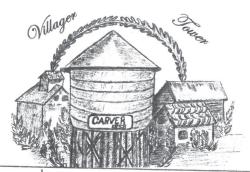
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# Fire Department

The city council was informed by the Fire Department chief that the fire fighter physicals are completed and all passed with flying colors. There are four open positions on the Department for fire fighters. Individuals are encouraged to apply to be part of the department.

The council was informed of the necessity of purchasing a tanker for the department. The Unit #124 has been repaired repeatedly in the past, but presently has reached the point where the tank no longer retains water. The chief pointed out that it was imperative to replace the truck immediately. Surrounding communities were assisting in the need until the problem could be corrected. Two quotes had been received for replacement of the tank. These funds were available in the Capital Budget of the department. Motion was made and carried with all ayes accepting the bid for tank replacement.

The Fire Chief pointed out to the council that there are individuals locally who assisted in the I-35 Bridge Tragedy. A Power Point Presentation had been created displaying the assistance given by Carver County licensed staff, reserve unit, posse and dive team. The council was informed that two members of the Carver County Dive Team responded in the crisis. The two individuals locally were Jeff Primer and Larry Lessard. The Fire Chief King presented Jeff Primmer with a pin acknowledging his efforts at the I-35 Bridge Collapse. Deputy Lessard had received his pin during a presentation at the County.

Scott King also stated that the Fire Department had responded and assisted at Winona County during the floods.

Councilmember Webb congratulated both men and thanked them for their good work. Deputy Lessard also informed the Council that the Dive Team has used the Fire Department for training and thanked the Fire Chief and Public Works Director for making the area available for the Team.

#### Park and Recreation Board

The Park and Recreation Board members requested that the council be informed their position on the location of the proposed city hall. The board members would like the council to take into consideration access to the trail system, the green space, possibility of a recreation building, family access safety and that the trail and sidewalk system leading to the building be ADA accessible for pedestrian use.

"When I tell the truth, it is not for the sake of convincing those who do not know it, but for the sake of defending those that do" – Wm Blake

# Legacy In The Park Program

The Legacy in the Park Donation Program was explained to the council. This program is a way to provide the residents with the ability to contribute to the park system. The program allows donation of specific items to the parks. There are four choices for donations including: shade trees, park benches, picnic tables and gazebos. All donated items will have a plaque stating the contributor's name and year. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the Legacy in the Park Program.

#### MN Department Natural Resources

Request was made to the council to authorize an application for a MN-DNR Shooting Range Development and Rehabilitation Grant for improvements at Riverside Park including an outdoor archery range. The Park and Recreation Board recommended approval of the application and the shooting range. Fencing types were reviewed. The grant involved matching funds with the city. The city discussed that supplying any equipment would not occur. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving application for a MN-DNR matching funds grant for an archery shooting range for RiverSide Park.

#### Concept Plans

The City Planner stated that the council needed to review authorizing the staff and consultants to review evaluate the concept plans for the Dahlgren Township properties. The council was further informed that some of the developers proposing to annex into the City of Carver request the city start assessing those concept plans. The city planner further explained that commencing this review of the concepts and then eventually the preliminary plats presently would give both the city and the developers additional time for negotiation and review of the plans prior to annexation by the city. Since these properties are not in the city, there cannot be any entitlements granted to the properties until the annexation takes place. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing beginning the reviewing the concept plans for the Dahlgren Township properties.

#### Comprehensive Plan Forum

The council was reminded of their statement to have a city forum for the Comprehensive Plan. Suggested date for this forum was submitted by the city planner to be either in November or December. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to schedule the public forum on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November at the Church By-The-River.

"Those who stand for nothing fall for anything."
- Alexander Hamilton

# US Highway #212

The council discussed the drafted letter regarding improvements on US Highway #212. The city administrator had researched the questions asked by the council. The council discussed costs. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution supporting funding for Highway #212.

