

JUNE 2021 Utility Bill Insert
ALMIRA TOWN HALL 639-2601

.....

The moratorium on charging late fees and shutting water off is to be lifted July 30th, 2021. If you are behind on your bill you may want to get it paid off. Water shut off notices will go out the end of July with a turn off date of August 4th. Late fees will be applied to the July bill.

.....

The Backflow check on sprinkler systems will be checked on July 9th

THE SPEED LIMIT IN TOWN IS 25 MPH: THIS IS FOR ALL STREETS!!!!!! – PLEASE WATCH FOR KIDS ON BIKES AS THEY DON'T ALWAYS WATCH OUT FOR YOU AND REMEMBER.....25 MPH. STOP AT STOP SIGNS – EVERYTIME!!

.....

YARD WASTE DUMP:

THE YARD WASTE DUMP IS FOR YARDWASTE, SCRAP WOOD AND BRICKS AND CONCRETE ONLY.

NO PLASTIC BAGS – DUMP YARD WASTE OUT OF THE BAG AND BRING THE BAG BACK TO YOUR TRASH CAN.

NO TRASH OF ANY KIND, NO PLASTIC BOTTLES, NO WALLPAPER, NO TRASH.

NO TIRES EVER!! PEOPLE MUST BE TIRED OF THE CONVENIENCE OF HAVING THE YARDWASTE DUMP AVAILABLE AND ARE WILLING TO RISK LOSING IT.

Keys need to be returned promptly after use, others want to use the dump also. If you are hauling multiple loads you must LOCK THE GATE in between loads.

JUNE COUNCIL MEETING:

NUISANCE REPORT: Yards with long, dry grass and vacant lots need to be mowed

We are still working on removing the trailer from the alley by 2nd Street.

We had one dog issue that was addressed.

UPDATES BY STAFF: Meters were read for the first time this year. Customers were allowed 136,000 gallons for October 1st, 2020 thru May 31st, 2021. Eleven connections were over for the allowed amount. Meters with high reads were checked for leaks and reported.

Brent has been working on the Water Use Efficiency Report.

Brent, Jeanette and Dave met with a salesman from Neptune regarding meters and reading them. We are currently having difficulty loading and unloading reads with the old handheld. Neptune is the brand of meters we have and they also have a compatible device for reading the meters and reporting to our software program. Eventually we can replace the tops of meters and be able to get more information including hourly use and leak detection. The upfront cost is approximately \$8600 with \$5000 of that eligible for RMSA grant funding. It was requested to purchase just what we immediately needed, program and wand, and replace meters as needed.

OLD BUSINESS: We currently have orders for about 52 reprints of the Almira History Book, we need 100 to order.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution 2021-133 – Regarding file transfer with the State Auditor’s office was approved.

Resolution 2021-134 – Records Retention policy – Tabled until the next meeting for further review.

The Garbage contract with Sunrise Disposal is up for renewal, Council needs to review as does Dion Gotti with Sunrise.

The Town is eligible for Coronavirus Recovery Funds. This money can be used for water, sewer or broadband infrastructure improvements. We can get \$39,000 both this year and next year.

The 2020 Annual Report was presented to council to review, it was previously signed by Mayor Jason Evers.

STATUS OF UTILITY ACCOUNTS: We are currently carrying 23 past due accounts for a total of \$13,238.

RECYCLING: Please remember to break down your cardboard so we can get as much in the bin as possible. No Styrofoam or trash in the bin and cardboard must be corrugated cardboard only, no cereal boxes. It costs \$194 each time we dump the bins so we want to fill them as full as possible. You can put plastic in both sides of the 10-bin. If one side is full go to the other side, please don’t leave it barely hanging there and smash your plastic if possible.

If you live in town you pay \$1.25 a month for the privilege to use the recycling bins, we ask that anyone not from in town please pay the same cheap fee. (Fees just increase to help pay for the heavy use of the recycling bins.

The next council meeting is July 13th, 2021 at 7 pm

Please attend and have an input in our community.

ADJUSTED HOURS:

July 1st – 5th – Closed

July 15th - Closed

Other changes will be posted on the door.

The Wilbur Food Pantry is open the third Wednesday of every month from 11 a.m. – 1 pm and 5 – 6 p.m. It is located at the Wilbur Community Church: Presbyterian Campus. The entrance is on the east side of the church, along Knox Street. The Food Pantry is for Almira, Wilbur and Creston. If you need more information or want to donate call Lori Rettkowski at 647-5402.

WE STILL HAVE MASKS AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL

Meters will be read again around the 26th of July.

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

1-509-770-5604 – Mayor Jason Evers

1-509-237-5320 – Dave Phillips