

**VILLAGE OF PLEASANT PRAIRIE
PLEASANT PRAIRIE VILLAGE BOARD
PLEASANT PRAIRIE WATER UTILITY
LAKE MICHIGAN SEWER UTILITY DISTRICT
SEWER UTILITY DISTRICT "D"**

9915 39th Avenue

Pleasant Prairie, WI

November 14, 2005

Immediately following the 5 p.m. Plan Commission meeting

A Special Meeting of the Pleasant Prairie Village Board was held on Monday, November 14, 2005. Meeting called to order at 5:50 p.m. Present were Village Board members John Steinbrink, Alex Tiahnybok, Steve Kumorkiewicz, Jeff Lauer and Mike Serpe. Also present were Mike Pollocoff, Village Administrator and Jane Romanowski, Village Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider Entering into Executive Session Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(g) Wis. Stats. to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.**

Mike Pollocoff:

I need to enter into Executive Session with the Board to discuss just as it indicates. We are at a point where we may need to enter into litigation with a party and I need for the Board to get some advice and counsel from an attorney and the reason it needs to be discussed in executive session is because we will be discussing what strategy or approach we would take in dealing with that. I think to protect the Village's financial interest that those discussions need to happen in closed session. For this session, I would be looking to include, of course, the Board, the Village Clerk, myself and the Fire Chief.

LAUER MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 19.85(1)(g); SECONDED BY SERPE; ROLL CALL VOTE – STEINBRINK – YES; TIAHNYBOK – YES; KUMORKIEWICZ – YES; LAUER – YES; SERPE – YES; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

John Steinbrink:

We will return to open session for the purpose of adjournment only. No other business will be conducted.

Mike Pollocoff:

There is a citizen in the audience if you wish to hear what he has to say but no action will be taken.

Mike Serpe:

Since he made the point to come tonight, lets hear what he has to say.

Carl Carlson:

My name is Carl Carlson, 12300 39th Avenue. My issue is with the Village Fire and Rescue Department. So far, I have been paying taxes since 1994 and so far my taxes have totaled \$25,815.02. The Village takes out of that \$4,904.84. Out of that, Fire and Rescue and the Police Department took \$2,942.91. Out of that, assuming that it is divided equally, the Police Department got \$1,471.46 and also the Fire Department got the same. With my 2005 taxes I will pay to the Fire Department, \$1,619 estimated. On 5-23 of this year, the Fire and Rescue came to my home. On 6-20 of this year, Wheeling, Illinois sent me a bill for \$506.90 for Pleasant Prairie Ambulance Service. This sounded a little high to me for a cost, so I contacted a Kenosha ambulance service, now this is for profit organization, Erickson Ambulance Service, and asked them for a quote on the same service. For the same thing, a trip to the hospital, they would have charged \$500. Now this is a for profit company charging the same thing that the Rescue Department charged myself. My question is, why am I being charged \$500 when I am already paying, at this next month, I will have paid the Fire Department \$1,619. This is like an insurance policy. I paid in for over 10 years in case I need the service. When I get the service, I need the service, I am charged the same thing that a for profit company is charged. So I protested this to the company in Wheeling. I did get a response from your Fire Chief and he basically told me that I was being charged for the entire Fire Department and I sent a letter to him saying I did not use the entire Fire Department. I used the ambulance service for one hour – that is all I used. Why am I being charged for the entire Fire Department? That is ridiculous and I am paying all this money ahead of time. Now I can understand someone from outside the Village being charged the full fee for service. I understand that. If I was in Kenosha and used their Fire Department I would expect to get a bill for \$500 because I do not pay taxes to their service. My issue is this is a double taxation or a double billing and I don't feel this is right. Now I talked to a gentleman from the Wheeling department today and he is telling me I should fill out a form for hardship. That is not my point. The point is not whether it is a hardship because if I do that then I am legitimizing this bill. This is not a legitimate bill as far as I am concerned. I have already paid towards this service. Why am I being charged a full fee for service? That is my issue. I don't know where you want to take it but at least talk about it. I am a Village taxpayer. I am paying for the service. I think this is an outrageous fee. I don't have health insurance. The hospital gave us a 35% discount because I did not have health insurance. The doctor who served us gave us a 50% discount because I did not have health insurance. When I call Pleasant Prairie, I don't get a discount, even if I am a Village taxpayer. Now, I am here but how many other people are out there with the same issue who won't come forward and say anything? Now because I didn't receive a response to my letter, I have already contacted Federal and State agencies, including Social Security and saying I think this is illegal – look into it. Now I have haven't received responses back but I should not have had to do that. That is my comments. Thank you.

John Steinbrink:

Thank you. We cannot answer your comments because it is not on the agenda.

Carl Carlson:

Well at least you heard my comments. Would you get back to me?

Mike Pollocoff:

However you want to do it. If you want to come again next week on the 21st for the Board meeting, it is a budgetary issue you are talking about and/or I'll send you a letter that addresses the comments you made tonight.

Carl Carlson:

O.K. Thank you very much for your time.

John Steinbrink:

The Board will now go into executive session.

4. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

After discussion was held, **SERPE MOVED TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION; SECONDED BY TIAHNYBOK; ROLL CALL VOTE – STEINBRINK – YES; TIAHNYBOK – YES; KUMORKIEWICZ – YES; LAUER – YES; SERPE – YES; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

5. ADJOURNMENT

SERPE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING; SECONDED BY LAUER; MOTION CARRIED 5-0 AND MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.