

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
TOWN OF HULL, COUNTY OF PORTAGE  
ANNUAL MEETING, TUESDAY APRIL 13, 2010

Call to order by Chairperson John Holdridge, the 2010 Town of Hull Annual Meeting, at 7 p.m. at the Town Municipal Building, 4550 Wojcik Memorial Dr., Stevens Point WI 54482.

Present: Chairperson Holdridge, Supervisors Dave Pederson and Dave Wilz

Excused: Supervisors Robert Brilowski and Melvin Bembenek.

Pledge of Allegiance

J Holdridge, there is a short program of reports will be given. I hope in the future we can fill this room up and have citizens talk about real issues – there will be some coming up. The Annual Meeting is a take off on direct democracy. It's directed toward the representative democracy which we are all used to in this country. We need to go back more too direct democracy with real issues people can talk about, have thoughts about and affect your lives. That is ultimately what government should be doing is dealing with real issues that affect your life. There are problems. In other cases the government should stay out of your life.

Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Motion Matt Schneeberg, second Mike Splinter, to approve the minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Aye – 20  
Nay – 0

Motion carried.

Introduction of newly elected Portage County Representatives

Chairperson Holdridge introduced Patty Dreier (Town of Hull resident), new Portage County Executive (will be sworn in on April 20 at 5 p.m.– all invited to attend ceremony at County Board room in the Courthouse); Don Butkowski, Portage County Supervisor District 25 and Mike Splinter, new Portage County Supervisor District 26. Jim Krems, Portage County Supervisor District 27 not present.

Patty Dreier, direct is a lot of how campaign was run and love to continue to work on with the people of Portage County. Please don't be a stranger. Patty will also be in neighborhoods having conversations about issues that matter. Look forward to working with and serving the people.

Reports

a. Fire Chief

74 total calls in 2009

Structure Fires – 11

6 in Hull 2 chimney, 1 garage, 3 house

5 others, 2 Rosholt (this includes the Town of Sharon area also), 2 St. Pt, 1 Dewey

Vehicle Fires – 4

3 in Hull, 2 actual fires, 1 tire fire

1 SPFD took for HFD due to Page funeral

Wild Land Fires – 14

3 brush, 3 illegal, 8 wild land

SPFD provided aid 3 times, Town of Dewey proved aid 2 times, Village of Plover provided aid 2 times

CO Calls – 10

CO found 3 times, 7 found no CO

SPFD took 1 call for HFD due to Page funeral

Accident/Rescue – 14

7 in Hull – 1 extrication

6 in St Pt – 1 extrication, SPFD took 1 in Hull due to Page funeral

Weather – 4

All HFD personnel trained as weather spotters by National Weather Service. Trucks are deployed out to different areas in the Town of Hull.

Rapid Intervention Request – 5 (Rapid Intervention is protection for firefighters. It is firefighters who are on standby and they do nothing but go in if a firefighter goes down. They are there to rescue the firefighter. There has been over 50 hours of training through Mid-State. No one else in the county has this extent of training. This service has been provided:

3 times to SPFD; 2 times to Metro Fire Department

Other – 12

Thermal Cam for Sheriff (1), Search for missing person (1), Power pole fires (2), Forced entry request (1), False alarms (7)

Other things involved in include:

TIMS (Traffic Incident Management System) this is a new system for protecting firefighters on the roadways. Certain federal Department of Transportation vests must be worn.

- Specific cones are deployed (every FD throughout the county has the same type cones)
- The FD goes through a 4 hour class on how to set them (cones) up, where to set them up, how to watch ourselves, how to park fire trucks to block an accident scene so if somebody get out of control they will hit the truck and not the firefighters, ambulance crew, sheriff's personnel, etc

Formalized a driver's training class

- 3 hour classroom
- 4 hours hands on driving fire trucks Hull has
- This is through VFIS
- 2 officers run the program
- 7 hours each year all firefighters go through an extensive driver training program

Grants – FEMA and DNR total received since to date \$118,000. The FD is waiting to hear about last year's FEMA grant of \$140,000. FD should know within the next month re the 2009 grant and is currently working on grants for 2010.

There have been discussions regarding Metro Fire. A primary presentation will be made to the town board on May 26.

FD standard guidelines/policies have been updated

Mark Fritsche and Mark Kluck have been involved in the Building Committee from the start.

