

VILLAGE OF EPHRAIM

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Community Protection Committee Minutes Monday February 6, 2017 4:30 P.M. 1000 Norway-Administrative Office

Present: Paul Roppuld- Chair, Bob Volpe, Dan Shannon

Absent: Keith Krist, Tad Dukehart

Staff: Justin MacDonald- Fire Chief, Susan Shallow- Deputy Clerk

Guests: Terry Havel- Asst. Fire Chief

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by chair Roppuld at 4:30 P.M.
2. Quorum: A quorum is present for this meeting
3. Changes to agenda: Roppuld requests that we flip items 9 and 10.
4. Previous minutes-Minutes from January 5, 2017:

Motion per Volpe to approve the January 5, 2017 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Shannon, motion carried.

5. **Visitors' comments:** None

6. **Fire Chief's report:** Asst. Chief Havel reported that there were 2 Ephraim calls and 1 mid door call in January. Training occurred last Tuesday utilizing the new air packs. The training our team completes directly effects the Insurance rates for our residents, we are currently rated 7. The lower the number the better you are rated. Access to water directly affects the rating noted Havel.

7. **Update on County Hwy Q parking issues discussion and recommendation if necessary:** At the last meeting resident owner of the Hillside requested that the sign for County Q be moved, Chief MacDonald did speak with the County Roads manager and the sign is where it will stay based on their requirements.

8. **Discussion and recommendation on coordination with Wastewater Committee on matters of mutual interest:** Roppuld invited the Wastewater Committee to work with this Committee on issues that may be relevant to both departments. Roppuld stated that if we can't get a truck down there we cannot service the area. Roppuld explained the current condition of the road to Shannon. The safety of the firefighters and Village equipment is paramount when a life is not threatened, if it is property that may be lost they will do what they can but will use caution when going down such a road.

9. **Discussion and recommendations on remaining unresolved issues with portions of North Shore Road:** Roppuld was present at this morning's meeting of the Wastewater Committee to inform them of the CPC's concern with safety for staff and vehicles on North Shore Road. This is a topic of concern for both departments. Chief MacDonald stated that at the meeting in January he notified his staff that the pickup truck will be the first truck to go on the private portion of the road or the brush truck if something is burning they will try to get the pumper there and they will approach the area with due caution, if roads are icy they will go at a slower pace. Shannon suggested that a letter be sent to residents on the private portion of North Shore Road to inform of this situation. Roppuld added that the insurance rates an owner pays may be negatively affected if they do not have fire service available 24 7. In some cases it may make a home uninsurable, owners need to be aware of this and it may be time to bite the bullet and bring that road up to requirements as stated in our Ordinances.

Motion per Roppuld to recommend to the Village Board of Trustees authorize a letter to be sent from the Village Fire Chief and the Village Administrator to all property owners on the private portion of the road notifying them of the applicable sections of the Village Ordinance relating to driveway width and making it abundantly clear that continued failure to comply with a Village Ordinance intended to promote safe and efficient ingress and egress will from time to time render their property inaccessible to Fire and Emergency Services by order of the Fire Chief of the Village of Ephraim, seconded by Shannon, motion carried.

10. Discussion and recommendations on update of Village of Ephraim Ordinance Chapter 9: Roppuld would like to share copies of Chapter 9 with Committee members for the record. Roppuld would like the committee members to take about a month or two to review this document and mark it up for discussion at a future meeting, a composite will be made for presentation to the Board.

MacDonald mentioned that he also spoke to Thad Ash concerning the parking issues brought up at the last meeting and he suggested that we could place no parking signs in that area, the right of way varies there noted Ash. It would cost about \$150 for them to mobilize and come up here then another \$170 per sign. The cost for this by consensus of the Committee will be paid out of the new category for other safety issues.

11. Visitors' comments: None

12. New business for next meeting: Next meeting March 16, 2017. April 16, 2017.

13. Adjournment

Motion per Volpe to adjourn this meeting of the Ephraim Community Protection Committee, seconded by Shannon, motion carried.

Transcribed by,
Susan Shallow- Deputy Clerk