

**Village of Prairie Grove  
Special Meeting Minutes  
April 1, 2008**

**1. Call to Order:** President Breseman called the special meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**2. Roll Call:** Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Duda, McConnell, President Breseman and Village Administrator Smith.

Trustee Greenwald, Robak, Clerk Minor and Attorney McArdle absent.  
Laura Jonasen, Records Clerk is taking these Special Meeting Minutes.

**3. Public Comment:**

No Public Comment.

**4. Consent Agenda:**

**a. Motion was made by Trustee Baudin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee McConnell** to Authorize and Execute IEMA Public Assistance Grant Agreement. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Duda, McConnell all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

**b. Motion was made by Trustee Baudin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee McConnell** to Authorize and Execute the Gypsy Moth Contract. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Duda, McConnell all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

Public Works Superintendent, Tim Carone stated that all residents were notified by email regarding the Gypsy Moth infestation. The homeowners on Crystal Way and Oakview Estates were notified by flyers and with follow up phone calls. These are the two areas that came forward and were interested in the spraying. Discussion took place on how the Village will bill the homeowners.

Administrator Smith also mentioned that she had sent an email regarding Mosquito Abatement last week and that the cost would be \$15,000 a year. This has not been included in this draft budget.

**5. FY 2008/2009 Budget Discussion:**

Village Administrator Smith stated the purpose of tonight's meeting was to have an open discussion to address all of the Boards concerns and to discuss any additional items they would want to add to the budget.

Trustee Duda had questions regarding sales tax.

President Breseman stated that he would like to discuss the budget by Departments.

**(Trustee Robak arrived at 7:15 PM.)**

**Police Budget Discussion:**

Chief Sosnowski discussed various Police grants that have been budgeted for in the Police Department. These grants have been applied for and factored into the budget.

A discussion ensued regarding the grant for bulletproof vests. The cost of the vest was discussed. The Village could pay for half of the cost of the vest and the officer would pay the additional half.

The Village Board discussed looking into a leasing program for updating our computer system. They directed Administrator Smith to research managed IT solutions for the Village.

Trustee Duda highly recommended that the Village look into software called Open Office and several other shareware products. Administrator Smith also will look into some type of spam protection for the Village.

**Public Works Budget Discussion:**

A discussion ensued over the conditions of the Village roads and various methods to repair/reconstruct and or maintain. The Village Board requested that Public Works Superintendent Carone go out and rate the conditions of the Village roads. They could then make a comparison with Bleck's Engineer report. A discussion ensued regarding going out to bond. This money could be used for repair to the roads and purchasing equipment needed for the Public Works Department. Administrator Smith will look into various terms and rates of the bonds.

**Village Hall Budget Discussion:**

No discussion at this time.

**Parks Budget Discussion:**

No discussion at this time.

**6. Executive Session: None**

**7. Adjournment: Motion was made by Trustee Baudin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Robak to adjourn Special Village Board Meeting at 9:30 PM. On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Duda, McConnell and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

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**Laura Jonasen, Records Clerk**