FTO (Field Training Program) for new recruits. They get assigned a well trained member and they train with that member for the entire year they are on probation. They have specific skills

they have to meet/conduct. Matt Schneeberg brought that to Hull's attention out of a Fire Officer class he attended. This was modified to fit Hull's needs.

Redesigned fire zone map (57 different zones) – each zone named using the top 100 cities population wise in the U.S.

- Added number of homes in each zone
- If every get tornado or major wild land fire FD can section off the town and bring people in and have a command center that will function perfectly

Chief Kluck this has been a busy year. My hat is off to the firefighters for all of the work. Out of the 4 structure fires in Hull none were lost. Within the last 5 years we have not lost a home in Hull. That is all because of the efforts of the firefighters, the Mutual Aid Agreement, the MABUS Agreement (bringing in departments and manpower).

J Holdridge, what are your thoughts regarding the dispatch center? Is there a need to change that function?

M Kluck, at times the FD has issues with the dispatch center. From my (Mark Kluck) standpoint there is 2 dispatch centers, I don't know why. I think combining them could save some taxpayers dollars. I have heard talk about 'why should the Sheriff's Department be in charge of it, should it be a civilian thing.' We sometimes struggle to get the fire part done on what we need. They put in a new CAD system and we are struggling to get that to work for the fire side at times. We have a committee through the County Fire Chief's Association, a communication committee that is headed by Mark Kluck. We work with the Sheriff's Department. It is a new committee only about 3 months old. We will try and make progress that way.

J Holdridge, there is now a group so there will be some dialogue.

M Kluck, they are always willing to listen to us and hear what we have to say. Maybe we don't present it the way we should. They (Sheriff's Department) are out there working with us and by all means the law enforcement officers the people on the road are working side by side with FD on rescues, accidents scenes, vehicles fires. I have nothing but admiration for them. They are pounding the pavement as FD is. They are putting their lives on the line. There are always administration things that need to be addressed.

Fred Hoffman, Patty Dreier came into the FD one night and asked her if the county works for the Sheriff's Department or does the Sheriff's Department work for the county? I feel the Fire Chief's Association has a pretty good handle on the fire, the needs, etc. We have problems with the Sheriff's Department frequently because they do not always respect the request or the wishes of the Fire Chief's and the Fire Departments. It's the Sheriff's Department saying this is the way it is, whether they like it or not. I feel Patty Dreier can probably help the Fire Departments with better communication when you are looking for the real needs of the people.

J Holdridge, in the Town of Hull we have had good cooperation with the Sheriff's Department.

- For 4 or 5 years, working through Chief Deputy John Graettinger, we've hired a deputy who stays over from shifts in the morning and another one stays in the evening.
- We spend about \$5,000 during the summer months when they patrol selected roads (Jordan, Brilowski, Old Wausau, Old Highway 18, etc). This has been very helpful.

- Hull has public safety problems
- Hull has 80 miles of road
- Have complaints about speeding and STOP signs
- This will have to be addressed more extensively because Hull is getting to the point where there are some issues
- Hull will probably create a public safety group to start looking at the whole traffic problem

F Hoffman, my comments have nothing to do with the deputies out on the job.

J Holdridge, one of the things we are looking at is a Neighborhood Watch Program.

- Mike Lucas is contact at Sheriff's Dept
- Will start in Hofmeister Subdivision probably this spring
- This was generated from the citizens due to increased vandalism, theft, etc

Dave Wilz, Fire Department challenges are with dispatch?

M Kluck, no with administration who runs dispatch.

D Wilz, of the wild land fires, what happens if somebody causes a brush fire that is illegal and they do not have burning permits.

M Kluck, there are different levels of illegal burns:

- Burning a little pile of leaves in your garden at noon on Saturday
- Burning painted materials that is against the law per DNR in that little pile of leaves
  - o You probably won't get fined for the first one but the second one because you are burning illegal items and putting in the air, that one you probably will
- A brush fire would be a larger pile, not major but got away
- Wild land fire is greater than 100' x 100'

Hull works very closely with DNR. They have come in and said there are a lot of illegal burns going on and we are not catching them. If something gets away on an illegal burn and takes off running and burns down the neighbors house, think about the Cottonville fire where 80 structures were burned.

Chief Kluck spotted smoke crossing Highway 10 E – this was coming from Sorenson Street where 2 huge leaf piles were burning with smoke blowing across Highway 10. Hull FD put the fires out. The property owners did not understand. A DNR unit was there, Hull trucks were there, it was explained to them they would not get a fine. If they had been burning something illegal in the pile, there probably would have been a fine.

