



The VOICE of the VILLAGE

Hilbert, Wisconsin

December 2012

FROM THE VILLAGE BOARD--

Highlights of the December Board Meeting:

The village board approved the following:

- *Operator license for Brittany Fiedler.
- *Appointment of Andy King as the village attorney for 2013.
- *Appointment of William Koehler as fire chief for 2013.
- *To withdraw from the Local Government Property Insurance Fund due to a large increase in the annual premium.
- *To renew the village insurance with the League of Wisconsin Municipal Insurance for 2013. The property insurance was also moved to the League.
- *2013 lease agreements for the Welcome to Hilbert signs.
- *Resolution 2012-03 approving new sewer rates to go into effect on 1/1/13. The rates are being increased by 3% which will amount to \$1.43 for a typical residential customer that uses 5,000 gallons per month.
- *Resolution 2012-04 approving the public depositories for the village for 2013.
- *Resolution 2012-05 placing 2012 budgeted items not being expensed into reserve funds.
- *Payment request #4 to SMA Construction Services for \$149,785.54.
- *Conditionally approved a payment request #1 to Michels Corp. for \$40,931.70 based upon receiving approved sample results.

The village board received notification of the following:

- *Notice of receipt of the November installment of shared revenue in the amount of \$327,743.40.
- *Notice of current year lottery credit in the amount of \$88.53.
- *Notice of current year first dollar credit in the amount of \$63.51.
- *Notice of current year state school credit in the amount of \$74,466.42 and current year estimated aids in the amount of \$1,184,826.

The Village of Hilbert was picked randomly to perform an audit of our voting machine from the November 6, 2012 election. This audit entailed counting all of the ballots by hand to compare them to the machine count total. There were a total of four races counted. There was only one minor issue between the votes counted by hand and ones counted by the machine. For some of the ballots, voters only marked an "x" on the ballot instead of filling in the oval circle. We noticed that some of the ballots marked with an "x" were either very light or very small. Because of this, the machine did not pick up the mark on the ballot and treated these as undervotes where we counted them as a vote. Overall, both the machine count and the hand counted both resulted in 575 votes being cast for the election. We will look at making some minor changes to ensure that the ballots are marked properly so that there are no issues in the future with the machine not reading a ballot. The audit showed that properly marked ballots are being counted properly by the machine. This is a testament to all of the poll workers that work very hard and diligently to ensure that the election runs smooth and is accurate.

Next Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, January 8, 2013, 7 p.m.

Deadline for filing nomination papers, 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2013

Village of Hilbert Website: www.villageofhilbert.com

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VILLAGE BOARD ELECTION INFORMATION

Even though we have completed elections for the year (5 total this year), it's not too early to begin thinking about elections for next year. On April 2, 2013, we will be holding our regular spring election. This is the election held for local village board members. Individuals with terms expiring in April and up for election are Ken Stenklyft, Village President and Dan Starfeld, Ervin Plate and Harold Sippel, Village Trustees. The village uses nomination papers for placing candidates on the ballot. This is your golden opportunity to get involved with the decisions being made for the village. Anyone interested in taking nomination papers may do so beginning on December 1, 2012. The deadline for submitting the nomination papers is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2013.

WINTER PARKING & SNOW REMOVAL REGULATIONS

(E) SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Residents of the village shall be required to remove snow and ice on street sidewalks and driveway entrances within 24 hours after a snowfall, sleet or drifting. If the owner or occupant has not cleared the sidewalk or driveway entrance within this time, the Director of Public Works shall have the Village clerk contact the homeowner or occupant and notify them of this ordinance. If the owner or occupant does not take action to clear the sidewalk or driveway entrance within 24 hours, the Director of Public Works shall have the sidewalk and driveway entrance cleared at the owner's expense. If the owner or occupant of any residence is so notified once during a single snow season, no further notification shall be required upon the subsequent occurrence of a snowfall, sleet or drifting, and the Director of Public Works shall have the sidewalk and driveway entrance cleared within 24 hours. The cost of clearing the sidewalk and driveway entrance shall be \$.60 per lineal foot.

(F) SNOW ON STREETS.

No person in clearing snow from their lots, sidewalks, driveways, filling stations, garages or other areas shall pile or distribute snow in the street alleyway or any portion of the street right of way, within the Village which in any way tends to narrow the traveled portion of the street, block the vision of motorists at intersections, prevent parking at the curb, or in any other way impede snow removal or create a traffic hazard. Persons having such an accumulation of snow shall remove the same at their own expense without depositing the same in the public streets or public right of way. Any person violating Section 5.04(F) shall be required to forfeit \$15.00 plus the cost of removal.

7. OVERNIGHT PARKING. No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle or equipment upon any of the streets or alleyways of the Village of Hilbert between 3 a.m. and 7 a.m.; commencing November 15 and extending to April 15, except physicians on emergency calls.

The Lions Club has E-Readers available to lend out for use. Contact Tory Nett at 920-213-8011 or stop by the bank for information.

The Village Board and employees want to take this time to wish all of our residents a safe and wonderful holiday season.