

**Campbellsport Special Village Board Meeting**  
**September 23, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Village President, Pat Twohig, at 6:16 pm. Board members present were Steve Schickert, Joanne DelPonte, Janet Hafemann, Dave Schellhaass, Dave Krebs, and Robert Guenther. Also present was Village Clerk-Treasurer, Becky Tellier, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Jen Vodak.

Others in attendance: Mark Gruber, Kevin Stange, Janet Stange, Glen Rendermann, and Todd Platt the contractor for the Dollar General.

A motion was made by Tr Schickert and seconded by Tr DelPonte to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission to change the land use category from (RS) Single Family Residential to (C) Commercial as requested by G & V Renderman Properties LLC for the property located on the East side of Grandview Avenue and North of Knights Court, Legal Description as Tax Parcel: UNPL Land S7, AT13N, R19E-Lot 1. Kids Clubhouse Childcare Center will remain zoned Residential. (Ayes=7, Noes=0)

Director of Public Works, Mark Gruber, explained the situation that has occurred with Well #4. Municipal Well & Pump put together a proposal for the necessary inspection and repairs. Mark Gruber explained that there are 31 10-foot pipe sections that require replacement along with the 5-foot pipe above the pump. In addition, the pump bowl castings have been washed out and the pump must be replaced. There is also an option of zinc anode sleeves that would be fitted into the new sections of column pipe to protect the steel pipe. The zinc sleeves cannot be installed into the column pipe that will be re-used but since the most corrosion is at, or near, the water line in the well, the most vulnerable column pipe would be protected. Since our pump is currently out of the well and being repaired in Waupun, the repairs need to continue. There is also a possibility of stray voltage damaging the pipes and an isolation sleeve can be put on top to protect the pipe. The board requested additional research on having a stray voltage test completed or if the test should be skipped to save the money and just move forward with the isolation sleeve. Tr Schellhaass made a motion to accept the first two items on the proposal from Municipal Well & Pump totaling \$27,100 and the optional items on the proposal will be researched further. Tr Schickert seconded the motion. (Aye=7, Nay=0)

Chris and Barb Schanen and David Nims attended the meeting to explain damages to their homes when raw sewage backed up into their basements on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. The Director of Public Works, Mark Gruber, explained what possibly caused the backups. A load of raw sewage was dumped by King Pin Lanes in a dead-end manhole as part of maintenance of the sanitary collection system. We had Dean Septic dump about 3000 gallons of holding tank waste into the dead-end manhole at the intersection of Ladwig Street and South Poplar. Shortly after noon, Mark Gruber received a call from Chris Schanen who was home for lunch and noticed a sewer backup into his basement. Evidentially, there was a restriction in the main line of the sewer line in front of the Schanen's home. When Mark Gruber arrived at the Schanens' residence, the water had gone down but residue of the backup remained on the floor, furniture, and walls. Kewaskum came with their jetter and tried jetting the line from the manhole midblock between Elm and Helena Streets to the manhole at Ladwig and Elm Streets. The jetter only got about 160 feet and it would not push up anymore due to the pitch of the pipe. Mark Gruber then contacted the City of West Bend and they came with their jetvac and were able to jet up and back material out. The debris that came out was gritty and had some blacktop chunks which was attributed to when the manhole was replaced in Spring at the intersection of Elm and Ladwig Streets. West Bend also proceeded to jet down to Helena and Ladwig and then North on Helena to about the driveway of the water plant. Those jetvacs were clean so no additional jetvacating was necessary. David Nims and Andy and Becky Haebig also had sewage in their basements. David Nims explained that the odor in their home was so bad that he and his wife stayed in a local hotel on the nights of September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The Schanen's had a rider on their insurance policy that would cover a portion of the damages and repairs. Service Master did the cleanup in the basements of the Schanen's and Nims' and now the repairs need to begin.

The insurance carrier for the Village states that since we have dumped raw sewage as part of the maintenance for the sanitary collection system for several years and never had a problem, we are not at fault for the sewer backup and, therefore, not responsible for any repairs. The purpose for dumping the raw sewage was to push solids through the pipes, but in this case, there was enough debris to cause blockage which then caused sewage to back up into basements. It has been our practice for several years to use raw sewage to flush the pipes and, in this case, if it would have been water once it mixes with the sewage in the pipes it would have been contaminated and the backup still would have occurred. If the practice of dumping raw sewage continues it may be necessary to jet the lines at the same time. The dumping of raw sewage is done on deadends because when there is not much flow there is an accumulation of debris. When the lines are flushed, the theory is that a large amount of flow would help eliminate the buildup of debris. What possibly happened in this case was that some debris was possibly pushed down to the point where there may have been restriction with small blacktop pieces or grit which caused the line to plug up. The sewage that backed up was under enough pressure that it backed up the sink drains and toilets and caused overflow. The adjuster did talk with Mark Gruber and asked how long this practice has been done and logs from 1999 to the present were provided. Board members voiced their concerns that the Village's insurance company was not willing to assist with the costs of repairs at the affected homes. There are more than 23 deadend manholes that are typically flushed annually and this was the first problem that occurred. If the insurance company holds to their decision to not assist with repairs, the Village will do what is necessary to make things right with the homes that were affected and the inconvenience that was caused. There will also be discussion with the insurance company as to the cost of adding coverage for this type of issue.

Discussion and suggestions on the possible use of the Aurora Clinic by the Village was tabled for a future meeting. Engineers and contractors need to give estimates on making the building usable for Village needs. The importance of Village Hall remaining on Main Street was also mentioned. The Aurora Clinic building has been reduced in price and it could potentially be a good investment for the Village. During 2000-2001 there were other buildings that were considered for relocating Village Hall and the Police Department. At that time, a study was done and residents showed concerns with changing the location of Village Hall and it was thought necessary to keep the location on Main Street. The current Village Hall and Community Center buildings are in need of repairs and, therefore, spending funds on the current buildings was a concern and this prompted interest in the Aurora Building. If upgrades are done to the current buildings there would need to be additional repairs to bring the buildings up to code and allow for handicap access. Kevin Stange mentioned that there is money available for rehabilitation and also grants that should be researched. The next step would be to get renovation costs to change the Aurora Building to fit our needs. This item will be tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried the invoices were accepted as presented. Ayes-7, Noes-0

There being no further business, a Motion was made by Tr Schellhaass and seconded by Tr Schickert to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. Motion Carried on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Tellier  
Clerk/Treasurer