amending of the City of Carver's Comprehensive Plan.

Tentative Agenda

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

Church By The River

The Lion's representative was at the council meeting to report progress being made on the Church By the River. Interior restoration has been completed. The Lions are interested in restoration of the exterior. Quotes for siding have been received. The quote for cedar siding received was lesser than the quote received previously. The Lions would install the cedar siding. The top of the church has more ornate detail and a separate quote would be gotten for that work. A handicap ramp is also being researched. The council passed a motion approving purchase of the cedar siding.

Carver Creek Sixth Addition

The plat for the Sixth Addition of Carver Creek consists of six lots for single family development. Future development of OutLot A and right-of-way acreage were all reviewed. The Planning Commission had recommended approval with conditions. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving the final plat for Carver Creek Sixth Addition.

Carver Bluffs Ninth Addition

The Carver Bluffs developer requested approval for the final plat for Carver Bluffs Ninth Addition consisting of five lots. The final plat meets the city's requirements. The conditions and stipulations had been incorporated into the resolution. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the final plat for Carver Bluffs Ninth Addition.

Zoning Ordinance – Public Facilities

The Planning Commission had held a Public Hearing regarding the proposed amendment adding a new zoning district to enable efficient provisions for public and essential services. The Planning Commission had recommended approval of the amendment. Motion was made and carried adopting the ordinance amending the sections related to public facilities.

Fire Department – Fire Ban

The council was informed by the fire chief that there is a burning ban in place for Carver County which could last from six weeks to two months, dependent upon the weather conditions.

Fire Station/Public Works Facility

The Building Committee completed their work and were now requesting approval of the final plans and specifications for the Fire Station and Public Works Building. The cost estimate was less than the budgeted amount. The staff, council member and architects were all commended for their hard work and a good thought out plan.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the Plans and Specifications for the Fire Station/Public Works Building, as well as scheduling the project for bids to be taken.

Public Works Report

A request had been received from Waste Management for reducing load limits because they had been fined for weight restriction violations. An exemption would be a good idea was the consensus of the engineer and the attorney. However, the mayor suggested a temporary exemption and compliance by next year be required. So it was the council's consensus to not grant an exemption.

The public works director informed the council that approximately 62 acres of grass are required to be mowed every week with two 1994 John Deere mowers. Proposal was submitted to purchase a Kubota model from state bids. A New Holland cost was questioned. Prices and comparisons will be made. A motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the purchase of a new mower.

Fire Contracts

The city attorney told the council that the existing agreements for fire protection ended December 31st, 2002 with the townships. However, the city had agreed to an extension until March 31st 2003. The council reviewed the differences between the proposed city agreement and the revised township agreement. The council was told that the city can not provide fire service without a signed fire contract.

San Francisco Township Board expressed her opinion that it was their belief that the contract was asking to be paid the budgeted amount, not the actual expenses for the fire department operations. The townships did not feel that they should be expected to pay the department's capitol items.

Request was submitted to grant an additional thirty day extension so that the city and the townships could attempt to reach an agreement. Another opinion was interjected that the tillable land should be removed from the formula for the townships. The fire chief stated that there has been fires on tillable land. The township represented stated that it was her opinion that signing the contract was like giving the city an open checkbook. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to schedule another meeting to work out differences with the fire contracts.

The discussion of the fire contracts was continued after the townships had met with the administrator. The mayor expressed his displeasure that the townships were not at the meeting to discussed proposal revisions. The township expressed concerns relating to the capital fund contribution amounts and the cost allocation of the physical plant relative to the apportions appropriated as Fire Department and Public Works. The townships also opposed the administrative fee. The townships were also opposed to the attorney fees included in the operational budgeting factor for 2003 contracted amount. The township had also discussed the issue of city billing for insurance costs requesting a third party billing be incorporated into the contract.

The city attorney pointed out that over the lifespan of the proposed contract that services areas may change. The contract formula addresses this type of required adjustment and accounts for the total market value in the affected area. The township had agreed with the 2002 operational year costs. Attorney fees were talked about.

A school representative inquired about fire service to the school if contracts were not approved by the townships. The attorney stated that the school is a governmental institutional, thereby, would be able to contract with the city for fire protection. Another resident of the township asked questions concerning the contract proposals. Individual land-owners were not by law allowed to negotiate contracts with the cities.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the city's signing of the contract with the townships. Further discussion was held regarding whether or not residents should be notified in the event that the contract was not signed. Statement was made that it was not the city's responsibility to contact township residents.