The mayor informed the council that the Highway #212 project is on schedule and that a ribbon cutting ceremony should be scheduleed soon.

The Dahlgren Township Board meeting was attended by a pastor with concerns on the new Highway #212 Design Plan. Concerns were voiced pertaining to the church parking lot exit. Lights and paving were requested. The church council will be forwarding a letter to MN DOT regarding this topic.

#### Miscellaneous

The council was told that the mayor attended a presentation given by the South West Transportation Coalition. There is an energetic motivation within the coalition for the expansion of the light rail system.

Question was asked regarding the withdrawal of the request for the communication facility at the Lions Park by T-Mobil.

Notice has been received that the Union Pacific has started proceedings abandoning their line through Carver.

## Snow Removal Policy

The council was informed by the Public Utilities Supervisor that minor changes have been applied to the Snow Removal Policy and were reviewed with the council. The City Administrator and the Municipal Utilities Supervisor have also reviewed it. Motion was made and carried with all ayes amending the updated snow removal policy.

#### District #112 Election Results

The incumbents were returned to the School Board after the election in November. Posted total of voters at four precincts for the school board election of District #112 were two hundred and six. The three incumbents elected to four year terms were Carlos Gallego, Jim Leone and Dick Tirk. The other school board members are Rod Franks, Diane Koban, Michele Helgen and Sally Stuckey. School board elections will occur again in two years.

"When I disagree with a rational man, I let reality be our final arbiter; if I am right, he will learn; if I am wrong, I will; one of us will win, but both will profit." ~ Ayn Rand, Atlas Shurged 1957

#### Municipal Utilities

The engineer told the council that an assessment hearing needed to be scheduled for the Forner Lane Utility Improvements. He suggested a date. Motion was made and carried with all ayes scheduling the assessment hearing date for the Forner Lane Utility Improvements Project for the 19th of November.

The council needed to approve the Plans and Specifications for the Water Tower and set the bid date. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the Plans and Specifications for the water tower and authorized advertisement for the bid and scheduled the bid opening date. Schedule for the well operating was estimated to be next summer.

The engineer informed the council of approval of the Plans and Specifications for the water main for the Northwest Water Tower. The engineer further stated that in order to serve the new well and this water tower, the water main needs to be extended from the Spring Creek Plat to the Mills site. Authorization for preparation of the plans and specifications had been previously authorized. The schedule originally was to build the water main in spring or summer of 2008 for use in 2009 when the well and pump house and water tower were all on line. Because of the recent high water demand during the summer and the anticipated expected demands for next summer the public utilities would like to have the new well to the water system connected temporarily in the spring of 2008. Proposal was submitted that the water main project be bid this fall allowing the contractors alternate options for construction late in the fall of 2007 or early spring of 2008. The mayor questioned if the new well would increase the water supply by thirty percent. The engineer was of the opinion that it would be virtually close to that amount. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the Plans and Specifications for the water main for the northwest water tower, authorizing advertisement for bid, and, schedule the bid opening date.

The city attorney stated that the review and approval was necessary for the Scope of the Engineering Services Agreement with Bonestro, Rosene, Anderlik and Associates, Inc for the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Interceptor Project. The City attorney discussed the Engineering Services agreement for the Metropolitan Council Environmental Serices Programs. He state that the agreement was essentially a scope of services for the project and a supplement to the Sercices Agreement between the city and Bonestroo. The agreement was a direct result of negotiations between the represent-tatives of Bonestroo and the city attorney. The council was told that comments had been solicited from the Metropolitan Council Envir-onmental Services and some changes were suggested by the Metro-politan Council and had been incorporated into the agreement. Mo-tion was made anc carried with all ayes approving the agreement for the engineering services for the Chaska West Interceptor Phase II Carver Interceptor. Questions were discussed at the council meeting.

