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TIME DATED MATERIAL

Village Authorizes \$10,000,000 in Industrial Revenue Bonds for EMCO Chemical Distributors



The property EMCO plans to purchase is located on the southeast corner of 95th Street and 88th Avenue. The site is the former home of Lawter International and Hexion Specialty Chemicals.

In early February, the Village Board announced their intention to assist EMCO Chemical Distributors, Inc. with securing \$10,000,000 in financing for the purchase and customization of the former Hexion Specialty Chemicals property at 8601 95th Street. EMCO, headquartered out of North Chicago, Illinois, has plans to distribute and blend specialty chemicals from the Pleasant Prairie location. EMCO will purchase the property and tailor the facility to meet their specific business needs. EMCO will employ roughly 100 full-

time positions at the Pleasant Prairie location. Approximately 90 of the 100 jobs will transfer from their current location in North Chicago, Illinois.

To assist with the project, the Village plans to authorize EMCO to issue \$10,000,000 in tax-exempt Industrial Development Revenue Bonds. "The Village will authorize the tax exempt status, but EMCO will issue the bonds and retain all financial responsibility for the repayment of the funds," explained Village President John Steinbrink Sr.

Through the Village authorization, EMCO will be able to take advantage of a tax-exempt status for repayment of the debt. The project itself, however, will remain subject to property tax payments.

"We are pleased to welcome EMCO to Pleasant Prairie," added Steinbrink. "Welcoming EMCO as a new corporate citizen in our business park is a plus all the way around. We are able to increase the level of available employment for families in the community while offering EMCO a first class location with access to all of the amenities that can help contribute to the continued success of their business." The Village Plan Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit including Site and Operational Plans related to the project during a meeting in mid-December 2009. During that meeting, EMCO President Edward Polen identified some of his larger customers as Rust-Oleum, EXXON, Sherwin-Williams, Valspar and others. □



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Coming in March...

View and Pay Your Utility Bill Online at Your Convenience

In early March, a new online viewing and payment option for Pleasant Prairie utility bills will be available at PleasantPrairieOnline.com. The new feature will enable utility customers to:

- view your utility bill online,
- opt out of receiving a paper bill in the mail,
- make a one-time online payment directly from your checking account, or
- set up recurring automatic payments directly from your checking account.

The new feature is easy, secure and convenient. By setting up recurring payments and opting not to receive a paper bill in the mail, you can save time and postage while helping to protect the environment. To try the new online bill viewing and payment feature, simply visit PleasantPrairieOnline.com in early March. Click on the **ONLINE PAYMENTS** button in the upper right hand corner of any page, and then follow the simple instructions.

Through the **ONLINE PAYMENTS** button, you will also be able to make online payments for parking citations, court forfeitures (such as speeding tickets and zoning violations) and property taxes. Respective links will take you to the secure website for the payment services provider. To access the online viewing and payments feature:

- Visit PleasantPrairieOnline.com in early March,
- Click on the **ONLINE PAYMENTS** button at the top of any page,
- Select the link for the type of payment you would like to make, and
- Follow the instructions given by the payment services provider.



March Village Meeting Dates and Times

Location

Regularly scheduled Board and Commissions meetings are held at: **Village Hall (in the auditorium)**
9915 39th Avenue
Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158

March

Village Board Meetings

Monday, March 1
Monday, March 15
Begins at 6:00 p.m.

March

Plan Commission Meeting

Monday, March 8
Begins at 6:00 p.m.

March

Park Commission Meeting

Thursday, March 4
Begins at 6:00 p.m.

March Recreation

Commission Meeting

Tuesday, March 9
Begins at 6:00 p.m.

Agendas

Board and Commission Meeting Agendas are posted prior to each meeting at: Village Hall, RecPlex, the Roger Prange Center and

PleasantPrairieOnline.com under the **Boards & Commissions** page for each respective meeting.

You are invited to attend Village Meetings to learn firsthand about municipal government and the business being conducted in Pleasant Prairie. For more information regarding Boards and Commissions and their respective meetings, please visit PleasantPrairieOnline.com.

Village Emergency Services Respond to Train Derailment

A Union Pacific Train Partially Derailed in the Village on Monday, February 8

Just past 12:30 in the afternoon on Monday, February 8, a Union Pacific train partially derailed in the Village just north of Bain Station Road. Twenty-four of 113 cars came off of the tracks. Union Pacific reported that twenty of the train cars were empty, while four were carrying plywood, wheat and fertilizer. No injuries were reported as a result of the derailment.

Upon receiving the call, Pleasant Prairie Police and Fire & Rescue Departments responded to the scene of the derailment. Once on scene, the first priority of emergency responders was to assess the situation to determine potential impact on the



Image of the Union Pacific tracks as they cross Bain Station Road. The February 8 derailment occurred just north of the crossing.

safety of residents. This assessment determines the course of action responders will take. In this case, the assessment revealed that the derailed cars did not pose a hazard to the public. Union Pacific crews have repaired the railway and have worked to remove the derailed train cars. □

Flag Presented to Village by Private First Class Ryan Miller



During mid-February, Private First Class (PFC) Ryan Miller presented the Village Board with a U.S. Flag which was flown in Iraq during his tour of duty. PFC Miller is a Pleasant Prairie resident and part-time Village employee who has just returned from a 9-month tour of duty in Iraq with the Army National Guard.

In November of 2009, PFC Miller shipped a U.S. flag that had been flown in Iraq to Pleasant Prairie Public Works Director John Steinbrink Jr. The same flag was raised above the Pleasant Prairie Veterans Memorial during the 2009 Veterans Day Ceremony on November 8. It was taken down soon after the ceremony and has been placed in a glass display case with a certificate, patches and a medallion from PFC Miller's tour of duty. □

Bristol and Pleasant Prairie

An update concerning the two communities

In 1997, the Town of Bristol and the Village of Pleasant Prairie entered into a formal Cooperative Agreement. The agreement was created to help guide cooperative interaction between the two municipalities that share common boundaries. During 2008, the town of Bristol filed a petition seeking incorporation for a part of the Town. Pleasant Prairie did not oppose the petition, as it was in accordance with the 1997 agreement. The State Review Board, however, turned the petition down, because the area included by Bristol was too large of an area to meet State standards.

Bristol followed the recommendation of the Review Board and reduced the size of the area for incorporation. After following the proper steps, Bristol received a certificate of incorporation as a Village for a nine square mile portion of the Town on December 1, 2009. Four weeks later, Bristol announced their intention to apply for permission hold a referendum to annex the remaining portion of the Town, approximately 23 additional square miles, into the Village of Bristol.

The area submitted by Bristol for annexation that was outlined on maps and legal documents included both property that is currently part of the Village of Pleasant Prairie and properties protected from incorporation by Bristol that are to become part of Pleasant Prairie according to the 1997 agreement. After unsuccessful attempts to correct this matter directly with Bristol, Pleasant Prairie recently sought legal action to protect Village interests. This February, a judge hearing the case denied Bristol's petition for an annexation referendum and requested that Bristol officials correct the legal description of the area to be included in an annexation referendum. Village Administrator Mike Pollocoff explained Pleasant Prairie's desired outcome, "We don't have a problem with the people of Bristol voting on whether or not to incorporate; we simply wish for Bristol to show good faith and abide by the 1997 agreement. We look forward to future talks with both the Town and Village of Bristol that will yield an equitable result for taxpayers of all three municipalities." □

Historical Street Sign Installed at Cooper & 85th



85th Street, formerly known as Bentz Road, was originally named for property owners living along the road. Descendants of the Bentz family still live along the road today.

As part of the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Cooper Road and 85th Street, a new style street name sign was placed at the intersection. The new style sign displays the current street name, along with the historical name for the street. As new and replacement street signs throughout the Village are needed, the Village has plans to install additional historical signs. □



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Your census form will arrive in March. By answering 10 simple questions, you can help improve our schools, roads, hospitals, job training programs, public transportation and more. These 10 questions will help decide how more than \$400 billion in Federal funds is dispersed to communities every year. Please watch for your census form next month, then complete and return your form from your Pleasant Prairie address. □



New Retailer Opens in the Shoppes at Prairie Ridge

In early February, a new retailer opened for business in the Shoppes at Prairie Ridge at 9901 75th Street. The **Mattress Firm** celebrated their Grand Opening with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony conducted by the Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce. During the opening, owners Chuck and Conna Dawson presented a donation of new beds and bedding to Women's and Children's Horizons of Kenosha. □



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Saturday, March 20
9:00am - 3:00pm

Vendor Booths still Available!

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