

VILLAGE INFORMER

SNOW REMOVAL

Even though Spring is only about 90 days away we will still have to contend with winter a bit longer. Please remember to help our children have a safe walk to school by cleaning your sidewalk of ice and snow. It is not safe for children to be walking in the street to school. Also, please remember that the DPW is working at various times of day to keep the streets clear of snow and ice. It helps us a great deal if you can avoid parking your cars on the streets at night. During the winter remember it is best to slow down and be safe than putting others and yourself in danger from an accident from slippery conditions.

BUDGET

The time has come to start work on the next fiscal year Budget that begins in April. The process will include the Council setting priorities on how expenditures are to be matched up to revenues. Mayville, like every other community, will have to make some decisions on how to match spending priorities to available revenues. The expected decrease in State Revenue Sharing and the drop in property values the lessened revenues will add to additional expenses including housing for the Clerk and Treasurer along with continuing escalating costs in non discretionary expenses to make the Budget even tighter. The Council will meet in open session during the next three months to work on the Budget. Watch for public announcements of the meeting times.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

A big thank you to the Western Foundation for the donation to help purchase over \$7,100 towards Christmas decoration for our Village. They look great.

A SAD FAREWELL

For those who had not heard as yet, Jim Freeman has left his post as Chief of Police to work for the Prosecuting Attorney Office in Caro. Jim worked for the Village for many years. He will be missed greatly. The entire staff wishes him the best. Adam Green has been appointed as the Acting Chief of Police.

ENERGY GRANT

The Village continues to work on several grants including an energy grant that will hopefully reduce our utility costs. However the intent of placing wind turbines near the DPW building is hopefully being changed to solar panels for lack of adequate wind potential.

CHIEF OF POLICE SEARCH

The Village has started the process of hiring a new Chief of Police. An Advisory Committee will be assisting me as the Manager. The process includes the Advisory Committee holding a community meeting for those who are interested to voice their desires in what they would like to see in their next Chief of Police. Once the Committee has taken public input, the community profile and job announcement will be prepared. A deadline of sometime in January or February will be set for applications to be submitted.

After the deadline the Committee will review the applicants and recommend who they would like to have interviewed. The actual interviews will be sometime from late February to early March. More than likely the interviews will be held on a Saturday. Watch for future announcements regarding the hiring process.

COMMUNITY BRUSH

The Village has received several requests for a brush pile to be made available to the public. It is fully understandable of the desire to have brush from special projects to be disposed of other than the normal brush pickup. The Village will allow by APPOINTMENT ONLY the disposal of large brush at the Village lagoon site. However the rules will include: 1) Only Village Residents are to use the facility. 2) The dropping of brush is through appointment only through the DPW. 3) Type of brush is to be pre approved by the DPW. 4) No building materials or other restricted items. 5) Resident is responsible for bringing the materials to the site and placement on the pile as directed. 6) Appointments can only be made for Monday, Wednesday and Friday at least one week in advance.

MANAGER OFFICE HOURS

Posted hours for myself are Tuesday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and the second Tuesday of the from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Additional hours are kept on Monday and Friday depending on work flow. At times the work demands require me to be gone during posted work hours, so please call in advance to insure I will be in the office. I am willing to meet with anyone after hours if an agreeable time can be set. The Manager position is part time for 28 hours per week. The phone number for the Manager is 553 0132 with the office located at the DPW Building.

NEW YEAR

The entire staff wishes you and your family the best of holidays with a hopefully new year for all of us.