

**APRIL 2017 UTILITY BILL INSERT**  
**ALMIRA TOWN HALL -639-2601**

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**BACKFLOW TESTS FOR SPRINKLER SYSTEMS MUST BE  
DONE BY AUGUST 1ST, 2017 OR YOUR WATER WILL BE  
TURNED OFF PER ORDINANCE.**

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**JUNE COUNCIL MEETING:** It was requested and approved to close an alley on the south side of Hwy. 2.

The Fire Chief was present to report on the ambulance and to answer questions. He reported that we hope to have the ambulance operational by mid-July.

**UPDATES BY STAFF:** Jeanette attended an Infrastructure funding workshop in Reardan. Grants are harder to get as funds are not as readily available. There was also a speaker on setting rates and they really encourage us to use a tiered billing system for water overage as it encourages conservation more.

Meters were read for the first time since September. Two homeowner leaks were discovered.

We received a \$5000 Risk Management Grant from AWC/RMSA for the repairs of the roof at Town hall.

A fine was sent to a resident in town for having chickens where they are not allowed. A copy of the ordinance and further fines was sent also.

Everyone with sprinkler systems were contacted to see if they wanted the Backflow Tester guy coming on Wednesday to test their systems or if they were getting someone else. It has to be done every year.

Brent reported that they have fixed a couple water leaks.

They have replaced three meters with auto reads and will continue to work on changing out older meters throughout the summer.

We have had problems with Well#5 again. Don Adams is coming down to work on it tomorrow. He thinks maybe the battery backup is failing and needs replaced.

Casey Roofing has completed the roof. They took the entire old roof off and abandoned the current drains and it will now drain out of the back of the building. They also reported that the back of the building mortar is crumbling and we should have it looked at. Brent will contact someone to do that.

After checking into a grant for a generator to run Well#5 Brent discovered it wasn't going to be feasible. USDA will give us a 30% grant and we 70% loan for the project, but at \$120,000 it wasn't going to be affordable for the town.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Columbarium: An individual has requested trading their niches in the 1<sup>st</sup> columbarium for niches in the new columbarium. Council said this would be okay if they would pay the \$150 difference for each niches as prices have risen.

Dog Ordinance: A council member recommended deeming a dog in the community a dangerous dog. He is potentially dangerous and very aggressive. Witnesses have reported him chasing school children and adults. He has been seen at school, down by Evers and all over town. A letter will be sent to the dog owner requesting his appearance at the next council meeting. A copy of the dangerous dog ordinance stating fees and insurance requirements will be sent.

A motion was made to update the dog ordinance to current prices and fines and use it to enforce dog issues instead of using numerous ordinances.

Twelve Water Off notices were sent, One account was turned off and back on after full payment, one other account made a full payment. All others made appropriate payments.

ADJUSTED July HOURS:

July 3-4-5 – Closed

July 14<sup>th</sup> thru the 21<sup>st</sup> hours will be sporadic. (grandchildren!!!!!!)

**ALL DOGS AT ALL TIMES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE TIED UP OR CONFINED TO A FENCE. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THEY CAN RUN LOOSE TO GO DEPOSIT THEIR “BUSINESS” ON OTHER PEOPLE’S PROPERTY!!! THIS MEANS AT ALL TIMES THEY ARE TO BE TIED UP OR CONFINED TO A FENCE. ALWAYS!!**

**IF YOU SEE OR HEAR ANY ALARMS AT THE SEWER PLANT , RESERVOIR OR WELLS PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS TO REPORT IT!**

**977-1218 – Brent Robertson**

**639-2221 or 977-1217 – Darrell Francis**

**641-0942 – Mayor Einar Larson**

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