



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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**358 THIRD AVE.  
RIDGELAND, SC 29936  
AUGUST 19, 2009  
1:30 P.M.  
MINUTES**

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

LEROY BLACKSHEAR, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN  
HENRY ETHERIDGE, COMMITTEE MEMBER

**STAFF PRESENT:**

WILBUR DALEY, DEP. ADM. EMERGENCY SERVICES  
RONNIE MALPHRUS, DEP. ADM. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
MARVIN JONES, ATTORNEY  
JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

JOHNNY MINGLEDORF, RIDGELAND FIRE CHIEF  
BILL OLENDORFF, KOA CAMPGROUND OWNER

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THE ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MEDIA WERE NOTIFIED.

DURING PERIODS OF DISCUSSION AND/OR PRESENTATIONS MINUTES ARE TYPICALLY CONDENSED AND PARAPHRASED.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:30 P.M.

**INVOCATION:**

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR GAVE THE INVOCATION.

**ACCESS TO PROPERTY DISCUSSION:**

MR. DALEY AND CHIEF MINGLEDORF DISCUSSED THE PROBLEMS THEY HAVE BEEN HAVING REGARDING ACCESS TO HOMES THAT HAVE OVERGROWN ENTRANCES. MR. DALEY AND CHIEF MINGLEDORF SAID THAT BRINGING THE TRUCKS INTO THOSE TYPES OF DRIVEWAYS CAUSES A LOT OF DAMAGE TO EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT AND CAUSES DOWNTIME FOR THE EQUIPMENT WHILE IT IS BEING REPAIRED. CHIEF MINGLEDORF COMMENTED THAT THE

INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODES LIST CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT SHOULD BE MET. CHIEF MINGLEDORF SAID THE TOWN PASSED AN ORDINANCE AND THEY ALSO ADVERTISED IN THE NEWSPAPER. CHIEF MINGLEDORF SAID THAT THEY EVEN CLEARED SOME DRIVEWAYS FOR THE CITIZENS. CHIEF MINGLEDORF AND MR. DALEY AGREED THAT THERE WAS A SEVERAL PAGE LIST OF THE DRIVEWAYS THAT NEEDED TO BE TRIMMED. MR. DALEY SAID THAT CHIEF MORGAN AND CHIEF GRAHAM WERE HAVING THE SAME PROBLEM. MR. DALEY SAID SOME PEOPLE WILL LET THEM CLEAR THEIR DRIVEWAYS, BUT OTHERS WILL NOT AND THAT IS A PROBLEM. MARVIN JONES SAID THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE HAS LANGUAGE IN IT REGARDING ACCESS AND HE COULD DO A SUPPLEMENTAL ORDINANCE SO THE DECISIONS CAN BE MADE IN ADVANCE, NOT WHEN THERE IS A FIRE. MR. JONES SAID THE ORDINANCE WILL LET THE MEN AND WOMEN ON THE TRUCKS KNOW WHAT TO DO. MR. DALEY SAID HE WAS REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL SUPPORT THEM IN THIS AND THEY NEED TO LET THE PEOPLE KNOW THAT IF THE TRUCKS CANNOT GO UP THE DRIVEWAY WITHOUT BEING DAMAGED, THE TRUCKS WILL NOT GO UP THE DRIVEWAY. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IT WAS COMMON SENSE, AND PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW THEY HAVE TO CLEAR THE PATH. CHIEF MINGLEDORF SAID THEY COULD HAND OUT FLYERS DOOR TO DOOR. CHIEF MINGLEDORF ADDED THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADS. CHIEF MINGLEDORF SAID THE ORDINANCE WOULD GIVE THEM THE POWER TO ISSUE A WARNING THAT THE AREA NEEDS TO BE CLEARED WITHIN A CERTAIN NUMBER OF DAYS. BOTH MR. DALEY AND CHIEF MINGLEDORF AGREED THAT IF THE PEOPLE COULD NOT CLEAN A PATHWAY THEMSELVES, THEY WOULD SEND SOMEONE TO HELP. NEWSPAPER ADS, INCORPORATING INFORMATION IN THE FIRE MARSHALLS COLUMN, AND COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS WERE DISCUSSED AS MEANS TO EDUCATING THE CITIZENS. MR. JONES SAID THAT IF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WAS ADEQUATE, THE COUNCIL COULD DO A RESOLUTION. COMMITTEE MEMBER ETHERIDGE COMMENTED THAT HE FELT EDUCATING THE CITIZENS WAS IMPORTANT. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE DID NOT THINK THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES SHOULD GET INTO CUTTING TREES. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR FELT THEY SHOULD BE NOTIFIED THAT THEY NEED TO CUT A CLEAR PATH TO THE DWELLING OR THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET SERVICE. MR. MALPRHUS INTERJECTED THAT MR. DALEY WANTS SOMETHING THAT WILL TAKE THE LIABILITY OFF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THEY CAN EDUCATE THE PEOPLE AND NOTIFY THEM AND LET THEM KNOW THAT IF THE DRIVEWAYS ARE

NOT CLEARED FOR THE TRUCKS TO ENTER WITHOUT BEING DAMAGED, THEY WILL NOT RECEIVE SERVICES. THE CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE WAS TO HAVE THE ATTORNEY REVIEW THE SITUATION AND TO EDUCATE THE CITIZENS.

**BILL OLENDORF - HAM RADIO REPEATER ON NEW COMMUNICATION TOWER:**

MR. OLENDORF TOLD THE COMMITTEE IT WOULD COST \$15,000.00 TO INSTALL A REPEATER ON THE NEW TOWER THE COUNTY WAS BUILDING. MR. OLENDORF SAID THAT HE WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS FROM TWO BILLBOARDS AND HE WOULD NOT BE RENEWING THEM. MR. OLENDORF ASKED IF HE ELIMINATED THE BILLBOARDS AND BACKED OFF SOME ON HIS REQUEST AND SAVED \$15,000.00 COULD THOSE 3% FUNDS BE USED FOR THE REPEATER. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE 20% ALLOWED FOR SERVICES HAS BEEN ALLOCATED FOR SECURITY AT POINT SOUTH AND \$7,000.00 WAS APPROVED FOR THE BLUE HERON NATURE CENTER. MR. OLENDORF TOLD THE COMMITTEE WHEN COMMUNICATION IS DOWN, THE HAM RADIO OPERATORS TAKE OVER IN TIMES OF AN EMERGENCY. MR. OLENDORF SAID THAT CLASSES WOULD BE OFFERED FOR PEOPLE TO LEARN HOW TO USE THE HAM RADIOS. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE THAT OUTSIDE FUNDING WOULD BE NEEDED TO PLACE THE REPEATER ON THE TOWER. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT MR. OLENDORF LOOK INTO GRANT FUNDING AND TO CONTACT THE UTILITY COMPANIES FOR DONATIONS SINCE THE REPEATER WOULD BE AN ASSET TO THEM. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR COMMENTED THAT THE TOWER WILL NOT BE BUILT UNTIL NOVEMBER SO THERE WAS TIME TO FIND OUTSIDE FUNDING.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 2:10 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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LEROY BLACKSHEAR  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN