

**November 2021 Utility Bill Insert**  
**ALMIRA TOWN HALL 639-2601**

**STARTING JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2022 TOWN HALL WILL BE OPEN**  
**MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 8-4. CLOSED ON FRIDAYS!!!!**

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Bills are due on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month and late after the 25<sup>th</sup>. They are due the 25<sup>th</sup> even if I am not in the office. You can pay by debit or credit card online through the website; drop a check or money order off in the payment box. Please do not use my absence as a reason not to pay your bill.

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We have had some vandalism in the restrooms behind Town Hall, if this happens again the restrooms will be closed until spring. Please teach your children that it isn't funny to have to clean poo up that has been spread all over everything.

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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).

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November Council Meeting: Jeremy Pinar was present to give a report on his Eagle Scout project at the entry to Almira on the east end of town. The sign was Jesse Brunner's Eagle Scout project years ago. He will continue watering for the next five years at which time the plants will be fully mature. He has planted clover seed to drown out the weeds. The initial estimate for the cost of the project was \$1100; council said they would pay for 60% of the project. Jeremy was able to procure donations of materials or cash to pay for the project. He proposed that Council put the \$660 that they offered him and leave it set aside for future improvements to the sign and area. Council approved.

Commissioner Rob Coffman discussed the Interlocal Agreement with Lincoln County for the use of their Building Inspector for the building of the new school. All approved.

Fire Chief Dennis Pinar gave us a report on the school fire. Final conclusion was known point of origin, unknown cause. 500,000 gallons of water was put on the fire and the water system worked great. It water levels were slowly dropping for a bit but recovered and kept up. Brent had all of the wells running.

Jeanette attended the IACC Conference online and a BARS webinar.

She has been working on the USDA report that is due the end of November.

The audit has been postponed for a few weeks.

Brent has watched the video report of the cleaning of the water towers and everything looks good. He is waiting on their written report.

School signage has been purchased and placed around the Community Center and the Church where school is being held. The signs will be moved when the portable classrooms arrive and are placed.

We contacted the county for use of their building inspector for the school project. This leaves the liability on them and not us.

Brent is working with the school contractor to find someone to review the plans. The plans are gone over very carefully to make sure everything is up to code.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Jeanette will be placing the order for the reprint of the Almira History books.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Resolution 2021-135 the property tax increase was presented and approved.

It was time to appoint a new Mayor Protem. Levi Mitchel was nominated and approved for the position.

Jeanette requested changing her hours to working Monday thru Thursday. Town hall would be open Monday through Thursday 8 am to 4 pm and she will work ten hour days. Council approved the change.

The next council meeting is December 14th, 2021 at 7 pm

Please attend and have an input in our community.

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**ADJUSTED HOURS:**

**DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> – 3<sup>RD</sup> – CLOSED**

**DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> - CLOSED**

**DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> -31<sup>ST</sup> – CLOSED**

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*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 Lutheran Church Campus. The Food Pantry is for Almira, Wilbur and Creston. If you need more information or want to donate call Lori Rettkowski at 647-5402.*  
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**WE STILL HAVE MASKS AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL**

**SNOW PLOW GUIDELINES:** Parking on the street is prohibited. Alleys must be kept at a 20' width.

Please check your alleyway to make sure it is free and clear by removing all clutter, including all overgrown bushes, shrubs and trees. If a car is parked on the street the snow plow will not clear that side of the road. There will not be a second trip if the plow comes by before vehicles are moved. The same applies to parking in the alleys.

**\*Snowmobiles are permitted only on arterials, only at a slow speed, only to get in and out of Town.**

**\*Leaving faucets turned on slowly during low temperatures can help avoid frozen**

**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**