

**VILLAGE OF PLEASANT PRAIRIE  
PLEASANT PRAIRIE VILLAGE BOARD  
LAKE MICHIGAN SEWER UTILITY DISTRICT  
9915 39th Avenue  
Pleasant Prairie, WI  
June 22, 2009  
6:30 p.m.**

A Special Meeting of the Pleasant Prairie Village Board was held on Monday, June 22, 2009. Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Village Board members John Steinbrink, Monica Yuhas, Steve Kumorkiewicz, Clyde Allen and Mike Serpe. Also present were Michael Pollocoff, Village Administrator; Jean Werbie, Community Development Director; John Steinbrink Jr., Public Works Director; Paul Guilbert, Jr., Fire & Rescue Chief; Jeff Sorensen, Inspection Superintendent; Kevin Long, Village Attorney; and Jane Romanowski, Village Clerk.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

John Steinbrink:

Before we move into citizens' comments, a number of people have expressed an interest to testify in the public hearings here when the opportunity arises. There are two public hearings. So if you want to speak on either of these just wait until then and you will be recognized at the appropriate time. During the signup a lot of people did not put down their address with their name, so when you do come up to testify make sure you give us your name and address for the record because that's very important. These are transcribed by somebody and we maybe know who you are but we need this for the record.

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

John Steinbrink:

So if anybody would like to speak under citizens' comments now would be the opportune time. Alright, we'll let you go first. We maybe did have a signup sheet here. Jane, did we have a signup sheet for citizens' comments?

Jane Romanowski:

Yes. And, again, if you're here for a public hearing and I call your name I'll call it again at the public hearing and you'll have an opportunity to talk. Dwayne Meeker, I believe you were for a public hearing. Mark Andrea?

Mark Andrea:

Mark Andrea, 8944 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue. To the representatives of the Village of Pleasant Prairie, I want to know why the rain water caused the backup in the sewer line in my house, why this happened, what caused the sewage to reverse flow. I request a copy of the PNID drawing with highlights of the path where the storm water accesses the sanitary system. And I also want to know how will

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this be prevented in the future? I personally would like the ability to close off the sewage lateral from the street. This can be done from all other utilities such as gas, electric and water. Why are we not able to isolate our homes from this disastrous situation? I pay to have my sewage flow away from my house. In all fairness the Village should pay me to have it flow to my house. I would like answers to these questions by the following meeting. Thank you.

John Steinbrink:

Thank you.

Jane Romanowski:

John Pickard? Okay, then you'll be able to speak at that time. Thank you. Steve Picazo?

Steve Picazo:

Steve Picazo, 11151 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Pretty much have the same questions he has in regards to the sewage backup in our basement. It was pretty disgusting having to clean that out. I, too, want to know why we can't close that off to block it from further happening. The same questions he asked I just want the same answers to.

Kelly Proko:

Thank you. Would you like my address?

Jane Romanowski:

Please.

Kelly Proko:

11160 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

John Steinbrink:

And your name.

Kelly Proko:

Kelly Proko. I'm here tonight for many reasons. One, first off I want to say that I understand the storm we had was not normal. We had over six inches give or take, five or six inches of rain water coming through, not a normal storm by any means. The problem I had I found out on Sunday when I got a phone call from the electric company saying sorry your power was out. Now, I actually live in Wheatland. I own a property in the Village which I just gave you the address. We had renters, they moved out because we have a water problem. Their house was completed also so that was one of the reasons they moved out.

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We've been trying to sell that house over a year. They see the ditch, it's filled with water, we have a waterway going past our house and I do have pictures here and I would like to show the Board the pictures just to show you how much water we had. The whole road was filled with water coming half way up to our driveway and it was filled as far as it could go on the side where the water runs from Sheridan Road all the way down past my house, and every time it rains, every single time, I end up with water in the basement. When there's no water in that ditch I don't have any problem in the basement. So I know it's because of the water being saturated.