Mark Fritsche, FD Deputy Chief, we also need to identify with a wild land, grass fire or a brush fire is we are in an unincorporated township. The FD does not have jurisdiction over the burning requirements. The FD does not have jurisdiction over the fire. The Department of Natural Resources does. Understand when there is fine it is not from the FD it is from the state.

Dave Pederson, were all of these fires a consequence of human activity or were some natural causes (lightning)?

M Kluck there was some that were caused by lightning strikes or downed power lines from the wind.

M Fritsche, also to consider is Town of Hull is very fire prone area because of the vegetation that is in Hull. I've heard comments from some people about Hull FD harassing the residents when we see a burn and we stop and ask them if they have a burning permit and then explain the burning guidelines to them, ask them to burn the fire out and a lot of times that happens. We are not out there harassing the residents. If a fire breaks loose in the Town of Dewey, it will burn a large area but there is no population like there is in the Town of Hull. The number of structures that are going to be involved in a fire in Dewey is very minor. Many years ago Bill Peterson talked about if a fire started on the west side of the township that it would go right through the Town of Hull and continue in to the Town of Sharon. With the population base that we have we'd need one (1) truck per residence per hour to save them. There are not enough trucks in the county to do that. We are out trying to prevent a Cottonville from becoming a Town of Hull fire.

F Hoffman, in 2009 Hull had 74 runs. To date Hull has responded to 31 or 32 fires. In the last 2 weeks Hull responded to a large fire in Town of Sharon.

M Kluck, the fire season started about a month early because of the snow melting early.

b. First Responders – Mark Fritsche

- Mark Fritsche appointed the Administrator of the Town of Hull EMS group
- Sara Charneski was appoint president of the group
- Sara is an instructor at Mid-State teaching EMT classes, First Responder classes
- Sara expressed some concern with management, Mark Fritsche has about 20 years of experience in management Consolidate, Storna Enso and now New Page
- Working with Town Board, and the Fire Chief, the structure of the EMS group has been revamped, an Administrator was assigned to the group
- M Fritsche handles the behind the scenes administrative stuff and Sara takes care of the training and the running of the unit
- 2009 participated in several valuable training exercises
  - o The SPIRIT helicopter came into the Noel hanger - helicopter landing zone training was held
  - o Medical Director Michael Curtis and Deputy Chief Tracey Kujawa from the Stevens Point Fire Department, head of the county EMS through the SPFD, provided training for all EMTs
- EMS group is working on beginning a FTO (Field Training Officer) program – new people coming in with the training can be on call with a trained responder and they would mentor under them
- 2009 Hull EMS responded to 69 calls
  - o 22 trauma calls (involves some type of injury from accidents or falls, etc)
  - o 38 medical calls
  - o 01 pediatric medical call

J Holdridge, somebody is in a subdivision, they have chest pains and they call 911, then what happens?

M Fritsche, all 911 go into the county dispatch. County dispatch pages out Hull EMS and an ambulance from Station 2 (for southern part of township) or Station 1 (northern part of

township). We are paged out simultaneously. The First Responders are carrying pagers, just as on the Fire Department. Their pagers go off giving the nature of the call and gives locations of call. The responder gets their bags and goes directly to the call.

- Of 7 active members now:

- o 2 are at the First Responder level
- o 5 are at EMT level
- o 2 of the EMTs are paramedics
  - Hull is licensed with the state as EMT unit so they cannot use their skills as paramedics
  - Once the ambulance arrives on scene and under the direction of the paramedics of the ambulance crew they can be directed by the ambulance crew to do things within their paramedic level skills

J Holdridge, does the dispatch center know the closest EMT person or First Responder?

M Fritsche – no.

M Kluck, when dispatch pages out, all EMS people get the page at one time. They are on shifts that they sign up for.

J Holdridge, this program is very valuable for the Town of Hull.

Fred Hoffman, it would be nice if more of the citizenry of Hull would want to step forward and be involved in the program. Not all of the First Responders are Town of Hull residents.

M Fritsche, not all of them are Hull residents.

M Kluck I have seen these people hold people's hands when they pass away in an accident scene and other situations. It's a stressful job, they have their work cut out for them. My hat is off to them. I've been with the Fire Department for 32 years and I have no intention of doing medical stuff.

M Fritsche, I am here today because of one of our First Responder's. I had a heart attack in 2008. The First Responder was my daughter.

J Holdridge, this is something we need to focus on and get more participation.

M Fritsche, we have 2 people expecting to come on line after their training in May. We have had 4 inquiries recently, but screenings have not yet been done.

- We have 7 people with jobs and other requirements
- Have we been able to answer every single call in the Town of Hull?
- There have been times when we have not been able to put a First Responder out there

M Fritsche, Jill Kapla was EMT Responder of the Year for 2009. At the EMS Banquet she was honored for the Town of Hull First Responder of the Year.

Jill Kapla is training for the Paramedic level as well. Jill is a full time student right now. She will be working as a paramedic over the summer.

c. Parks Commission – Dave Wilz

- Active Commissions
- Seven (7) members all citizens, all giving of their time, all have a love for parks and create places where kids and families can have a good time
- Have a small budget of \$40,000 for the 11 pieces of property
- About half of the budget (\$20,000) goes to the purchase of new equipment each year, leaving about \$20,000 to maintain the parks, keep them up and looking good
- New equipment has been ordered for Kirschling Pleasant View Park
- After this year we will have one more park to go, that will have all completely restored with new equipment
- Co-operating with the Stevens Point Area Youth Baseball, those playing t-ball. They came to Hull last year and again this year to ask to be allowed to use some of the Tow of Hull parks that have baseball diamonds.
  - o This year we are sponsoring 2 of our parks – they use 10 Stevens Point parks
- We applied for a DNR grant (50/50) for \$5,000 and in a few weeks will have 58 trees coming in

J Holdridge, pleased Dave has become chairperson; it gives a much more direct link to the board.

d. Road Foreman – Pete Kaminski

- Mild winter – plowed only 13 times
- 120 ton of salt used
  - o Surplus of 300 ton
- 2009 chip sealed 8 ½ miles of road
- 2010 proposal for chip sealing: Evergreen Dr, Sawmill Rd, Stan's Dr, Doolittle Dr, East Maria, Brilowski Rd from Walters Street to the city limits, Lake View Dr, Fourth Ave, North Point Dr
- 2010 proposed for double chip seal – Prairie Dr
- Have to look at Fox Ridge Rd

Cost to chip seal – in 2009 \$11,500 per mile  
in 2010 \$16,500 per mile

Prices increase with the price of oils

Double chip seal last 2 or 3 years – Granite Ridge Rd, Casimir Rd and Torun Rd. The existing blacktop, pulverize it, it gets ground up, we spread it out giving a 2% slope and add a 6" road base on top. When that process is complete a vendor comes in and puts 1/4" of stone over the road. Cost \$23,500

Building a road using blacktop, 1 mile would cost on average \$120,000

J Holdridge, 60% of Hull's budget pertains to road maintenance, plowing, etc.

Fred Hoffman, what did Dewey do on Dewey Drive?

P Kaminski, they chip sealed. There are different sizes of chips that can be placed on the road. Some people put down slurry seal which is a hot emulsion spray and they take a very fine chip, it makes the road look like new blacktop. It is only fragments of fine black stone. With the eye it looks good. Up close it is basically black sand.

Brush pickup will start April 26 – for about 2 weeks or until the project is complete.

Sweeping will also start on April 26. Costs as follows:

- \$8,000 in 2009
- \$4,995 in 2010

Brilowski Road and North Second Dr will be striped this year.

D Wilz, 13 plow times this year, how does that compare to a normal year?

P Kaminski:

- 2008 plowed 22 times
- 2007 plowed 34 times
- Have been plowing snow for 12 years, this is the first time ever having excess salt

J Holdridge, what is the price of a ton of salt?

P Kaminski, \$65.20 a ton. For next season will not have to order any salt.

J Holdridge, Hull has good equipment and we replace it regularly.

- Constant struggle to keep up 80 miles of road
- Now have 4 road crew members
- Will be breaking down the area that each one of the members has throughout the year
  - o Citizens will get to know that particular person
- A check list has been developed, watching for branches of the road, branches over stop signs

P Kaminski, all route people will be looking for limbs and overgrown vegetation, visual triangle, tree removal (dead), shoulder where needed, sign replacement and posts, check culverts and ditches for drainage, check for objects in the right-of-way, check for pot holes, check guard rail posts, check French drain cover to make sure everything is working property.

