
Skyline Spring Newsletter



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MAYOR'S CORNER

By Paige Attarian

IMPORTANT! We will be using "Google Meet" to conduct our regular monthly City Council meetings until further notice. If you are interested in participating in Skyline City Council meetings via Google Meet, please email City Clerk, Marnie Kortuem at cityofskylineclerk@gmail.com and she will send you a meeting invitation. Meetings are held the second Monday of every month starting at 6:45 pm. Thank you for your patience and participation!

Latest Update on Water Tower Construction:

I would like to thank the Ehmkes, Schaffers, McIntees, Schuenemans and Laura Marsala for agreeing to temporary easements on their properties to facilitate water tower construction.

Construction is scheduled to start May 16th with fence removal and the temporary construction privacy fencing will be installed on May 17-18. On May 18th the General Construction Services (GCS) will begin excavation. We will give updates on the schedule as we receive them. GCS will be moving in heavy equipment, please do not park on the roads during the construction season.

ISG will be putting the pump house project up for bid shortly. There will be a public meeting on June 9 at 2:00 for the bid letting. The bids will be discussed at the City meeting on June 13th at 6:45.

CITY COUNCIL DECISION ON WATER TOWER

As reported in the media, the Skyline City Council voted unanimously at the March 9, 2020 city council meeting to independently remove and replace Skyline's aging water tower. The vote culminated months of deliberation.

ISG was selected by the council to engineer and manage the contract for both the water tower and pump house.

In December 2021 General Contracting Services, Inc. was selected to build the new water tower and tear the old on down. With a base bid amount of \$1,008,593.79. This project is starting on May 16th. Substantial completion is expected by December 2022. It is anticipated the old water tower will be dismantled following the transfer of cell tower equipment to the new tower.

We have contracted to have the contracts with cell companies to be reviewed and possibly renegotiated. The language of our current contracts is not adequate to protect the financial obligations of the city.

ISG is in the process of bidding the pumphouse project with bid letting special meeting scheduled for 2:00 June 9, 2022.

We have received the proceeds from our bond sale. These funds will cover the cost of the water tower and pump house projects. We have not heard whether we will receive any state funding. Shirley Piepho is monitoring this and has been in contact several state officials concerning this.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The tornado warning siren in Skyline is regularly maintained by Frontline Warning Systems. Most of us can also hear the sirens in Mankato. In addition, you may want to sign up for Blue Earth County's CodeRED emergency notification system for information on tornado warnings and other public safety concerns.

Residents can sign up online by going to the Blue Earth County's CodeRED website <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BF61824DFD02> or call BEC (507) 304-4920.

Skyline News and Information

CITY ORDINANCES

Before building a garage, chicken coop, new addition, etc., please review the City's Zoning, Animal, and Utility Ordinances. Also make sure your plans are compliant with the rules of the Skyline Cooperative Association. Secure necessary permits BEFORE starting construction. Skyline City Ordinances can be found on the website: www.cityofskyline.com. Co Op rules are printed in the Skyline resident directory available from treasurer, Kristi Powers.

If selling your home, please make your realtor aware of **Skyline Zoning Ordinances** and **Skyline Cooperative Association covenants** that should be explained to *buyers* who must know and follow rules. You must also disclose any city projects, such as the new water tower, which will affect the new owner.

Outdoor burning and recreational fires must be safe and legally compliant, and 25 feet or more from dwellings. Do NOT leave a fire unattended. Curtail the frequency and duration of burning. No green wood or garbage, please! Smoke particles cause health problems for those in Skyline with respiratory conditions.

HELP US REACH YOU!

The City Council of Skyline seeks to better inform residents of City Council meetings, public forums, and news related to the pandemic or a natural disaster.

At your earliest convenience, please email the following contact information to Marnie Korteum, the City Clerk, cityofskylineclerk@gmail.com

- Your Email address
- Your Cell phone number
- Landline phone number

Please regularly check the City of Skyline website for important information and updates, including minutes and agendas of City Council meetings.

<http://www.cityofskyline.com>

Certain types of notices are also posted on the door of City Hall.

UPDATE ON ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY

The City of Skyline will NOT be holding a Spring clean-up day. LJP does not currently have the manpower to provide this service.