I do want to thank Monica and Mike. I've talked with them. Monica is doing everything she can. And, Mike, I appreciate the phone call and Monica at quarter to nine at night on a Friday from the last storm, not this storm but the last storm. So I appreciate the response that I did have. I am not getting the response I need from the Public Works Director. My husband was told not to call Mike and not to call Monica if we had a problem and I resent that, because I feel Monica is my bridge to the government. Having been an alderman I know that. So I would appreciate different comments coming from him. And I know it's your son but that's the way it is and I'm telling the truth here. We do have a meeting on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup>. Mike is going to be there, Monica and also John, Jr. So I'm hoping we can get this resolved with something being done.

I received 18 inches of sewage in my basement. Toilet paper, anything you can think of, tampons, anything you could think of in the basement. My water heater, the inside of the water heater where the insulation is is polluted, contaminated. I don't know if the furnace runs. We're afraid to turn that on. We're going to have to have somebody come out and check that. Something has to be done here. It's been a year that we've been working with Pleasant Prairie to have something done. Now, I know you're doing a survey, I know the survey is supposed to be done, and I've heard that we would have somebody over there marking it and digging it out to put a water pipe, a storm water pipe between our house and the neighbor's house and all the way down so it would alleviate all that water coming through there. Nothing has been done. Absolutely nothing.

Now, I get different stories. I hear from one person that it will be done a month ago but nothing has been done. But I hear now it's going to be August. But we heard this last year that something was going to be done. And I'm at a point where it's affecting the sale of my house. I am getting showings. People come there, they see the water or they come in the basement and they see the water and then that's it. I've talked to my neighbors. My neighbor to the west is now going to spend \$11,000 to try and alleviate the water. We're not talking about right now, the sewage, but just water every time it rains. Now, he has no clue that there was a survey going on in order to determine what size the storm water pipe should be. Now, I don't know how you notify people. I have not received a letter to tell me that that's being done. But I think the public needs to know that. For him to spend \$11,000, I don't know who else is spending money like that. I don't want to have to and I shouldn't have to. I feel that something should be done.

I'm at a point, and I hate to say this, where I'm at a point where I'm going to go door to door and find out who has got a water problem and start a class action suit on this. I don't want to do that. I guarantee I've got a million other things to do. I work two jobs. I don't have the time to do that. But I have to do something because I want that house sold. It has nothing to do with the

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price or the condition of that house. It is the water problem. And I need you guys to do something.

I also want to address the issue, I've heard rumors, and I'm saying rumors, that that cost is going to be attributed to the people who have something done, a storm water or whatever. I paid for the brand new homes that are coming in with their sewers and everything else that don't have a water problem, and I think that should be distributed upon everybody in the Village. This water problem has existed for quite a while from talking to everybody in the area. So I would ask for your indulgence that you would look into this and address the issue. You cannot keep having water in your basement. It's a health hazard, one. Number two now I've got sewage in there. I don't know if any of you had sewer water coming in but it's horrendous. It's horrendous. It's a health hazard and everything is ruined. I don't know if my furnace is working. I don't want to turn it on. So, please, I'm asking you do something. Give us some direction here of what you're going to do and when you're going to do it. Thank you. I appreciate it.

Dick Ginkowski:

Good evening, Dick Ginkowski, Assistant District Attorney and Law Enforcement Liaison at 912 56<sup>th</sup> Street in Kenosha. Before I make official comments, unofficially as a Village resident and flood victim this weekend I know that the Village crews were very, very busy. This was unprecedented. There is a lot that will have to be sorted out and I hope that that's done. But at this point in time I believe folks are still trying to deal with the present situation. Certainly we all are. And the flexibility in refuse collection will certainly be appreciated not just this week but I'm sure for a couple more weeks down the road, too, as people try to clean up.

Now, putting on the official hat, this is the time, unfortunately not only because of the season but because of the events, when the charlatans seem to come out of the woodwork and take advantage of homeowners, especially those who are most vulnerable, either senior citizens or in this case disaster victims. And it's important for Village residents and all residents in the County to recognize that we have some responsibility to make sure that we keep these genies in the bottle. Among the things that we will do, and we certainly, and I know that Chief Wagner and I spoke briefly this afternoon, we certainly take a very hard line when it comes to people ripping people off at a time of tragedy or when their homes need repair.

