



# The VOICE of the VILLAGE

Hilbert, Wisconsin

October 2012

## FROM THE VILLAGE BOARD--

### Highlights of the October Board Meeting:

The village board approved the following:

- \*Operator licenses for Nichole VanHout and Randy Baeten
- \*Payment request #2 to SMA Construction Services, LLC in the amount of \$73,653.50.
- \*Renewing the police protection contract with the Calumet County Sheriff's Dept. for 2013 at the same hour level as 2012.
- \*To purchase new furnaces for the community center fire station building at a cost of \$6,300.
- \*To allow Paul Gehl to construct a private drainage pond on his property on the north side of the village.
- \*Compensation package for the volunteer firefighters for 2013.
- \*Compensation package for the full-time village employees and for the part-time village employees for 2013.

The village board received notification of the following:

- \*Notice of receipt of the quarterly street aid payment in the amount of \$12,167.10.
- \*Notice of the estimated November installment of shared revenue in the amount of \$327,743.
- \*Notice of estimated street aid for 2013 in the amount of \$51,676.77.
- \*Notice of estimated shared revenue for 2013 in the amount of \$392,601.
- \*Notice that Brandon Strelow has resigned from his position with the village as of 10/21/12.

## ARIENS COMPANY GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

The Ariens Company in conjunction with their recent achievement of constructing their 3,000,000<sup>th</sup> snow blower decided to donate a walk behind snow blower to three neighboring communities. The Village of Hilbert was very fortunate to be one of those three communities to receive one. We would like to thank the Ariens Company for their very generous donation and want to congratulate them and all of their employees on their recent achievement. The village plans on putting this snow blower to good use. It always is a wonderful feeling when we know that our local companies always give back to their local communities. We are all very lucky to have these local companies that also take pride in the communities that they are in. Thank you again Ariens Company!!!!

## 2013 BUDGETS

The proposed 2013 budgets for all funds was presented to the village board. The total expenditures proposed for 2013 is \$1,073,421. This is an increase of \$104,253 or 11%. The main reason for the increase was the inclusion of the new lights for the new ballfield at the park. If this project is completed as budgeted next year, the village will be borrowing funds for the project net of the donations received. The total estimate for this project is \$100,000. The loan would be paid back over a 10 year period with the Hilbert Athletic Club and the Village of Hilbert paying ½ of the debt each. Even with the proposed debt payment, it should have no increase on the overall budget for each group because they have been each budgeting \$5,000 towards the project each year and the total loan payment should not exceed this amount. The public hearing on the proposed budgets is scheduled for 7 p.m. on November 13, 2012. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the budget paperwork, please contact the clerk's office.

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Next Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 13, 2012, 7 p.m.  
Public Hearing on the proposed budgets, November 13, 2012, 7 p.m.  
Public Hearing on the proposed zoning code changes, November 13, 2012, 7:15 p.m.  
Trick or Treat Hours – October 28, 2012 from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Halloween Party, Hilbert Community Center, October 28, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
Community Town Hall Meeting regarding the Hilbert Post Office, October 25, 2012, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Hilbert Fire Department Open House & Brat Fry, Hilbert Fire Station, October 13, 2012, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Village of Hilbert Website: [www.villageofhilbert.com](http://www.villageofhilbert.com)  
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### COMMUNITY TOWN HALL MEETING REGARDING THE HILBERT POST OFFICE

The United States Postal Service is holding a town hall meeting at the Hilbert Community Center on October 25, 2012 from 7 pm – 8 pm. The purpose of this meeting is to gain the public's feelings on the hours of operations of our post office. This is a very important meeting that we need to get as many people to attend as possible. The postal service is in discussions regarding limiting the number of hours of operation for our post office. If they proceed with limiting the number of hours, it would reduce the counter operations to 4 hours per day. This would greatly impact the availability of buying stamps, mailing packages, etc. Even worse, they could also decide to close down the office completely. It is for these reasons that it is imperative that we get as many residents appearing at this town hall meeting to voice their concerns. Mark your calendars for this meeting.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### *The Hilbert Revitalization Group is Proud to Host a Traditional....*



### Halloween Party

The Hilbert Revitalization Group is proud to host a traditional Halloween Party on Sunday, October 28, 2012 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at the Hilbert Community Center on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Join us for a frightful and delightful evening of pizza, refreshments, caramel apple making, cookie decorating, and crafts. There will be costume contests for children age 0 to grade 6 and also a costume contest for teens and adults with fun prizes! This is a community event for Hilbert residents. Admission is one canned food or \$1 per person. Food will be donated to the Salvation Army. Please contact Sandy Schumacher at 464-0009 with questions.

### HILBERT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE & BRAT FRY:

The Hilbert Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting an Open House & Brat Fry for Saturday, October 13, 2012 at the fire station located at 45 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St. This is in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Month. Bring your families for food, refreshments and fire station tours. Come out and also check out the new turnout gear and boots that have been recently purchased.

The Hilbert Volunteer Fire Department and the Hilbert/Potter First Responders are both seeking individuals interested in joining their respective groups. This is a great and rewarding way to be able to give back to the community. If you are interested in joining the fire department, please contact Bill Koehler at 920-989-3170. If you are interested in joining the Hilbert/Potter First Responder Group, please contact Doug Schoen at 920-853-7244.

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.