

# Sherman now a StormReady community

## First village in county to receive honor

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Editor

The Village of Sherman Tuesday night officially received recognition as a StormReady community from the National Weather Service.

Chris Miller from the NWS in Lincoln and three others presented a new sign to Sherman Mayor Trevor Clatfelter, Village Administrator John Swinford and Emergency Management Director Mike Moos.

Miller noted the village, which is the first municipality in the county receive such an honor, had to meet six criteria, which the village exceeded easily.

The citizens of Sherman "need to know that their community is prepared" to minimize the impact of natural hazards, said Miller.

The next main topic of discussion was the treasurer's report, where Treasurer Jeremy Stuenkel went over the latest budget numbers.

The numbers were not rosy in the sales tax and income tax areas, because the state is several months in arrears to the village.

The village just got its December income tax reimbursement, noted Clatfelter.

While the village has tightened spending, "it will catch up to us," according to Clatfelter, if the state continues to be derelict

in its reimbursements.

Under Village Engineer Dave Booher's report, the board unanimously (6-0) approved both the 2009 and 2010 Motor Fuel Tax resolutions.

The 2009 one had to be redone because IDOT did not have a copy on file.

The 2010 resolution was for \$157,723.71, higher than the original estimate; it included some \$50,000 of road repairs that have been discussed at previous meetings.

The Village Center Drive project was slated to get underway Tuesday, but weather has moved it back. Booher expects work to get underway by the next board meeting.

The board, under Clatfelter's report, approved the new Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Public Works Department; it is a three-year contract to run through 2013 and includes a 3 percent raise retroactive to May 1 and a pair of 2 percent raises in 2011 and 2012 (to take effect May 1 and November 1). The wording is similar to the police contract in many places.

Trustee Krista Sherrock said in her report that roughly 15 houses are left to be counted in the census.

Trustee Jeff Mitchell is looking to set up a meeting during the week of June 14 with Levi, Ray and Shoup on the website.

Jay Timm said he discussed possible traffic changes with Sherman Elementary School principal Janis Lindsey, as discussed at the last meeting, but Lindsey said that making the street a one-way could actually make the problem worse.

The board approved 6-0, during Trustee Nancy Zibutis' report, the contract with Central States Fireworks. The cost is the same as last year, \$5500; a rain date has not been finalized yet, though July 5 was thrown out.

One last bit of business came from Clatfelter; Williams Twp. donated \$200 to purchase flowers for Waldrop Park, which the board appreciated.

The village codebook is also now online, according to Clatfelter.

The meeting was just over one hour in length.

## Davidson earns academic all-MWC status at IC

Thirty-seven student-athletes from Illinois College have been named to the spring 2010 Academic All-Midwest Conference Team.

The elite squad includes male and female student athletes from the 10 conference schools who lettered in a spring sport and who possess an academic grade point average of 3.2 or above. A total of 306 student-athletes earned the honor.

Representatives from Illinois College on the all-academic team included men's tennis player Mitchell Davidson, a junior from Sherman.

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