There are specific laws in this area. There are prohibited home improvement trade practices. I can tell you without much hesitation that the season is closed on ripping off homeowners and open on those who do. If that happens, we will investigate. We will prosecute. We will make time to do that, and if we have to make time you will do the time. So anyone who is in that position can contact the police department in their community whether it's here or somewhere else or the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and we will get on it and follow up.

The best advice, though, for anyone who has been affected is to keep this from happening in the first place. Today, quite frankly, the Internet is a great resource. It's not always accurate, but you can find out a lot of information and it should be utilized. Number one, what to do. If someone comes in and says you need to do A, B, C, D, E, F, G and it's going to cost you so much research

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that. Find out if they're telling you the straight story or whether they're giving you a line of something. Another thing, check them out, Better Business Bureau, the Wisconsin Circuit Court records. Have they had small claims or regular civil litigation against them, criminal convictions. There's all kinds of information that people can find out.

This is a time when unfortunately all of us who have been victimized want to get everything done as quickly as possible, but that's also the opportune time for the charlatans to come in and try to take advantage of people. So it's a good time to spend some time investigating, getting a couple of estimates, making sure everything is in writing. Some guy comes and says give me \$50 and I'll haul your garbage out, I'm not going to lose any sleep over that. But on the flip side of it if it's something that is significant, that involves any type of repair work, you need to know who you're dealing with, their name, their address, you need a contract, you need an estimate, you need to have the work outlined. Certainly you should compare estimates with other vendors, and the most common type of fraud in Kenosha County is what we call half down and disappear. Give me half and the balance on completion. I can tell you that that is the most common type of fraud. They disappear, they get half their money and you get less than half of your work done. So it's a great incentive to avoid paying up front until the work is completed to your satisfaction. Anyone has problems with that, problems with people who are ripping them off they certainly can contact me, they can contact law enforcement. They know how to get hold of me pretty much 24/7 and we'll take it from there. Thank you.

Jane Romanowski:

There are no additional signups, Mr. President.

John Steinbrink:

Anyone else wishing to speak under citizens' comments? Yes, sir?

Steve Picazo:

Steve Picazo, 11151 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. That water just doesn't come in when it rains. That water is continuously flowing through the ground 24 hours a day seven days a week. It doesn't stop even when it stops raining. We had to upgrade our sump pump to a full horsepower because a half horsepower wasn't even cutting it to get the water out of our basement. If our sump pump shuts down water comes in rapidly even when it's not raining. We had a week to two weeks where we didn't have any rain at all and there was still water coming in our basement because of the water that's underneath the ground. So just to redirect that it's not when it just rains, it's all the time we still got water issues.

John Steinbrink:

Anyone else wishing to speak? Seeing none I'll close citizens' comments.

Clyde Allen:

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Mr. President, I would like to make a motion to move Item 7 up on the agenda to now.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

Second.

**ALLEN MOVED TO CONSIDER ITEM 7 ON THE AGENDA; SECONDED BY KUMORKIEWICZ; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**7. RECEIVE REPORT ON FLASH FLOOD AND WIND DAMAGE FROM THE JUNE 19, 2009 STORM.**

Mike Pollocoff:

Mr. President, as you hear from people who have spoke tonight and just from the phone calls I'm sure the Trustees have received over the weekend, the Village suffered very significant storm damage this last weekend particularly on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. I've been here almost 25 years and it was the most overwhelming storm I've ever seen. There's been times where we've had a lot of rain in certain parts of the Village. The Village is 33 square miles big and it's not unusual for one part of the Village to be inundated with a big rainstorm.

At this time, on Friday the entire Village limits were totally overwhelmed. If you go from west to east we had five feet of water coming over the Frontage Road and the Interstate taking cars off the Frontage Road. The Interstate was closed down. The Des Plaines expanded out its banks in the area of Chateau Eau Plaines. The Des Plaines typically runs right about at 118<sup>th</sup> Street and it moved all the way to 110<sup>th</sup> Street in the Chateau. Same thing at River Oaks. We had prior to the extensive rain that occurred some possible funnel clouds, we had micro bursts, we had trees pushed over and knocked over. When that happens in some areas the first place, especially a rural area, the branches and the trees end up in the waterways blocking the waterways.

We'd had quite a bit of rain before 5:30 when the storm really got going. Already the ground was fairly well saturated. At our Sewer Utility District D plant we clocked almost six inches of rain in one hour. So areas that we've seen flooding before this storm far exceeded. One of the questions that was asked tonight was why do we have sanitary sewer backups when we have rain? Typically what happens in some areas is that when people have that much rain either moving through their subdivision, landing in their yard, usually the first failure at a house with the storm water is the basement windows letting water into the basement. In some cases the water goes in—we've had numerous cases where there was water going in the doors. That water gets into the basement or where there's a sanitary sewer drain, a clean out drain, that water goes into the floor drain and then ends up in the sanitary sewer.

Sanitary sewers are designed to handle potable water waste that occurs in the home, whether somebody is washing their laundry, doing clothes, taking a bath, things like that. It's really not meant to have three or four inches of water sitting above a floor drain and creating a hydrolic head that's pushing that water down the sanitary lateral into the sanitary sewer main. Also, sanitary sewer mains breathe. They're not airtight. They're not watertight. They have a gas and

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they develop a hydrogen sulphide in the sanitary sewer. They have to be able to breathe a little bit. There's always a certain amount of infiltration that occurs, and that infiltration is expanded, again, when the water is saturated and that gravel trench that beds the sanitary sewer stones runs like a river underneath the road. That gravel is loose and water can flow through it and it gets into the sanitary sewer main and that surcharges it even more.

This is without addressing issues where people might connect their sump pump into the sanitary sewer. They might have their down spouts connected to the sanitary sewer. So what happens is the sewer system gets surcharged and gets overloaded. With the storms we had, we had power outages at a number of lift stations. And one of the stations that was out was the station in Unit 1 in Carol Beach before we could start that up again. Once we got it started up again it was still behind. There was more flow coming in there than the pumps could pump in the forced main to get it up to another sewer main, which means I guess in its basic form is sanitary sewer is going back to where it came from. It's going back to all the houses as it backs up.

Nobody likes to be in that position but that's really where we're at. I know the City of Kenosha suffered significant failures. Our estimates from this storm is we had at least 700 homes, probably more, that had some kind of basement backup with either rainwater going into the basement or sanitary sewer going into the basement. And that's because water was coming down faster than the ditches, the storm sewers, the drainage ways, the streets could convey it either to a retention or detention basin or to a creek.

Our storm water system is designed to basically handle in almost areas about 95 percent of any kind of storm we're going to get and it's going to convey that water out. Maybe it doesn't get it out right away, but it's going to mitigate some of the flooding. But if the rainfall goes beyond the design that we have, and we follow the same standards of design that almost every municipality does, then you have a problem where it's raining so hard that you cannot get enough water into the inlets in the streets to get it to drain away, and you'll see that when you drive down a street and you know there's catch basins on the curb line and the water isn't going in there sometimes it's because it's blocked, but sometimes it's because you can't get any more water in that pipe. It's just going to achieve its own level.

In the Prairie Ridge Subdivision there's a major detention basin on Prairie Ridge Drive, and the elevation of the water in that basin was the same elevation as the intersection of 104<sup>th</sup> and Prairie Ridge four blocks away. The water was trying to go in that inlet but the inlet, the water there was the at the same level of the detention basin and there was no place for it to go. Water starting seeking its own level, and until the detention basin could empty itself the water can't go in there and that basin is designed for a 100 year event and it was holding and it couldn't get the water out fast enough.

These events are far and few between. We try to manage them the best we can. The public works department came to work on Friday as usual at seven o'clock. They were home at three. They were back at five. And in the sequence of events, and John, Jr. did a really good job of marshaling and managing the resources he had available to him, but if you look at what happened we had trees blocking roads, we had waterways damaging roads and crossing them. We had people for no good reason that I can see drove into a flooded road, got their car stalled out and the

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fire department was pulling people out of their cars with a boat. We had to clear those roadways so that emergency vehicles can get through to people so public works vehicles could get through to neighborhoods.

We had at one point 93<sup>rd</sup> Street, 116<sup>th</sup> Street and 104<sup>th</sup> Street all blocked. We didn't have any east/ west movement across the Village because of either trees or flooding. We needed to be able to get across the Village and stop people from going on roads that they shouldn't be going on so we could take care of the flooding that existed. We pumped as many basements as we could. Again, we had everybody out that night. We even called in lifeguards from the RecPlex to begin sandbagging. They were filling sandbags to take to various places in the Village. Some of the crews really didn't get out of here until four o'clock Saturday afternoon the next day. We were working it that long and there's still a significant amount of work to be done.

A couple of the residents asked the question why can't we block the sanitary sewer from coming into my home? There is a device that can do that. It's a back flow preventer. People are free to put that on their private line if they like. It requires some maintenance because you have to make sure—it's a spring loaded device and sometimes things can get hung up in the spring, but that is one alternative that people can use. The other one is to install a grinder pump in your basement and that pump will pump waste out and the valve will shut when it's not pumping and no waste can come in.

The down side to that is if in any way your sanitary sewer has any connection to the perimeter tile or your perimeter tile becomes so surcharged and your sump pump can't keep up, that sanitary waste that surrounds your home will be back in your basement. Water is going to find the path of least resistance, and if your perimeter is under such hydrolic pressure it's going to find a way into the basement because that's the point of least resistance.

I encourage everyone who had damage from the storm, whether it be a sanitary sewer backup or storm water backup, to contact Kenosha County Emergency Management Department. The Village President has asked that the Village declared a disaster area which does a couple things. For private individuals it enables them to secure aid for repair, cleanup, getting in some cases mitigation to stop any cleanup damage and stop any future damage, and it also provides funds to the public improvements that the Village owns to make the repairs and accommodations that we did.

John, Jr. has prepared an estimate for Kenosha County and our first run at this is about between eleven and a half and twelve million dollars of damage in a four hour period. We really don't think we have everybody's count in yet and so the more people that let us know what their problems are that's all the more people that we're going to be able to help direct resources to because they can take care of what they need to take care of.

We had one other problem associated with this storm and that is the Village is rebuilding 85<sup>th</sup> Street. We recently put in a brand new sanitary sewer main on that street as part of that construction. Probably a couple weeks a contractor for AT&T put in a fiber duct package also along 85<sup>th</sup> Street and they busted through a lateral which blocked off that sewer and let stone get into the sanitary sewer branch and it basically blocked it up for a group of residents that normally



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are at the high point of the line. That section of 85<sup>th</sup> Street straddles the sub continental divide, that's as high as it gets in the Village and they were all backed up. So we spent also in there a significant amount of time that was more expensive than we should have had to spend and we had to address that problem as well, and we're going to be filing a claim against AT&T for the work that was done there out of compliance with the permanent requirements.

We're also going to be looking over the next—the public works department their work this summer is going to get rejuggled because we have had this significant event and we're going to be identifying areas that failed and seeing what we can do to improve some of those areas. We're working with different neighborhoods on things that they can do to improve the drainage situation in the neighborhood.

We had two people speak from Unit 1 today in Carol Beach, that 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> Avenues north of 116<sup>th</sup> Street, and when that subdivision was built there was no major east/ west conveyance for storm water and there's ditches along the street. So if something gets to a ditch it has some way to get out, but the lay of the land is flowing east to west. So we'll be looking at improvements we can make in there. We have had a surveyor undertaking a survey of that area. But once we have the data in place and we can provide information to people that is based on solid science of what the existing topography is and what the alternatives are, then we'll notify everybody and contact them to have a public meeting so everybody gets the same amount of information and they get the same information, so it's not this kind of letting out of a little bit of information at a time. That's not fair to everybody involved and it really doesn't help everybody understand the whole issue as it exists.

