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PUBLIC PROPERTY & HEALTH

Markesan City Hall

May 9, 2024

Immediately Following Streets, Building & Utilities Meeting

AGENDA

Call to Order

Roll Call

Citizen's Comments

Public Hearing for the Park Plan at 6:30 PM

Public Works Report

- Written Report Submitted

New Business

- Discussion and Action on Use of Kiwanis Park for June Dairy Days
- Discussion and Action on Preliminary Park Plan
- Discussion and Action on Ordinance Update for Dog Park Rules – Amending Ordinance No. 260-3

Old Business

- Update on Repairs at Kiwanis Park Warming Shelter, Other Shelter and Restrooms
- Discussion and Action on City Garage Painting Project – Start Date
- Progress on Gravestone Repositioning at Cemetery
- Discussion and Action on Cemetery Stone Repair and Donation
- Discussion and Action on Window Repairs – Lower Level of City Hall

Adjournment

A quorum of the Markesan Common Council may be in attendance at this meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision making responsibility. Under Wisconsin Open Meeting Law, this may constitute a meeting of the Common Council pursuant to the Badtke Decision, however, the Council will not take action at this meeting.

Any person requiring special assistance to participate in this meeting should contact the Clerk-Treasurer at 398-3031 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting so appropriate accommodations can be made.

Posted: City Hall
ERGO Bank Post Office
www.markesanwi.gov

Dated May 8, 2024
Elizabeth Amend, Clerk-Treasurer

May Streets and Public Property

Streets

Plow winter storm on April 2nd

Jeff and I checked manholes in preparation for the Hwy 44 project that is to start in '25. 2 manholes will need work for that project. 1 we will just take out an adjustment ring and the other by Vista Blvd will need to be dug up and reset as there is no adjustment rings.

Streets have been swept twice this month due to all the high winds we have been having.

Public Property

Voting setup/take for April 2nd. Only issue encountered was a flowing toilet that was taken care of right after plowing was finished for the evening.

Storm damage from the snowstorm was cleaned up the following day(s). Several large branches were down in the cemeteries.

Finished mailbox repair from plowing

Ripon window and doors submitted a quote for the daycare windows that need replacing. Just waiting on the City inspector to see if they need to be replaced or wait for more windows that will need replacing in the future

The City Parking lot has new pipes and cable installed by the wall. Waiting for less wind to repair the remaining sections as we will be using a torch to heat and bend the old pipe.

Pollesch Construction gave his expert opinion on Sandy's wall. Waiting on the next step with the insurance company. Pollesch gave a written statement/letter of his findings

Kiwanis Park lawn has been cleaned up from the removal of the ice rink. Spoke with Townline construction and they will be coming in around the end of August at the soonest to repair the buildings.

June Dairy Day banners have been installed on the light posts, dates and big sign(Hwy 73 & 44) have been put out.

Beautification committee requested help moving and refilling pots throughout the downtown. We placed new pots with dirt. We also helped set out the benches.

Daycare toilet. We encountered an issue with a daycare toilet. Tried turning the water off by the faucet and a pipe let loose, sending enough water into the daycare that they shut it down for the afternoon for clean up. We replaced the faucet and found a new shut off for that restroom.

The City of Fairwater reached out to see if there would be any interest in allowing them to use our compost site for compost and brush. They lost their location and are in the process of trying to find new land to purchase but in the meantime they have a new location. Jerry told me that they don't have very much material. They would be willing to compensate if Markesan was interested.

Bulky trash ran April 26 and 27. Friday we filled 1 30 yd container and ½ of another. Saturday was much busier as we filled 3 30 yd containers, 1 20 yd container and ½ of another 30 yd container. Total 5 yd containers and 1 20 yd container which is consistent with the past bulky trash pick-ups. Majority of the bulky waste was mattresses and box springs.

Amy Corson and I met with Marty from Gravesavers. He told us that we have one of the nicest looking cemeteries. We assisted with leveling one stone and he also repaired a broken stone. The pillars on the hill have also been repaired.

Sprayed fire station, Well #3 and the water tower for dandelions.

Leveled and seeded the Triangle in the cemetery. Stayed away from the project where they are working.

Spoke with Monty Dreager about a timetable to start the Scout Cabin at Soldier and Sailors, he was thinking of the end of June at the earliest.



Betsy Amend <bamend@markesanwi.gov>

Cemetery

1 message

Amy Corson <amycorson@outlook.com>
To: Betsy Amend <bamend@markesanwi.gov>

Fri, Mar 22, 2024 at 9:51 AM

Good morning,

I spoke with Pat last fall regarding having a guy who repairs stones as a non-profit. He has agreed to help teach repairs to help keep our cemetery looking great. He knows the cemetery and did compliment how well it is cared for.

He said it would be no charge but I would like to see a donation made.