J Holdridge, this will probably be done in the spring and the fall. We should be able to be on top of real traffic problems that occur. The roads will be plowed for safety reasons.

- Hull has developed an ordinance that is conservative in terms of what is taken out in terms of branches, etc

F Hoffman, is Hull going to put bike lanes on major roads?

J Holdridge, the problem with bike lanes is they are terribly expensive. If you call them bike lanes, that is in state law that has a particular meaning. We call them pedestrian lanes: Old Highway 18 has and Old Wausau Road will have some. On Old Wausau Road the contractor will put in chip seal for about 3' of the shoulder. Costs associated with bike lanes often include ditching, ditching becomes very expensive.

- Better signage and enforcement is needed in Hull relating to bikers, walkers, runners
- Have 3 schools on the north side Pacelli, the university and SPA SH – all kids like to ride in to Hull
- There has to be more discipline by the bikers, walkers and joggers



Don Butkowski, walk and walk a lot and know it is expensive to build roads, however in the future when Hull does major road reconstruction would like to see 2' or 3' paved shoulders. When Jordan Road was redone many years ago, I wish I would have gotten more involved with having a 2' or 3' shoulder on Jordan Road. While the information relating to Pacelli, the university and SPA SH is correct, there are a lot of residents that are walking and biking. Certain areas that have high traffic areas, new subdivisions and if Hull continues going from rural to an urban area, looking at paved shoulders should be considered.

Mike Splinter, lives exactly between Fairview and Recre Acres on Torun Road. The beagle they have goes to the window safely 15 times a day. There is a lot of traffic just between the mobile home parks. When walking Torun to get to the Green Circle, I have to keep my head on a swivel a little bit. Along with the vehicles there is a lot of pedestrian and bike traffic up and down Torun Road all of the time.

F Hoffman, can anything be done by putting something on the stop sign that says "equal rights for cycles and equal laws also." The majority of bikes I see do not stop at stop signs. I have seen entire families pulling little trailers with kids in go through Reserve and Jordan with red and black reflective clothing on, safety flags, etc. go right through the stop sign.

J Holdridge the conflict between vehicles and pedestrians is a real issue.

D Pederson, the painting of the stop signs and speed limits on roads this past year has been a really addition to our roads.

P Kaminski, this year there will be a touch up of those paintings. When the crew was doing the painting last year there were a lot of people who actually said thanks. I think it will help.

J Holdridge has received more reaction to that. These paintings on the road grew out of my home town of Baraboo. I noted the 25 mph in the street, thinking this is good, you cannot miss that. There has been a good reaction to the signs on the road. We would do anything to slow down the traffic. We need to look at, if we can't get enough police services, something that citizens who see this sort of behavior it is called in. There has to be repercussions for reckless driving. How do we get citizens to be more helpful, citizen is the watchdog, when reckless driving occurs and it is seen. Get Hull a license plate, vehicle and time it happened. We will pursue this anonymously through the Sheriff's Department.

e. Treasurer – Jim Kruziki

J Holdridge, the board appointed Jim Kruziki to fill the unexpired term of Darlene Kropidowski.

Jim:

- Live in Conifer Acres Subdivision
- Have been a resident of the Town of Hull for over 20 years
- Just last week found out an interesting fact talking with his mother, that Jim's grandmother was born in the Town of Hull in the Casimir Church area
- Appointed as Hull treasurer the end of November 2009

- Taught for the past 35 years and retired 2 years ago from teaching Mid-State Tech – teaching in the accounting department for 26 years
- By chance came upon the Town of Hull position thinking this would be something I would like to do as a service as well as to keep me busy
- Appreciative to being hired
- Town of Hull has an excellent staff, terrific working with everybody
- Thank you to the board for a little bit of improvement to our facility giving a better work area – thank you to Barb Brilowski for pursuing the design and improvement necessary
- The treasurer is the official dog license collector – did not think much of it at the time I was hired, but January through March BUSY with people, I can't believe how much time Barb and Janet put into licensing dogs – I only put in 12 hours a week and when at work very busy with dogs and other things☺
- Hoping everyone has now licensed their dogs because if not there is a late penalty!
- 2009:
  - o 172 neutered male dogs licensed
  - o 203 spayed female dogs licensed
  - o 43 un-neutered male dogs licensed
  - o 23 un-spayed female dogs licensed
  - o 441 dogs licensed
- Hull's population is about just under 6,000 – 441 dogs for 6,000 people, we are missing a lot of dogs
- Remedy, citizens encouraging their neighbors to get their dogs licensed
- \$14,749 fee paid to Portage County in 2009 for animal control, Hull only collects a small fraction of that

J Holdridge, 3 or 4 years ago the whole system was a mess. Wayne Hartzheim, who was then a Town of Hull board member, and Bo DeDekker worked out a formula. The Humane Society became involved. I believe the state statute says the Sheriff's Department enforces the dog requirements, when Stan Potocki was Sheriff indicated there was no way he was going to have his deputies out chancing dogs when they should be looking for criminals.

