

CITY OF DELAFIELD COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

CALL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor McAleer called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present

Absent

- Mayor Ed McAleer
- Ron Miskelley, Ald.
- Jeff Krickhahn, Ald.
- Beth Leonard, Ald.
- Erv Sadowski, Ald.
- Michele DeYoe, Ald.
- Gerald MacDougall, Ald.
- Lynn Morrison, Ald.
- Marilyn Czubkowski, Administrator
- Gina C. Gresch, Clerk/Treasurer

Also Present:

- Attorney Jim Hammes
- Fire Chief Jack Edwards
- Police Chief Scott Taubel
- Engineers Mike Court & Jim Romanowski
- Planner Roger Dupler
- Department of Public Works Director Tom Hafner
- Fire Department Officers Kevin Keith & Matt Fennig
- Lake Welfare Committee Chair Kent Attwell
- Various Media

1. Discussion of Emergency Action Plan regarding the City of Delafield dam.

E. McAleer stated he called the meeting to update everyone on the dam situation.

DPW Director Tom Hafner stated the dam does not show any imminent signs of failure and that it is doing what it's supposed to do. The City is taking proactive measures. If water continues to rise the City will reinforce the embankment to avoid erosion. The City is monitoring the dam and the amount of water that is passing through. He stated the City has contacted property owners and will help get material possessions out of their basement. He stated he has not heard the official forecast as of now. M. DeYoe stated there is a 50% chance of rain, up to 2 inches. T. Hafner stated he expects the Bark River to peak sometime today. L. Morrison stated she can measure the Bark River pretty well at her house and she will let T. Hafner know when the river recedes.

T. Hafner stated since mid Sunday, the water level have stayed constant due to the extraordinary measures the City took. The owner of the Mill Pond structure gave the City full use the structure she owns and the City took 3 logs out of that structure. The City is also sandbagging that structure too because the house's basement is flooded out. E. Sadowski

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asked what the results of our actions on Lake Nemahbin are. T. Hafner stated he couldn't observe that as the road is closed, but they are sandbagging. Jim Romanowski stated the City of Delafield has been in contact with the Town of Summit since 10 a.m. today. Within the last two hours the water level on CTH DR has risen from 4 to 7 inches and is closed.

E. McAleer asked if the City is at the point in the emergency plan to have police knock on doors to inform people of problem. T. Hafner stated the City has already done that for the immediate people that we need to notify like Salick and Aul. The City has pumping equipment in those particular houses, but we do have a limited amount of pumps. He stated we could call other municipalities, but they are probably being used and we are not able to purchase pumps. E. McAleer stated he would like a direct communication between the DPW and Police Department. If things get worse that we need to notify people, the direction needs to go directly to the Police from DPW; there is no need to go thru the Mayor or Administrator. T. Hafner stated the engineers that designed the structure at the Bark River dam are using topographic maps to help the City determine which homeowners we have to talk to. R. Miskelley stated if the City needs more pumps, he can get us some from Briggs and Stratton. T. Hafner stated the worst case scenario is a breach of the dam which he hopes does not. If it does, it will be considered a 100 year storm and will submerge CTH C. He stated he will be in touch with County officials if we need to shut down CTH C. E. Sadowski asked if the City could end up like Lake Delton. T. Hafner stated no that will not happen. E. Sadowski asked if there has been any erosion to the dam on the lake side. T. Hafner stated with the water levels being high there is no way to know without divers.

T. Hafner stated he has taped off the area at St. John's Bay to keep people out. L. Morrison stated communication important and asked if we can keep the website as up to date as possible, through the night. Common Council members stated they will tell people to check the website instead of calling the DPW Department. M. Czubkowski stated there is a Lake Awareness meeting is tonight and asked the Lake Welfare Committee chair to spread the word about the slow no wake enforcement.

T. Hafner stated people should not be fearful because the City is prepared. He stated the City has about 4,000 sandbags coming in and we will need labor to help fill them around 3 p.m. He stated Tom Aul and Yaggy Colby staff will be helping. E. McAleer stated the rumors about the Nagawicka Lake dam breaking are not true. T. Hafner stated if the City does go to a widespread notification to remove possessions, the City will be offering assistance to bring things out of the houses.

M. DeYoe asked if we have a plan incase people have to be evacuated, do they have a place to go. Fire Chief Jack Edwards if the City does have to evacuate, we will have designated areas for people to go to like Cushing School. T. Hafner stated the boat launches are closed, but people can take their boat off the lake. R. Miskelley asked how the dam looks. T. Hafner stated the soil looks good. M. Czubkowski stated there are rocks all along the earthen dam. T. Hafner stated if the dam overtops it will start as a trickle. The earthen embankment is reinforced enough and can withstand that. The sandbags will be placed close to the concrete control structure. The sandbags that are coming will be used to protect downtown, lining Mill Street with a wall. The City is doing everything it can to be prepared. T. Hafner asked for 10 to 20 volunteers to help sandbag.

E. McAleer thanked everyone for coming and for their input. M. Czubkowski stated if the City needs to house people, we have bathroom facilities and we can keep City Hall open if we need to. J. Edwards stated Cushing Park is closed and asked people to stay out. Police Chief Scott Taubel stated the Police Department is doing fine with this situation. He has an

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Officer photographing the efforts on how we are handling this. T. Hafner stated there is more room for the dam to open.

2. Adjournment

**E. SADOWSKI MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 11, 2008 EMERGENCY MEETING AT 1:30 P.M. SECONDED BY M. DEYOE. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Minutes Prepared By:

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City Clerk/Treasurer