

In June of 2008, Seven Mile Creek received a phone call stating they owed over \$200,000.00 due to storm damage. After 24 hours of storms, 18 inches of water had been left standing on the roads. Many roads were washed out and vehicles were getting stuck. Due to all the rain, the town members had to go close up many roads to ensure that everyone was safe during this terrifying time. Some of the roads were closed for weeks due to the damage that the storm caused that evening. This is just one of the many calls that a board member could receive on a daily basis.

My parents have thirteen years combined experience as board members of Seven Mile Creek. My father has served 10 years as a supervisor and my mother has served 3 years as a clerk. Therefore, I am able to see first hand, on a daily basis the need and importance of a well-functioning town government. My parents receive calls nearly every day for a variety of reasons. As a Clerk my mother's job is to record notes every meeting, post meeting times every month and set up and take down voting equipment when there is an election taking place. As a supervisor my father's role is to check road to make sure that they are in good condition, bring ideas to each meeting and to make sure that everything is going the way it should. My parents were elected onto the town board, elections are held every other year in the month of April.

Just like any other board everyone has their roles they play, but they vary depending on the level. Whether it is at a local level like my parents, state level such as Ed Brookes or even as high as the national level, like Tammy Baldwin or Ron Johnson. Each level has a system on how we elect them to represent us. This is called a Federal Republic form of government. Federal meaning the organizational level and Republic meaning that we vote for who we want to stand up for us as a whole. This system works for our society because we work together to get problems solved. If we did not have a system in play like the Federal Republic government, us

an individuals would not get a say in how our government works. Our organization leads us to success.

As a part of Seven Mile Creek, success has come in our favor many times since 2009. We have upgraded our roads, equipment and ditches without raising our levey so that the taxes payer have to pay in more. The township has turned about 10 miles of gravel road into seal coat and ditched about 25 miles. This decision the township made will help so that the rain does not washout our roads every year. As a committee we are trying to improve everything we can without having our members invest. The new equipment that we upgraded were 3 new dump trucks, a John Deere tractor with a brush cutter and a caterpillar excavator. All of these machines have and will continue to greater our success as a township.

In conclusion, Federal Republic government has been very successful for Seven Mile Creek. As we continue to work together as a town board, the better the outcome will become just like in the past. We are excited to see what they new year may bring and what more we will be able to offer for our citizens.