- This is a good system but it favors the rural areas
  - o Municipalities with population of 500-1000 all households are known and the Chairperson and Supervisors of the town who has a dog
- Plover, Stevens Point and Hull are disadvantaged by that
- We do not go after dogs and citizens typically do not come in like they do in rural areas
- There needs to be some change in the formula which recognizes the more the urban areas and the problems in the urban areas

Fred Hoffman advised that dogs do not defecate at night. During the day people walking their dogs are carrying the scoopers, but at night when you see people in the headlights and they are walking their dogs they do not have these scoopers, therefore assuming these dogs do not defecate at night☺!!

Don Wisinski, my wife and I walk about 2 ½ miles a day, and there are 22 dogs in a mile and a quarter.

D Wisinski, about brush, on Willow Springs from the FD north, you can see oak wilt trees and they are dropping branches on the road. Who is responsibility is that? I do not know if the trees are on the right-of-way or are they private land.

Pete Kaminski believes he knows what trees Mr. Wisinski is talking about. Two trees in the ROW were taken down this last winter. The remainder of the trees are not in the ROW.

D Wisinski to get addresses to Pete Kaminski and Hull will contact the property owners.

J Holdridge, Hull has a policy if we cut down a tree in the ROW we offer the wood to the adjacent landowner. If the landowner does not take the wood we bring it to the garage, pile up and advertise for bids for sale.

P Kaminski, last year 18 cord was sold for about \$1200.00. Ten cord is currently ready to be put out on bid.

Jim Kruziki, licensing of dogs is very important mainly if something happens with a dog we know there is identification and tracking. Last year there were 6 investigated dog bites in the Town of Hull. If the dog isn't licensed it might not have its vaccinations up to date.

Town of Hull has over a two million dollar budget. The annual report has a report of all of Hull's funds. That is effective as per the end of 2009. At this point in time Hull is in very good financial condition. Update

- General accounts – Chase Bank

- o Checking, savings account and tax collection account (property taxes that come in of which some needs to be paid over to the other taxing agencies) (\$759,663)
- o CD of \$250,000
- o \$1,009,663 is representative of where Hull is at now
- o Designated accounts are monies set aside for specific purposes at River Cities Bank – CD's \$254,000
- o Total cash on hand March 31, 2010 - \$1,263,663.13
- o The special account with Wittenberg Disposal as part of Hull's agreement with Wittenberg that they maintain a certain amount to be set aside for that account on a monthly basis

J Holdridge, Wittenberg Disposal picks up garbage. That is one of the major functions of local government, is garbage pickup. They have been in a bankruptcy situation and under the court auspices they are up for sale. The gentleman who is the Assistant Manager of Wittenberg has put in a bid of 1.7 million to buy the entire operation – there might well be other bidders. Hull has a solid contract with Wittenberg and that will not be affected. When we renewed with Wittenberg we established a reserve fund that sets money aside in case Wittenberg would in some way default. The bankruptcy will be monitoring the bids, and Hull could conceivably have a different carrier but the contract we have with Wittenberg is part of the carryover. Hull's contract runs through 2012.

Jim, the board tries to plan for future events. That is what the designated accounts represent. Designated account categories include First Responders, FD large equipment, Roads large

equipment, PEG (town's share from cable user's household-PEG is for the educational enhancement of cable and cable services within the town), Road Large Project.

J Holdridge, the PEG fee is to be used to buy equipment for public channels. We have accumulated the money per Hull's contract, have talked with John Quirk about the funds, nobody has requested the funds from Hull. We are meeting our responsibilities.

J Kruziki, at the time of hiring, requested a financial audit performed. Financial procedures, overall review of financial records etc will be reviewed. Currently Hull is in the process of securing bids for the audit. Three local accounting firms will be bidding the audit. Bids are due May 1. The audit is to be complete by June 15.

