

The VOICE of the VILLAGE

Hilbert, Wisconsin

October 2015

FROM THE VILLAGE BOARD--Highlights of the October Board Meeting:

The village board approved the following:

- *Change Order #1 to DeGroot for an additional \$1,593.46 for extra work on the 3rd St. project.
- *Payment request to DeGroot for \$67,572.46 for the 3rd St. & Elm St. projects.
- *To authorize the fire department to send out the specifications for the new equipment truck to companies to receive sealed quotes.
- *Payment request for submitted bills through 10/13/15 in the amount of \$495,825.63 for the treatment plant upgrade.
- *Operator licenses to Heather Blohowiak and Chiranjebi Lamichhane.
- *Temporary Class B license to the Hilbert/Potter Optimist Club for their Annual Bingo Bash party on November 21st.

The village board received notification of the following:

- *Notice of receipt of the quarterly street aid payment in the amount of \$14,126.48.
- *Notice of estimated 2nd installment of shared revenue in the amount of \$333,901.
- *Notice of estimated street aid for 2016 in the amount of \$54.661.57.
- *Notice of estimated shared revenue for 2016 in the amount of \$399,219.

2016 BUDGETS

The board discussed the proposed budgets for 2016 for all funds. Based upon the budget requests made, the total budget for the general fund and capital improvements fund was \$1,346,433 which would have amounted to the village having to take \$98,049 out of their unrestricted fund balance which is 21% of the balance on hand. In the last two years, there was a total of \$70,591 already removed from the unrestricted fund balance. The board felt that this current trend was not sustainable and then began discussing several cuts that could be made to the budget. After a long discussion, the board reduced the amount needed from the unrestricted fund balance from \$98,049 to \$5,244. With these proposed cuts, the total budget is proposed to be \$1,253,628 for these two funds and the overall tax rate is projected to be \$7.326 compared to \$6.749 last year. The public hearing on the proposed budgets will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10th. If you wish to obtain a copy of the proposed budgets, please contact the village clerk's office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

*Trick or Treat Hours, October 25th from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Halloween Party at the Community Center from 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

*Hydrant Flushing, Friday, October 16, 2016 beginning at 10:30 p.m. until completion (approximately 7 a.m.)

Next Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 7 p.m. Budget Hearing, Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 7 p.m. Village of Hilbert Website: www.villageofhilbert.com

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



Following Trick-or-Treating in the Village of Hilbert from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, the Hilbert Revitalization Group is proud to host a traditional Halloween Party on Sunday, October 25, 2015 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm at the Hilbert Community Center on 5th Street. Join us for a frightful and delightful evening of food, 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.