## September 2023 Utility Bill Insert ALMIRA TOWN HALL 639-2601 OPEN MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 8-4. CLOSED ON FRIDAYS!!!!

# LET'S GIVE A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT TIM JENNINGS!!!

WE HAVE HAD REPORTS OF MORE THEFT FROM CARS AROUND TOWN. PLEASE LOCK YOUR CARS AND REPORT ANY PROBLEMS YOU HAVE TO THE LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

### THE LION'S PAPER BOX AT THE BACK OF TOWN HALL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING PAPER ANY MORE. PLEASE USE THE RECYCLING BINS BY THE TOWN SHOP.

#### **SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING**

<u>GUESTS:</u> Representative Joe Schmick introduced himself. He also gave us some projects to prioritize. One project being a Public Records Fee Schedule.

Jason Tilson was present discussing getting the water turned back on at his parent's house so he can get it cleaned up to sell. Council set up a payment plan for him after he pays to get the connection fee.

Joe and Terry Freudenberg have been having sewer issues at their house. We will run a camera down our lines and see if we can identify the problem.

**NUISANCE REPORT:** A few yards were discussed.

**<u>UPDATES BY STAFF</u>**: Brent has been trying to get things organized and ready to hand the baton to Tim Jennings our new Public Works Superintendent.

Jeanette has been working on policies and general stuff. We had a stray dog that was found on the highway, later its owner was found. If they would have purchased dog tags it would have been easy to find the owner. They received a fine for the dog not being on a leash or fenced in.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Chip sealing at the school has been postponed until spring likely. The county wants to make sure that all construction and landscaping is complete so the equipment doesn't ruin the chip sealing. The school and Garco are to each pay one third of the project. Jeanette will bill them now for the project so they can close it out on their end.

Garco is supposed to sweep everything around the school when they are done. They are still going to build the CTE building and Brent will meet with the engineers concerning the drainage next week.

We also have the preliminary plans for the lift station. Brent will be in contact with CenturyWest as to when we will start the project.

**<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>**: Resolution 2023-142 – Salaries was reviewed and approved.

Council approved the renewal of the Cannabis license for Gringo Brothers.

The Personnel Policy was present for review and update. Council tabled it until all were present.

Brent turned in his resignation. Council thanked him for his ten years of service. Tim was not present but had turned in his resignation from Council so he could accept the Public Works Superintendent job.

**<u>BUILDING PERMITS</u>**: We had one building permit. They do not have the proper front yard setback so it will go to the Planning Commission for approval.

**STATUS OF UTILITY ACCOUNTS:** 15 water off notices were sent. Three accounts were shut off, payment in full was made, all others made payments or arrangements. One has been off since February.

#### The next Council Meeting is October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7 pm

### ADJUSTED HOURS: CLOSED ALL FRIDAYS

### OTHER CLOSURES WILL BE POSTED.

Bills are due on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month and a late fee will be applied after the 25<sup>th</sup>. The late fee will be added on the 26th 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</u> <u>Food Pantry is for Almira, Wilbur 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, NO EGG CARTONS. IF YOU AREN'T SURE DON'T PUT IT IN THE BINS.

GARBAGE NEEDS TO BE BAGGED BEFORE PLACING IN YOUR TRASH CONTAINER. OTHERWISE IT IS LIKELY TO BLOW ALL OVER WHEN THE CONTAINER IS DUMPED. PLEASE CLEAN UP LOOSE TRASH THAT HAS BLOWN OUT OF YOUR CONTAINER.

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 NOT BE READ UNTIL SPRING!!!!!