

Owensville Village Council Meeting

4 April 2011

Owensville Historical Society Trustees present – Jim Miller & Jim Varick

Museum Building Responsibility

Who is responsible for paying for repairs of the museum?

According to the contract between the Village and the Society, the Village is responsible for “Major” repairs (defined as \$500 or more), and the Society is responsible for “Minor” repairs (defined as less than \$500). This is not a “deductible.” If the expense is \$800 the Village would pay for all \$800. If the expense is \$450, the Society pays all \$450.

Is that laid out anywhere?

There is a signed agreement between the Village and the Society. It is a two year agreement that will expire in May of this year. The Village Council will send us a copy of the current agreement.

Do we get bids on repair of the bathroom or does the village?

The leaking situation in the upstairs bathroom was brought to the attention of the council who acknowledged being aware of the situation and council planned to have the leak checked out to determine the extent of the repair needed. The suggestion of removing the fixtures and using the room for another purpose was briefly discussed but dismissed by general consensus of the Council.

(Ask Police Chief about contractor who did windows on porch. At least one is missing still.)

The Chief will contact the individual who is doing the windows (for \$150). If he does not get the job done soon, the Chief will go retrieve the windows and get them fixed. He has spoken to the individual many times about this.

Cabin

If the Society would like to put a sidewalk to the cabin, do we need permission?

Because the property is owned by the Village, any maintenance of improvements (such as a sidewalk) would become the responsibility of the Village. Therefore, the village would have to okay the design and materials. The Village is applying for grant money to improve the park. They would be willing to include the sidewalk in the grant proposal. We would need to get them specifications. There was a concern about the drainage between the cabin and the shelter. The Council would like to see how the current swale is working before trying to design a walkway that would cross the swale. The Council would like the portion of the sidewalks that are outside of the fence to be a hard surface; probably asphalt to match the walkway around the park.

Can we put a security-light on the cabin?

The security light on the end of the shelter shines on the cabin. The Chief of Police will take responsibility for aiming and adjusting the light. We need to investigate to see if the light is sufficient, or if we need to have another light on the back of the cabin.