Trustee Yuhas and I have met with Ms. Proko and there's some things we're try to do on an interim basis to alleviate that problem, but there are some additional issues with how that lot was developed on that parcel that still may need to be mitigated. We're not going to know what the full impact of that is until some work takes place. Like she said we'll be meeting with her this week and have some more discussions with her.

But I appreciate the frustration that the residents feel when they have sanitary sewer that's not—day in and day out we've had a lot of storms, a lot of rain and a backup of sanitary sewer does not result. But when we have this much rain and if it happens again I don't want to promise you but chances are you're going to have sanitary sewer backups again because the sewer system isn't designed to handle and have that much water. We can't handle it, and there isn't a community around that can handle it. We bypass two and a half million gallons of water out of the sanitary sewer system just to minimize the basement flooding. We'll have to deal with that with the DNR because they're going to want some system improvements made so that doesn't happen.

John, Jr. made the right choice as flooding was occurring. He had those bypasses active so that we could limit the amount of property damage that occurred in peoples' homes and we'll deal with the flows in the stream as we can. I mean if there's every going to be any bypassing with the waste water into the streams you want it when there's a lot of water there to minimize the pollution that's taking place.

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But I really can't emphasize enough that we really need people to report their damages and their specific damages to Kenosha County and we're going to be working to get that disaster declaration done. There's a chance it might not happen right away. The total damages might not be big enough, and when that's the case they'll hold our claim and luck as it is there's going to be something that goes wrong someplace in Wisconsin and they'll put us together with that group in order to get to the threshold we need to have that declaration made. John, do you want to add to that please?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

The public works crews worked around the clock from right after working Friday from around six p.m. to around midnight on Sunday evening. We had every available staff, full time, part time. Lifeguards were out filling sandbags like Mike had said. Our main focus of the storm at the beginning was to keep operation of all the sewage treatment plants, lift stations, to make sure we keep them from flooding and damaging any controls that are in there. The Village does have an aggressive sewer main cleaning I and I program but it still wasn't enough to keep up with a lot of the water that was within the sanitary sewer system.

The other main focus that we had were keeping the trees off the road so emergency vehicles were able to travel around the Village - installing traffic control signs in areas where there was flooding across the Village as Mike had stated. There was one point where pretty much all the east/ west roads in the Village were submerged with at least three feet of flowing water which made it very dangerous for crossing. All creeks had overflowed. The retention basins had over topped and a lot of the storm sewer had surcharge.

The lift stations caught up around Saturday a.m. and as the flows were still high we were still able to manage them with the lift stations and auxiliary pumps that we had out. Our cleanup efforts have begun this afternoon and our crews are working twelve hour days. We're very focused on making sure that all the garbage is taken away. We do have some extra crews and we've rented some extra equipment out there. We were able to get all of Monday's route picked up and cleaned up and actually started moving ahead in some of the worst areas in the Village that had extra garbage with the west end, the Chateau and Zirbel area.

Some of the things that the Village has done to help out the residents at this time is we're not charging for any bulk items either at the curb or at the compost drop off site. The residents are allowed to put an unlimited amount of garbage out for collection. We do ask that any garbage that is put out is bagged, and anything is kept in under four by four pieces or under fifty pounds. We do still have to charge for any TVs or white goods because those are items that are contracted out for pickup by the Village. But there is not going to be a charge for any bulk items, any couches, any furniture that was soaked or damaged as a part of the storm that we had.

We've expanded our compost site hours for two weeks or until need be where we're going to be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Roger Prange Center, 8600 Green Bay Road, and we're going to be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 7 until 2 p.m. Residents can bring in branches, garbage, bulk items all at no charge at that location.

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One of the other projects that we're working on is removing all the brush. The Village has opened up a curbside collection where we do have two crews out. We rented another chipper and we're using some of our part time seasonal park staff along with our public works staff to go through and chip up some of the brush that had fallen on the roadways.

It's probably going to take us a month to get all the brush chipped up. The rest of the summer public works is going to spend cleaning ditches, shouldering and repairing all the culverts. It is our goal to make it through this week and be caught up with garbage by the end of the week for everything that's out there. It's definitely our goal to make sure that all the garbage on your garbage day is picked up by the end of the day on their scheduled day. So that's a brief update on where we're at.

Mike Serpe:

When I was a City resident 34 years ago I experienced a sewer backup in my home and it's not a pleasant experience, so I know what everybody is going through that does have that problem. I guess, John, Jr. what I have to tell you and your crew is just a fantastic response to a major event. I guess that pretty much is a benchmark as to how you grade a Village when something serious happens how do they respond. And as far as I'm concerned you guys did a fantastic job. I called you a couple times and I felt bad calling you. You sounded like you were running 100 miles an hour and you were probably, but we conversed, we conveyed messages and you guys did a fantastic job. I think even the ones that experienced the problems probably can see the response that you and your crew have done. Thanks for that.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

I've got to commend Mike, too. Saturday morning as I usually do every week I took a ride and drove around the Village. I saw that we have problems, obstructions and the drainage, obstructions in the culverts. I've lived in the Village for over 46 years and I never saw a rain like this. When you get seven inches in one hour there is no system that is going to take care of that. I live on 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue close to the State Line and the water going south the volume was so great that we got from the house in the west side of 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue was right across over 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the east side. That's the first time I ever saw that. So it was very, very bad . . . it was unbelievable. I couldn't believe the volume of water that we got in front of our house. Three houses from me they don't have any basement and they got two feet of water and the people just moved in. I was telling them, too, we got a new . . . last Saturday by the people . . . got a newspaper today. So there's a lot of people who don't know what to do. I've been talking to a lot of them.

I was on Old Green Bay Road checking . . . Unit 2 the problems they got, Tobin Creek, so serious . . . I saw the problems that we've got here that people living in the City, for example on Cooper Road . . . people used to have the gutter connected to the sanitary sewer and four or five years ago we got a program that we . . . the people to disconnect those sewer pumps . . . that alleviated a lot of the problem in the City. The old system . . . they got sanitary sewer and storm sewer together and that's a big problem. That's why in the Village right now . . . don't have that problem. A lot of the problem that we've got now is in the old subdivision 40 or 50 years ago houses built they

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are not . . . that we have today. I was one of them. I had water right to my doorstep . . . so we're improving that and we're trying to make . . . any water . . . for all of us who lived here a long time we never saw anything like that. John has lived here longer than I have but I doubt that anybody saw that amount of water prior to that. Another thing, too, that I mention tonight is . . . power all over. That was another big problem. This is a very hard situation . . . 100 year flood happens every two or three years . . . this one was the worst.

John Steinbrink:

I guess in brief it showed us the force of Mother Nature, the fact that we really can't deal with its will. For a couple hour period we actually got to experience I guess what we used to watch on TV as hurricanes would slam into the coast and affect the cities and homes along the shorelines there. I guess it's totally different when it hits your neighborhood and you see how fast the water collects and the damage it creates. That was a couple hour period versus sometimes a 12 or 14 hour blast that these folks receive along the shorelines. We will continue working on it.

Mike Pollocoff:

Mr. President, I also encourage residents to go to [pleasantprairieonline.com](http://pleasantprairieonline.com) to keep updated with the status of where we are in this, get information on how to file information concerning any damage they had and collection times and pickups. We'll be updating those on a daily basis so that given where we are and what we find out people can find out by going to our website and looking at that and Channel 25 for those people that have cable.

