### December 2022 Utility Bill Insert ALMIRA TOWN HALL 639-2601 OPEN MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 8-4. CLOSED ON FRIDAYS!!!! tage for 2022 are \$6 if purchased by Echrycory 28<sup>th</sup>

Dog tags for 2023 are \$6 if purchased by February 28<sup>th</sup>. They will be \$16 after that date.

## <u>Chicken permits are due by February 28<sup>th</sup> also. They are \$10,</u> <u>\$20 if paid late.</u>

## IF IT SNOWS PLEASE REMOVE YOUR VEHICLES FROM THE STREET FOR BETTER PLOWING. THE SNOW PLOW POLICY IS INCLUDED.

# PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2023 BUDGET

**<u>UPDATES BY STAFF</u>**: Jeanette reported that we have been reimbursed from USDA for the tools purchased with the grant.

The SAM account has been renewed.

People have been purchasing dog tags for next year. A reminder will be sent out for Chicken permits.

Brent has been plowing snow.

**<u>OLD BUSINESS:</u>** <u>SURVEYING:</u> The surveying has been completed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** <u>RESOLUTION 2022-141</u> –ACCEPTING A LOAN FROM THE <u>DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY FOR THE LIFT STATION</u>: The Town will use money from the Sewer Reserve and surplus tax money we have received to pay expenses and use as little loan money as possible. This is a \$500,000 project. Council approved.

ORDINANCE 576 – 2023 BUDGET: Approved.

<u>RESOLUTION 2022-142 – VACATION CARRY OVER:</u> This resolution approves Jeanette carrying over more than the 120 hours of vacation.

<u>INVESTMENTS</u>: Our interest rates with our bank are very low and Jeanette checked on the State Investment Pool. Their rates are a lot higher. Council wanted her to check on what fees they have before deciding about moving the money.

<u>PHEASANTS:</u> One individual ask about raising pheasants to eat. Council said no, the ordinance was just for chickens, no other birds.

<u>CENTURY WEST:</u> Steve Nelson, our engineer from Century West is taking a job in New Orleans so another engineer with the firm will be taking care of us.

**STATUS OF UTILITY ACCOUNTS:** 24 water off notices were sent. One account was shut off and all others have paid or made arrangements.

The next Council Meeting is January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7 pm Please attend and have an input in our community.

### ADJUSTED HOURS: <u>CLOSED ALL FRIDAYS</u> CLOSED JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> –HOLIDAY Other closures will be posted

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; OR 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.

The <u>Wilbur Food Pantry</u> is open the third Wednesday of every month from 11 a.m. - 12:30 pm and 5 - 6 p.m. It is located at the Wilbur Community Church Campus <u>The Food Pantry is for Almira, Wilbur</u> <u>and Creston.</u> If you need more information or want to donate call Lori Rettkowski at 647-5402.

#### RECYCLING: CORRUGATED BOXES ONLY, NO CEREAL BOXES!! BOXES MUST BE BROKE DOWN. PLASTIC MUST BE CLEAN – NO CONTAINERS WITH OIL OR OTHER PRODUCT. NO PLASTIC BAGS OF ANY KIND.

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

1-509-977-1218 – Brent Robertson 1-509-770-5604 – Mayor Jason Evers 1-509-237-5320 – Dave Phillips

METERS WILL BE READ again in April 2023.