

Special Meeting of the Oregon Village Board, Tuesday, July 6, 2004

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The special meeting of the Oregon Village Board was called to order by Village Board President Luebke at 5:02 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6, 2004.
2. **ROLL CALL.** Present: Jerry Bollig, Darrell Klimke, Jerry Luebke, Mark Mortensen, Eric Poole, Marv Severson, and Steve Staton. Also present: Administrator Mike Gracz, Police Chief Doug Pettit, Village Attorney Dick Yde and Deputy Clerk Becki Reilly.
3. **RESOLUTION #04-18 – AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY ACTION REGARDING THE RAILROAD BRIDGE OVER JEFFERSON STREET.** Gracz stated that the bridge removal is slated to start on Thursday and be finished by Saturday. Disch is getting quotes on fencing to enclose the area to prevent pedestrian access. Warning signs have already been ordered. The site will be fenced and signed as well as locations approximately 200 feet from the bridge opening down the tracks on either side. The initial payment from the insurance company is \$49,750.00 for the removal. MCI is finishing the installation of fiber optic cable underground on Wednesday. Bollig asked if the Verizon and Alliant will go underground with their lines. Gracz responded that they will not. Klimke and Mortensen agreed that the Village should tell the utilities that any above ground wires need to be at least 14 feet high to prevent them from being caught again. Yde stated that they are liable if the lines get hit again and that they must accommodate us when we reconstruct. Gracz stated that he, Tony Roach and the insurance companies are working out the details of the bridge replacement.

Mayor Tom Clauder called to order the meeting of the Fitchburg City Council at 5:15 p.m. See attached minutes.

Gracz stated that Southern Wisconsin Railroad sent out a bridge inspector on the day of the accident, June 28. E80 Plus Constructors is the contractor that the inspector recommended. The DOT and Dane County have both been kept informed regarding the situation. Wingra's insurance company has been put on notice. Pettit stated that the driver of the truck was transported to the hospital to be checked out but was not hurt. DOT also requires testing after an incident. The driver will be cited for inattentive driving. Concerns were expressed by Klimke and an alderman from the City of Fitchburg regarding timely replacement of the bridge. Gracz stated that at this time we are trying to get the existing bridge removed in order to get the road open and relieve traffic congestion. It could take a very long time if it was removed at the same time that it is reconstructed. Yde stated that this resolution declaring the state of emergency negates going out for bid for the removal, if a bid was let for removal it would take more than a month. This resolution also authorizes the respective municipal administrators to sign on behalf of the municipality. Motion by Staton to **approve Resolution #04-18 – Authorization for emergency action regarding the railroad bridge over Jefferson Street.** Second by Mortensen. Motion carried 7-0-0.

4. **ADJOURNMENT** Motion by Severson to **adjourn at 5:25 p.m.** Second by Poole. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Becki Reilly,
Deputy Village Clerk