Storm Water Improvements

The engineer discussed the requirement to prepare NPDES Phase II Storm Water Permit submission to the MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). The permit is required and the city needs to address related items over the next five years concerning storm water and permits required. The city staff has identified the Best Management Practices as part of the permit process and will be addressed over the permit cycle was discussed by the council.

County Road #147/#40

The engineer updated the council on the county's plans for County Road #147/#40. The council was told that the county will be realigning Carver Creek to build a new bridge. The county is finalizing their plans on the project and preparing an agreement between the city and the county similar to the downtown project proposals. Scheduling a meeting for finalization is in the process. An agreement will be brought back to the council in the future.

Plained Glass

The SteamBoat Committee has acquired an original designed art quilt made by Linda Schutz from the HazelNut House. The purpose of the quilt is to raffle this beautiful one of a kind art piece to some lucky individual for SteamBoat Days. Raffle tickets can be purchased from Carver businesses.

The stained glass windows in the old Presbyterian Church known as the Church-By-The-River inspired the art quilt. The artist, upon looking around suddenly was struck by the fact that the windows at all three churches in the municipality are of the same dimensional cut.

The leading in each church window design is different, but the artistic queue was swirling its pattern in her psyche. The art quilt has three stained glass windows in it matching the Presbyterian Church's windows. The colors are deep, rich and mesmerizing. The three windows represent the three churches, the St Nicholas Catholic Church, Trinity Lutheran Church and the Presbyterian Church. To really appreciate and drink in the beauty of this original art quilt, you need to see it.

At this time, the art quilt is on tour, so to speak. The art piece is being displayed around the metro area. In June, Linda will be entering it at the MN Quilt Show at the River Center in St Paul, which is the largest state show in the country. She will also be selling raffle tickets for this quilt.

You are invited to come and view this masterpiece at her studio when she returns from displaying it at various sites throughout the metro area. It's a must see! Just look at the stained glass windows in the church and you can get a sense of what the art work will be like. She's captured a small piece of history in material and preserved that window of time.

To help your chances of owning this piece of art and history, be sure to stop in at your local businesses and purchase some raffle tickets. They are \$2. Per ticket. Remember, Linda has been promoting SteamBoat Days around the metro, so buy, buy, buy. And wait until you see it! So buy a whole book, if you want to own this art quilt! Thanks Linda!

Harvey's Bar

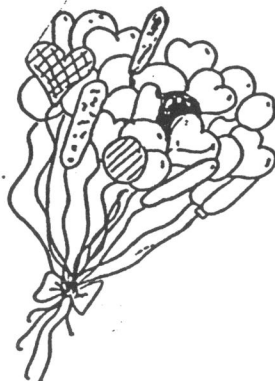
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So stop in at Harvey's for a good meal.



Dear Editor:

As a Dahlgren Township resident I am furious with the City of Carver and their City Administrator upon receipt of a letter regarding township business. I feel it was the place of the township to notify its residents, not the City of Carver. Furthermore, this letter does not in all fairness show the township in good light and this is inexcusable behavior on the city's part. Turn this around, how would you like if the township sent the residents of Carver a letter similar to the letter your administrator sent? You wouldn't look so good either. Is this what our elected officials and hired staff have been reduced to? Who can bad mouth the other the best? Who can make our side of the issue look the best? This is a very complex and lengthy issue.

Are you also going to send a letter relaying to the residents of the township that an agreement has been reached and a contract signed? I have not seen one yet and I have spoken with the board to know that an agreement has been reached, but I have not to date seen any letter telling me such.

Everytime I look at this letter your administrator sent, I just seethe with anger all over. What if I had called our insurance company and told them what you proposed in this letter!? Do you realize what type of mess this would have created? Of all the bullying, idiotic tacky maneuvers, this has got to be one of the best as of late. Have you been taking lessons from your developers on how to bully people into what you want? That's how you make us feel. This is what this letter implies.

I feel that you owe each and every resident in the two townships, and the boards for Dahlgren and San Francisco Townships a public apology for your behavior concerning this issue. You were out of line and you all know it. It was not your place to notify town ship residents, nor to imply that the townships were doing something wrong.

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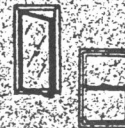
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