

**TOWN OF SAUKVILLE
CHAIRMAN'S 2009 ANNUAL REPORT
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This being my first year as Town Chairman has been a challenge in these stressful economic times. Considering that upon taking office the state of the town's financial position was to say "precarious." My campaign pledge to you was "to constantly strive to improve the administration of the office of the Town of Saukville Chairman with applicable laws and sound management practices to produce continued progress." As of April 14, 2009, I began my quest to fulfill that pledge. The 2009 Financial Summary Report, the next agenda item, will show substantial financial progress.

The following is a brief synopsis of Board actions on a monthly basis beginning April of 2009.

April:

I reviewed all aspects of office procedure making notes of items that needed change for compliance to existing law and cost efficiency for the town. Tom Ravn was appointed to a one year term and Tom Uttech re-appointed to a three year term to the Plan Commission.

May:

An ordinance regarding Board of Review was approved. Do to the Town's having an appointed Clerk; there was a need to have an appointed resident to replace the Clerk. Barbara Swietlik was appointed to as a member for a two year term and Al Heon as Alternate. A report summary of the 2035 Comprehensive Plan and its impact on the town was presented.

June:

Two minor land divisions were approved, a 35.33 acre A2 parcel on County Road I for Richard Tesker and two A5 parcels on County Road O for Daniel Storek (the two A5 parcels were corrections of a of surveying error previously approved)

July:

An agreement was approved with the Town of Port Washington regarding Northwoods Road, settling long standing maintenance issues.

August:

A Fire Protection Contract with the Newburg Fire Department and sub contractors was approved for the period of January 1, 2010 thru December 31, 2012.

Recommendations from the Plan Commission to amend the 2035 Comprehensive Plan were approved by the Town Board to proceed with amending the Plan. The Plan Commission held four monthly meeting on the subject of amending the plan prior to the recommendation to the Town Board.

September:

The Recycling grant application was submitted to the State. The contract with Arrow Disposal for recycling services was increased \$100.00 per month beginning January 2010. David Weinhold representing the Eastern Shore Library System asked the Board to go on record supporting the 85% funding level by County, to cover the cost of non librated patrons. The request was tabled. Subsequently the request passed at the October meeting. Road patching on East Hawthorne Drive was approved.

October:

A 2010 Budget workshop was held with the resulting decision of the Board to recommend for public hearing a total budget of \$561,870.00, setting the 2009 tax levy at \$383,070.00, resulting in a final tax rate of \$1.87 per 1.000 of assessment. The levy included starting a reserve contingency fund of \$20,000.00.

November:

The Public Hearing on the 2010 Budget was held and the proposed 2010 Budget was adopted with a 2009 tax levy of \$383,070.00. A contract with Don Peters for the Assessor position for 2010 was approved.

December:

Two year terms for Election inspectors and voting deputies were approved for appointment. A Special Board meeting was held to select a 2010-2011 project matching funds available from the Town Road Improvement Program (TRIP) a portion of Blueberry Road was chosen.

Major Projects for 2010:

Work will continue on amending the 2035 Comprehensive Plan

Re-mapping of all Exclusive Ag zoned acres (A2) adopted in 1981 will be reviewed by the Plan Commission with the help of Ozaukee County Planning. Adoption of a County Exclusive Ag Zoning Map is required by December 31,

2011. This is a state requirement do to the Working Lands Initiative Program that became law on January 1, 2010 in Ozaukee County.

Possible chip sealing/seal coating road projects will be considered

Repair/replacement of the Gym roof will be considered

Special Recognition and Kudos to:

Clerk Christopher Lear for his continuing efforts, many times a scavenger hunt, to organize and improve the functions of the town office

Supervisor Kate Smallish for her resource information on Zoning issues and the recycling center

Supervisor Curt Rutkowski for his ongoing efforts to improve the Town's website

Constable Steve Golec for his continuing efforts to update the town emergency management manual

Citizen Tom Ravn for his volunteer time to insulate all the copper heating pipes and reducing the various thermostats The results of his efforts have achieved substantial cost saving on LP gas. Estimated at \$2,000.00 per year and possibly more

Citizen Ginny Pierson for her donation of the Historic Platt Maps that grace the hallway entrance to the town hall

Citizen Rita Pavlik for her patience with long problematic issue of her adjoining property on Riverview Trail, which appears to be resolved