The council discussed the Conditional Use Permit for the placement of fill in the floodway for the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Lift station. The engineer and the city planner explained that the city and the Metropolitan Council entered into a cooperative construction agreement constructing the Chaska West Interceptor. This interceptor is constructed as a gravity line from the existing wastewater treatment plant to the subject property and then becomes a forced main through the downtown into Chaska. A lift station is required and the property selected already is owned by the city and is the least impacted on the National Historic District. Construction requires fill material elevating the site above the base flood elevation of the Minnesota River.

The engineering firm, Bonestroo, has updated the official floodplain model for this portion of the Minnesota River. The updated floodplain model shows no increase in the base flood elevation for the Minnesota River with the inclusion of the fill material. The proposal is consistent with the requirements of Chapter 14 of the City Code of Ordinances. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit with conditions. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving a Conditional Use Permit for the placement of fill in the floodplain for a lift station for the Chaska West Interceptor.

The council further discussed the Tax Forfeited Property issue regarding the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services. The city attorney updated the council on the land where the proposed interceptor is to be constructed. The attorney reviewed the history of the land beginning in 1983 when the city acquired the land through tax forfeiture. The land had been designated for parks and public recreation since 1991. The attorney suggested changing use to sanitary

sewer distribution. The council approved this proposal. The attorney was directed to attain input from agencies for the drafted resolution requesting the usage changes of the property prior to the council's acceptance of the resolution.

There was a discussion regarding the use of blended water in the new water tower. The Municipal Utilities Supervisor stated that the proposed Pilot Plant would provide some answer and also that the State Health Department may also have concerns regarding blended water. The engineer stated that the Department of Health has to do testing and that water quality is a possible concern. These issues will be discussed after more information is obtained. The fourth well may possibly be utilized only in the summer months when the demand is high.

The engineer discussed with the council the change order number one for Well Number Four. These changes were necessary, the engineer informed the council. The staff requested discussion on test wells, pilot studies and past discussions concerning blending water at the well. The engineer requested reviewal of additional piping for discharge water, construction of a test well at the site, and, conducting a pilot study for more information on the treatment processes. Questions were asked and the engineer and the Municipal Utilities supervisor responded.

Christy's Bluff

The city planner informed the council that there was a deadline fast approaching regarding a decision for the proposed Christy's Bluff development. The council needed to discuss several items prior to the decision of rezoning and the preliminary plat. The council was told that there was a possible impact on the city's cemetery property due the ponding impacting the area of steep slopes in the proposed plans. The alternate desirable solution would be to relocate ponding back as originally proposed. The result would then be vegetation removal and grading in a small portion of the cemetery. Inquiry was made regarding tree removal in the cemetery. There was concern of erosion on the slope with the removal of trees. These trees, it was the engineer's opinion, were not covered in the tree ordinance belonging to the city and any replacement would be the city's discretion. The council discussed several different aspects of the proposed development.

The developer spoke with the council regarding the topic of the assurance of construction of a tot lot with playground equipment. The developer expressed that the costs for this item were prohibitive for a twenty five lot subdivision. An alternate proposal was a green space park with benches, trails and planting. The city planner pointed out that there was confusion since plans have changed. An extension was requested to get everyone on the same topics and expectations. The extension will continue at a later meeting. There was a lengthy discussion pertaining to trails, sidewalks, tot lots, and the like. Decisions were postponed for rezoning and the preliminary plat.

The Park and Recreation Board members and the city planner talked about the placement of a trail and /or sidewalk in the development. There were various options reviewed by the board. Board member suggested requesting a sidewalk on the south side of Forner Lane and Option 'B', the trail connection in Outlot 'A' to Mt Hope Road, and an additional trail segment connecting the trail in Outlot 'A' to Forner Lane along Christy Drive.

#### Disclaimer

The 'unapproved' minutes of the council and the township have been referenced for the purposes of reporting news in the "Villager Tower" and creating the contents of this newsletter for the purpose of informing residents in the City of Carver and the townships surrounding the city.