Clyde Allen:

Just a quick comment, John. I truly appreciate what your crews have done. Under the circumstances how they handled it was remarkable, and also the protective services out there, the police, fire and rescue, it's just amazing we didn't have more damage than we did. Thank you to everybody that really put a yeoman's effort in.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consider Award of Contract for the steel and concrete construction of the pool addition at the LakeView RecPlex**

Mike Pollocoff:

Mr. President, we have received and opened bids for work to be done at the Lakeview RecPlex. Sealed bids were received on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Based on the bid results we're recommending that the following contracts be awarded: demolition to Riley Construction; earthwork to DK Contractors; site utilities to DK Contractors; cast in place concrete for Riley Construction; precast wall panels to Mid States Concrete; precast mezzanine panels to Mid States Concrete; masonry to Riley Construction; elevators to Otis Elevator; and electrical relocations to Great Lakes Electric. We still have six bids that are being evaluated that we opened, and we're going to be bringing those back to the Village once we've gone through those bids.

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Basically the budget amount on this project is \$8 million and we're on target with that from a budget standpoint. We're actually a little bit below budget. So we still have more bids to take place. So I recommend the contracts be awarded to those contractors.

Mike Serpe:

Mr. Chairman, I'd move to concur with the Village Administrator's proposal to award the contracts to the named contractors in the memo.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

Second.

John Steinbrink:

Motion by Mike, second by Steve. Further comment or question?

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

Yes, I think I would like to make the comment that no taxpayer money is going to the project, that the \$8 million was donated by Uline to provide to work on the job in the future. So right now on this project . . . .

Mike Pollocoff:

For construction, yes.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

So jobs are being created locally.

**SERPE MOVED TO AWARD THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS FOR THE RECPLEX POOL ADDITION:**

- Contract 1.01 Demo - Riley Construction**
- Contract 1.02 Earthwork - DK Contractors**
- Contract 1.03 Site Utilities - DK Contractors**
- Contract 1.05 Cast in Place concrete – Riley Construction**
- Contract 1.06 Precast (Wall Panels) – Mid States Concrete**
- Contract 1.07 Precast (Mezzanine) – Mid States Concrete**
- Contract 1.09 Masonry – Riley Construction**
- Contract 1.11 Elevators – Otis Elevator**
- Contract 1.13 Electrical Relocations – Great Lakes Electric**

**SECONDED BY KUMORKIEWICZ; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**(COURT REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT ATTACHED FOR ITEMS 5 & 6)**

**5. PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. Consider Non-Renewal of an Application for a "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor License and Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License submitted by George Lyons for premises known as Texas Jay's located at 12627 Sheridan Road.

**SERPE MOVED TO DENY RENEWAL OF A "CLASS B" INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE AND CLASS "B" FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE TO GEORGE LYONS, AGENT FOR TEXAS JAY'S INC, BASED ON REPORTS SUBMITTED BY STAFF DETAILING THE BUILDING, ZONING AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS NOTED AS A RESULT OF AN INSPECTION OF THE PROPOSED LICENSED PREMISE LOCATED AT 12627 SHERIDAN ROAD; SECONDED BY KUMORKIEWICZ; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**6. PUBLIC HEARING – OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Consider a new Cabaret License Application for George Lyons for premises Known as Texas Jay's located at 12627 Sheridan Road.

**SERPE MOVED TO REMOVE ITEM 6 A. FROM THE TABLE; SECONDED BY KUMORKIEWICZ; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**SERPE MOVED TO DENY CONSIDERATION OF THE NEW APPLICATION FOR A CABARET LICENSE SUBMITTED BY GEORGE LYONS, AGENT, FOR TEXAS JAY'S, INC. FOR PREMISES LOCATED AT 12627 SHERIDAN ROAD FOR THE REASON THAT THE LIQUOR LICENSE IS TIED TO A CABARET LICENSE AND WITH THE BOARD JUST VOTING TO NON-RENEW THE LIQUOR LICENSE, THE CABARET LICENSE APPLICATION SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AT THIS TIME; SECONED BY KUMORKIEWICZ; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**8. VILLAGE BOARD COMMENTS**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**KUMORKIEWICZ MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING; SECONDED BY YUHAS; MOTION CARRIED 5-0 AND MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:27 P.M.**

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