On two separate dates, residents convened to discuss facility needs. About 50 residents in total participated. We had a wonderful time and I hope the next workshop will be at least as well attended! If you are someone who wanted to come but found the day/time were not possible, please let me know for future scheduling.

The summarized results of our meetings are included below. Please note that an adjustment was made to questions 3 and 4 after the first meeting – to add clarity. Please remember – residents were asked for their thoughts – not as experts but as tax payers and users of public services.

Next Steps: Discuss with Council and then Kickoff Meeting for Facility Sub-Committee.

Question 1
Do all Village services need to be in the same building or same location (campus)?
Consider: EMS, Police, Administration, Community Room, Mayors’ Court, Maintenance

Answers:
- EMS and Police should be together – they could share a campus but not required. If they are on the same campus, there needs to be a physical separation from other services.
- Other thoughts:
  - Multipurpose Administrative Room – for council meetings and mayor’s court and Village government activities.
  - Community room just for community use
  - Have maintenance equipment be located by the Pool

Question 2
Community Building – the Land – the Location. What should the land be used for? What should happen to the current community building?

Answers:
- Current Location of the Community Building – is the heart of the Village. Needs to shine
- No one in either meeting suggested re-purposing the land
- Would like to see a historic looking building
- Would like to see if all services would fit on this land
- Teams split on desire to fix or tear down current building

Question 3 (Three Part)
What do you think about having a community gathering place/meeting room(s)? On a scale of 1-5 with 1 being highest – how important is it to have one? If it is important – what features would be critically important to you?

Answers:
A. Pros and cons of having a community building:
   Pros:
   - Gives the community a dedicated space to gather
   - Would like to become a “real” community again
   - Could rent out space (revenue) for example – weddings
   Cons:
   - Have to have someone to manage it / maintain it
Answers to Question 3 – Continued:

B. How important is a community building on a scale of 1-5 with 1 being highest?
   - 5 out of 6 six teams ranked community building a number 1 importance

C. Features for Community Building: (wish list)
   - ADA – more than the minimum requirements
   - Kitchen
   - Storage
   - Bike rack
   - Deck
   - Patio
   - Exercise Area
   - Room for a minimum of 150 people
   - Alcohol license
   - Rocking chairs

Question 4 (Three Part)

A: Considering all the services the Village provides, what priority would you place on each service for expanding/improving space?

Answers:
   - The service considered highest priority – the teams split – half naming Police and half naming the a combined Community building and Administrative offices
   - Second highest: Community Building
   - Third highest: Administration
   - Fourth highest: EMS
   - All – preference would be for a comprehensive plan

Answers:

B: What would be the timeframe you would like to see for identifying the solution, agreeing to the solution and starting work on the solution in terms of months or years?

Answers:
   - Year 1 agreement, Year 2 construction (starting clock now)
   - End of year – break ground in Spring
   - 2-3 Administration & Community Building, 3-4 on Police and 4-5 on EMS

Answers:

C: Any advice you would like to give to the Facility Sub-Committee?
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   - Build for the future
   - Remember we are a small village
   - Communicate with everyone all the time about progress
   - Needs to look like Minerva Park – not an office building
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   - Gather all the facts
   - Formulate a budget early on
   - No increase in Taxes
   - Keep the Community Center modest
   - Consider sponsorship as one way to pay for the building (buy a brick)
   - Emergency preparedness (emergency shelter/generator/phone charging)
   - Sewers and other infrastructure funding does not take a back seat
   - Continuity in service (no service disruption during construction)
Parking Lot - Saved Ideas

- Storage for historical M.P. (could also incorporate into new community building)
- Community Pool – improve the bathroom/changing rooms – new or remodel
- Improve newsletter (don’t like the split with MPCA)
- Work on Better website – easier to navigate and find documents
- Rethink the street representative – or think about “On Call” like they use for schools to notify parents
- Proper Gazebo and Music Series
- Movie night at the pool
- After the first meeting, a group of bicycle enthusiasts had a group discussion regarding access to nearby trails.

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