Skate Board Park

A donation offer had been received for the Skate Board Park and the Park and Recreation Board reviewed it. The offer involved the construction of a boulder wall on the south and west side of the park. The reason for the boulder wall would be to create a visual barrier as well as a safety shield should a car leave the road.

Did You Know...

....that on Monday morning, December 3, 1900 Johnnie Plackner was shot in the arm by a tramp who apparently had been sleeping in the Carver Creamery on Broadway in Carver. Plackner, the son of Carver's marshall, Frank Plackner, had just arrived to open the building and light the morning fires. The intruder "fled up the hill" and was never apprehended.

Villager Tower Wishes All Approve Agenda
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Consent Agenda
Municipal Utilities Repo Tentative Agenda City of Carver Council Monday Evening 6:30 PM 1) 2) 3) Happy, Happy, Happy 4) 5) 6) 7) Hew year 8) City Planner Report 9) City Engineer Report **City Attorney Report** 10) 11) **Administrator Report Liaison Reports** 12)

Looking for H Special Gift Idea

13) Other Business

Adjourn

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Still looking for something different this year to give as a holiday gift? That something special, maybe something homemade, but don't have time. How about placing an order for a cookie basket (s) for this holiday season. Have a party coming up at work? Send a cookie basket to the party. Pot Luck invited to? Send a cookie basket of homemade cookies to the host. Need a quick gift. Order a cookie basket. Special orders taken for your particular needs, prices to acommodate your budget, prices vary per quantity, tailor your cookie basket to your requirements. Need one for the kid's teacher or teacher? A basket could be made to fit your needs. Company gifts for vendors? What nicer than a basketful of homemade cookies? Call 952.448.5126 and place your orders now, before someone else books that time for your basket order. There is still time, but not

#### Carver Craft and Quilt Club

The group will meet again on Saturday, January 5th at 10 AM to 4 PM Linda reported that the numbers are growing. The group meets in the lower level of the Village Hall. Linda says, "We have so much fun Everyone works on their own project. Some are quilting, while others are painting, knitting or crocheting. Feel fee to come and join us." For any information you may want, contact Linda Schutz at 612. 987.5454 or Linda@hazelnuthouse.com PS: Seasons Greetings to all!

Dahlgren Township - Water Tower

The City of Carver attended the Dahlgren Township Board meeting to discuss the proposed issues pertaining to the water tower proposed for construction in the township for the proposed Mills Fleet Farm store. The township was asked to approve a drafted orderly annexation proposal pertaining only to the water tower and the easement in order for the property to be annexed to the City of Carver. The County would be required to issue the permit. If the township agreed with the annexation clause then the city could do its own inspection and eliminate the fee for the permit to the county The county doesn't conduct the inspection. The township did not favor this proposal. The city was asked why a total annexation was not proposed. The city was not ready for that proposal. The township attorney was not in favor of the island annexation proposal. This was not the best policy for the township.

Carver's Women's Business Group

The Carver's Women's Business Group wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

#### Gand Purchase

The owner of the property proposed for the new township hall and the board discussed an agreement for land purchase. Signatures have been obtained and the land will be held until residents make the decision to purchase the approximate two acre parcel for construction of a new hall. Funds will be returned if approval is not obtained by the residents.

Did You Know ...

....that in January and February 1872 seven people in Carver died of smallpox, including three children of John Blomquist.

Carver Fire Department Highlights and Community

December 200

December 1st Santa at the Gazebo Happy Birthday Chelsea!

December 3rd -**Council Meeting** December 4th -Hanukkah Begins

**Happy Birthday Patti!** Happy Birthday Shayla!

Carver's Women's Business Group Meeting

December 5th -**Lion's Meeting** 

December 6th -**Happy Birthday Tommy!** 

Drill Night

December 10th -Happy Birthday John!

Park and Recreation Board Meeting **Dahlgren Township Board Meeting** 

December 13th -**School Board Meeting** December 14th -Happy Birthday Aletta!

Happy Anniversary Carol and Ken! December 17th **Drill Night** 

**Council Meeting** 

**Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting** December 18th .

December 19th Happy Birthday Jim! **Planning Commission Meeting** 

Lion's Meeting

December 22nd -Happy Birthday Sandy! First Day of WINTER!!!!!!

December 24th -**Christmas Eve** Happy Birthday Stan! District #112 Winter Break

December 25th -**Christmas Day** December 27th -**Meeting Night** 

December 29th -Happy Birthday Miranda! Happy Birthday Sharon!

December 31st -New Year's Eve **Happy Birthday Stephanie!** 

Genior Luncheon

The Carver Lions are proud to host the Fourth Annual Senior Luncheon at the Village Hall on December 12th, Wednesday, at 11:30 AM. The Seniors in the Carver area have been formally invited from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. After lunch there will be socializing occurring, drawings for prizes, and if interested, cards and dominoes. Anyone new to the area, or you need a ride to the festivities, contact Lee Ostlie at 952.448.4743. You need to contact him to make reservations too. Thanks Lions.

Carver Youth Baseball / Softball Association

Greetings To all the supporters of the Carver Community Youth Baseball Softball Association. As 2007 has closed we are making plans for 2008. We will have a survey on line for you to complete asking how 2007 went and asking for suggestions on how to improve 2008. Online registration will be online January 15 for girl's softball, youth baseball, and for the T-Ball programs. We will look forward to new faces joining our program and welcome back all our players and volunteers. Last year we had 200 in our program and expect that to grow this year. We also will start clinics after the 1st of the year. These are being defined and will be online also. You can get to the Web site by: carver.govoffice.com, click on "Sports & Fitness", then the "CCYBSA Registration Information" link. Select information you need.

Again Have Happy Holidays and see you in 2008. Jane Thon President of Carver Youth Baseball/Softball Association

Did You Know...

....that an old Indian Trail that later developed into a crude old pioneer road along Spring Creek, known over time as County Road #147, Old County Road #147, North Broadway, the Carver and Waconia Road, and Snake Road, is once again a trail. The trail, for hiking and biking, will connect downtown Carver and new development areas in north and northwest Carver near Highway #212 and what was until 2005 the Grimm Farm. Already the northern half of the trail has been laid, with the southern half slated for completion in 2007. Historical monuments are being placed along the trail and Spring Creek, using brick salvaged from the Grimm Farmhouse. The area will be known as Spring Creek Park.

....that in January 1874 a greater portion of Carver children were suffering from whooping cough and that even town Dr. E.H. Lewis had contracted it.

# East Union Elementary School

"Stuff - H - Truck" Food Drive

Did you know that the East Union School participates in the "Stuff-A-Truck" Food Drive with County Market for the Carver-Scott CAP Agency's Food shelves? This is the seventh year of the food drive. The food shelf always has a need for items during the holiday season and other non-holiday days too. Good job everyone!

#### Late Start Announcement

December 12th, Wednesday, is the next scheduled late start date for East Union Elementary School. The designated date is a 2 hour late start date and is in District #112. The school wants you to know that if you are still seeking an option for your kids for these 2 hours, the Community Education has limited space available at the kid's elementary building. If you need additional information or to register, visit the website at ce4all.org or call 952.556.6212. School scheduled to start at 11:20 AM and the usual dismissal time of 3:50 PM. The other scheduled late start dates are January 30th, 2008 and May 14th, 2008.

"Celebrate With a Book"

Did you know that if you have books you no longer need, you can donate them to the school library? For more information, call the school.

"Veterans Day"

Everyone is touched, some more than others nowadays. Everywhere you turn there are servicemen serving our country to guarantee our freedom. Remember them all everyday and remember how difficult it may be for the child left behind. The East Union Bell had a nice article on the "Heroes from All Services". The last paragraph summarized it all up quite well: "In this time of turmoil, when we can no longer take our freedom for granted, it is of great importance that we acknowledge the men and women who defend us. They may be our brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, fathers, mothers, grandfathers, cousins, or neighbors, and they deserve a heartfelt thank you!"

