

# Town of Stockton Fire Substation

The Town of Stockton Board has made a commitment to construct the Fire Substation as part of the new buildings, to be built in 2005, located in the NE corner of Custer Road and 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Before we can commit any money toward the purchase of any equipment for that building and the volunteer fire fighters that would work out of the Fire Substation, we will have to have some firm commitments from volunteers. At this time we have a list of seven (7) volunteers that are willing to make the commitment. We have been told that out of every 10 applicants, only about 5 will actually maintain membership for a reasonable length of time. Our goal is to have 14 – 15 fire fighters completely trained by Jan. 1, 2006. As you can see, we would need a lot more applicants before we can call our Fire Substation a responding substation.

The training will be at no cost to the volunteers or to the Town of Stockton, and the volunteers will be paid similar to the fire fighters in the Amherst Fire District and Plover Fire Department. Both pay volunteers for hours spent training and fighting fires. There is also a longevity plan that fire fighters are paid after a certain number of years of service.

There have been meetings with both the Amherst Fire District and Plover Fire Department and we are hoping to have all the necessary planning done by July 1, 2005 so that we can start training the volunteers. If everything is in place by Dec. 31, 2005, our Fire Fighters can begin responding from the Town of Stockton Substation on Jan. 1, 2006.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER????

There will be a meeting on **Tuesday, October 12, 2004** at the Stockton Municipal Building to explain the training and procedures to become a volunteer fire fighter. The meeting will start at **5:30 PM and be over by 6:30 PM**. Midstate instructors will attend to answer any questions. If you cannot make the meeting, leave a message at 592-4712 and we will get the information to you.

We need a minimum of 14 trained fire fighters by Dec. 31, 2005, to start the Town of Stockton substation. If we do not have enough fire fighters, the fire coverage will continue with Amherst Fire District responding to fires east of the north-south line (Tower Road) and Plover Fire Department west of the same line. In case of a major fire each responding department can request "Mutual Aid" from other departments in Portage County.

**We need you to respond now!**

# **NEW TOWN OF STOCKTON BUILDINGS**

Included with this newsletter, are the most current floor plans for the buildings. We have also included some exterior views of the building. Larger drawings and more views are available at the Town of Stockton Municipal Building between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM during the week.

On Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004 our Building Designer estimated that both buildings would cost approximately \$910,000. Final cost will not be known until the bids are returned in January 2005. The Town of Stockton road crew will be doing some of the work to decrease the contracted work. We will be keeping track of all the costs of the building. Any work the Town of Stockton road crew does will be included in the final cost of the project.

There will be some large trees that will need to be cut down to make room for these buildings. We have discussed using the lumber from these trees in the construction of the buildings. The loggers have stated that there is adequate lumber to do the ceilings and walls in the town hall, where appropriate.

We are also looking to use the famous "Custer Stone" on the exterior fronts of the buildings. Anyone who is willing to donate "Custer Stone" (4 inches to 6 inches in diameter) please call the town garage (592-4420) to see where you can deliver them.

## **TOWN HALL**

The Town Hall is designed to accommodate 200 people at a maximum. It will have a storage room (fire rated for one hour) and office space for all Town Officers. There will be a food preparation area and a large meeting area. On the north side there will be a covered patio that overlooks the pond. The main reason we are building a covered patio (very low cost) and a food preparation area in the building is to have the option to utilize the building for more than just office space and town meetings twice a month. We would have the capability to rent out the meeting hall, bathrooms and patio for groups to hold small-scale social gatherings in that part of the building. This building will be located about where the present house is at 7252 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **FIRE SUBSTATION/MAINTENANCE GARAGE**

This building will sit just to the south west of the present house (in the area where the large trees are now).

The fire substation will be capable of housing four fire trucks and all equipment necessary for the substation. The fire fighters/first responders will have access only to this area of the building.

The maintenance shop will be approximately twice the size of our present shop (south of Arnott). It will have a large wash bay isolated from the rest of the shop and a large work area. Shop personnel will have access only to the shop area.

**The Town of Stockton is taking bids on removing the house by Mar. 15, 2005. For more details, call 592-4712.**