I know money-wise it would need to go through council. Can we put this into a meeting not only for a possible donation but even just for permission and I can answer any questions?

Amy Corson



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1 message

Amy Corson <amycorson@outlook.com>

Mon, Apr 22, 2024 at 2:11 PM

To: Betsy Amend <bamend@markesanwi.gov>, PATRICIA PRILL <pwprill@hotmail.com>

Good afternoon,

Marty came today and showed Todd and I how to do repairs and answered questions we had. He started a repair on a broken stone but it was too wet. We will come back and finish it when it dries. He did helped us level another stone and showed us his tools. Other than making a possible lifting jig, we shouldn't need anything new. But we might not need that either.

Like I told Todd, most of it I can do and am happy to. I may need a extra set of hands for 10 min some day and he was happy to supply that if needed. I didn't look at the cemetery, but a pile of gravel to fix bases with may be helpful, otherwise I pretty much have everything.

I am slammed until atleast mid-June. So nothing would happen from me until then but even then, it would depend on weather and how busy the kids are. And I can do a lot more too in the fall.

I know Mayor said something about \$25 donation per stone. He definitely answered more questions than 2 stones worth but whatever we would like to do I would be happy with. I let you know where to send it when we decide what we want to do.

Thank you,
Amy

Cemetery Report May 2024

Marty came and showed us how he would repair a cracked stone base and determined the stone was too wet for him to repair that day. He pulled the stone out of the wet soil so it could dry and has since come back and done the actual repair. Albert and Amanda Saeker now have a fixed stone.

We showed him a few other stones and he gave us tips on leveling them or what he would do. He showed us the epoxy he uses and asked what cleaner I use. He was happy to hear it was D2 as that is the gold standard for cleaning. We did discuss the use of weed killer around the bases and did recommend we don't do it again as the grass holds the dirt in place which keeps the stones from moving.

He then saw a pillar, Eliza Atkinson, was severely leaning and he showed us how to level it. He brought his lifting jig out. It was three pieces of lumber connected by hinges with a pully system in the middle. He wrapped a cloth ratchet strap around the pillar and protected it with thin wood scrapes to prevent any scratches. He lifted it up enough to put gravel underneath it and leveled it. He checked it with a level from every direction. We also saw how he moved the stone back onto the base. He normally does it all himself, so it was nice to watch him and get ideas. He even proceeded to clean it. It took about 25 minutes to do, less had we not been asking questions. He also answered other questions I had about a few other stones. He gave a resource of the CCUS (Cemetery Conservators for United Standards) to check out.

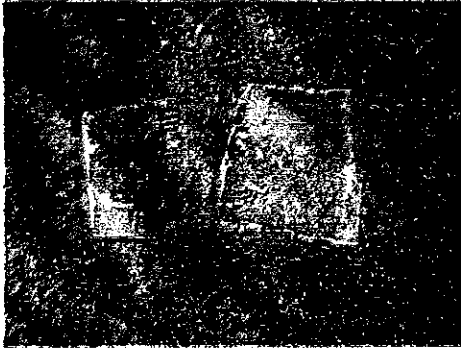
It was a good day to learn from him and he said he is always happy to answer questions. I feel more confident doing more repairs myself, which I am happy to do. There may still be a few I would prefer to let a professional do, like Jerry Heuer out of Fox Lake. There is one that I feel he could still rescue but Marty thought was too late. (Jacob Cornwell. Old flat limestone that has fallen and broken into two pieces.) Marty was extremely impressed with the cemetery overall. He was surprised I had contacted him at all because he didn't know of any stones needing repair. He told us to keep up the great work and care we put into it. He is used to working on neglected cemeteries. I can slowly start working on doing the minor fixing and leveling. It would be nice to get a small pile of stone out at the

cemetery but otherwise I already have everything I need, except the lifting jig. To be honest, I am very busy in the summer but as long it is not freezing out, I can work on stones also in the fall, once my kids are back in school. Cleaning can also follow the same guidelines.

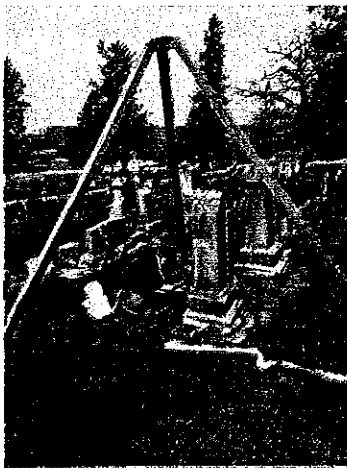
There was talk of donations to Marty. Here is the Go Fund Me that he uses but he can also take donations other ways as well. I am happy to get any information needed.

<https://gofund.me/905b9804>

Thank you,
Amy Corson



Jacob Cornwell



Marty and his lifting jig. I don't know if we would need to build one that big, but the concept is great.