"Thank you"

The East Union Bell announced that the PTO through all their hard work has ensured that the school has another piece of equipment for their technology and learning. The PTO has supplied the school with a Cannon Digital Visualizer. This is a camera projected on the wall visually displaying in live motion the item for all to see. The staff and the students thank the PTO for this fantastic piece of equipment in their school.

"Siving Tree Project"

Last, but not least, the East Union School is involved in the *Giving Tree Project* to support our soldiers in Iraq. This is done by providing uplifting gift packages from our community. The idea evolved from a former student who currently serves in Iraq. Some of the squadron members never receive anything from home.

These packages are filled with many useful items and cards made by students. A list has been comprised with some of the most requested items from our soldiers. Hurry, time is running out to get these items to school. December 6th is the last day. You can contact Erin Dickie, with any questions, 952.55.6848.

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Carver Lions

The Lions said that their turnout for the pancake breakfast was fantastic. They thank everyone. This pancake breakfast is one of the fundraisers where the proceeds go toward the Sight First Campaign. The Lions are dedicated to prevention of blindness and offering services, such as leader dogs to those handicapped with blindness. The Lions Eye Bank in Minneapolis supports prompt cornea harvesting, transplants, and research. Did you know that every five seconds, someone around the world, goes blind. Every sixty seconds, a child loses their sight. The Lions work to restore vision to over thirty seven million people globally. The Lions International has saved the sight of hundreds of thousands of people around the world by funding cataract surgeries, cornea transplants, and by providing medication to eradicate River Blindness in underdeveloped countries. In the 1920's the newly formed Lions Club was asked by Helen Keller to be Knights of the Blind. The Lions have been doing just that ever since. Thanks Linda for all those facts and thanks Lions for all your hard work and efforts.

Remember the Lions meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall. Go check them out and get aboard with those elite people who just can't stop giving. It can only be gratifying. Also, the Carver Lions wish to wish each and everyone one of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Did You Know...

....that on Monday night, January 30, 1882 Ferdinand Strache's barn and stable at the Temperance Hotel burned down. For a time it seemed like the hotel might be lost before townspeople were able to put out the fire, but not before the hotel itself was scorched.

....that in January 1874 the Grand Lodge of Minnesota Masons in session in St. Paul granted dispensation for a Masonic Lodge to be chartered at Carver. The lodge, which took up residence in the former mill on Jorgenson Street at old First Street East in Carver, survived until damaged by a storm. Torn down about 1980, the building was the last remaining structure on the south side of the Carver levee. Remnants of its foundation can still be seen.

....that in December 1868 the merchants of Carver were contemplating shutting down their businesses based on trust (credit), beginning in January 1869, due to lack of payment by many customers

....that December 26, 1865 saw the completion of a county-commissioned survey of the crude old road and trail northbound out of downtown Carver along Spring Creek to Waconia. A petition of Charles Gebhard and others calling for an improved Carver and Waconia Road had just been approved by the Carver County Board.

....that the Carver and Waconia Road was first surveyed for a county road the day after Christmas, 1865 by Carver County Surveyor Capt. Herman Muehlberg (born 1833), who had just returned from service in Company E of the Minnesota Fifth Regiment in the Civil War Muehlberg lived in Carver and went on to own and publish the Carver Free Fress newspaper from 1884-1897 and to serve as Adjutant General of the State of Minnesota from 1893-99

....that Spring Creek has sometimes been called Little Creek, which differentiated it from Carver Creek, into which it flows. In 1858 Carver experienced a Gold Rush when gold was purportedly discovered in Spring Creek. Dr. William Griffin was one of the leading figures in the "Carver Gold Rush", and his house yet stands on Fourth Street East in Carver.





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