J Holdridge, Hull's goal is to probably have 10% of the operational budget for reserve funds.

J Kruziki, web-site will be up and running by late May 2010, will be on-line in early June. A student from Mid-State Tech is putting together the web-page. Keeping items on the web-site current will be done in-house.

f. Plan Commission – John Holdridge

- Seven member Plan Commission in existence since 2001
  - o 5 citizen members and 2 elected officials from the town board
- Law passed requiring a Comprehensive Plan also requires a Plan Commission
- 1-39 west has been the biggest issue
  - o Unique area, different than anywhere else in Hull
  - o 5 public hearings were held to discuss preservation of the area west of I-39
  - o Property owners with 20 or more acres, lot splits are limited to 5 acres – recommended by Plan Comm./ approved by Hull Board
  - o Under 20 acres, lot splits are limited to 2 acres - recommended by Plan Comm./ approved by Hull Board
  - o Next big issue commercialization of I-39/Casimir interchange
    - Public Hearing at SPA SH – recommendation by Plan Commission not to change the Land Use Plan – that will be on the May agenda of the Town Board
  - o 2009 1 new home built west of I-39
- Dave Way resigned from the Plan Commission – Hull looking for new member

g. Assessor/Building Inspector – Phil Deffenbaugh (report read by Clerk Wolle)

- New homes in 2009 – 12
- High value                   \$350,000
- Low Value                   \$ 67,000\*
- Average value               \$210,300
- Ranges & Count:
  - o 0 – 99,000                   1
  - o \$100,000-\$199,000       4
  - o \$200,000-\$299,000       6
  - o \$300,000-\$399,000       1

Previous Years Comparison:	2008 – 14
	2007 – 11
	2006 – 18
	2005 – 13
	2004 – 12

\* The \$67,000 cost home was a manufacture home and does not reflect the true value of the foundation, home & attached garage. This has skewed (to the low side) the average cost. Without this home in the stats, the average cost would be \$223,300 and the low cost would be \$130,000.

## ASSESSMENT

Assessment classes and current ratios as of March 12, 2010 (for the 2009 assessment year are:

1) Residential	96.16%
2) Commercial	103.12%
3) Und, Ag For, For & Other	90.26%
Total	96.13%

The assessment/sales ratio analysis for 2009 is as follows:

Residential – 5 vacant & 41 improved parcels were considered valid market transfers with an aggregate ratio of 102.3, a mean ratio of 98.2 and a median ratio of 102.6. So, our 2007 revaluation assessments are at or very close to today's "full market value". There were no commercial or forest sales in 2009 (at market). I would expect that our Residential and total ratios would be adjusted upward some.

### h. Weight Limit – John Holdridge

- Have a weight limit ordinance in Hull that is probably as tough as there is in any town in Wisconsin
- School of Engineering of Madison wrote up Hull's Ordinance
- Developed over time
- Haulers were involved
- All roads are Class B
- Any vehicle coming in over the Class B weight limit has to get a permit from Hull
- Over \$2,000 was collected in 2009 for road damage
- Weight limit ordinance is administered by Barb Brilowski
  - o 2009 – 1,046 overweight road permits were issued
  - o 2008 – 1,196 +/- overweight road permits were issued
- When damage is done to a road the town can assess triple damages
- Town of Dewey has concerns about Hull's ordinance due to their limit access to I-39 since closing of County Highway X ramps
- All vehicles requiring a permit must have the permit in the truck
- Vehicles without a permit will be stopped by the Portage County Sheriff's Department or Wisconsin State Patrol – without the permit they will be charged and fines are expensive

Barb Brilowski, overall the majority of the people have been co-operative.

- Permits are faxed to hauler
- County Materials is Hull's high user – they will not touch a Hull road without having a permit
- Simply because there is a permit in a vehicle, it does not mean that if they damage

J Holdridge, the citizens are the best policemen, they see what happens and call the office. The Town of Stockton has adopted part of the ordinance.

Salaries for Elected Officials (Town Board) – No action

Mileage – increased in 2008 to \$.45 per mile – no change

Mark Kluck, thank you to the Town Board and citizens for the support of the Fire Department. Hull's FD is the talk of the county.

Adjournment: Motion Fred Hoffman, second Mark Fritsche, adjourn the Annual Meeting to April 12, 2011.

Aye – 20

Nay - 0

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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Janet Wolle, Clerk

