

Village Board Report – September 2011

Welcome to the Village Board Report, the first of its kind which will be placed on our website monthly to keep you informed of actions taken by the Village Board on ordinances and other significant matters.

Angelo's Market

At the September 20th Village Board meeting, a presentation was made by Angelo Ingrao and Mario DeMarco who are pursuing improvements to bring Angelo's Market, a new grocery store, to the Village. Improvements include new signage and façade improvements to the building which was the previous location of Val's Foods. Many improvements are also being done inside the store in preparation for the grand opening which is planned this fall. We are all very excited about the shopping opportunity the new Angelo's Market will bring to our community. Watch for more information regarding the grand opening of Angelo's Market.

Ordinances

Park Shelter Fees - The Village Board approved Ordinance 11-12-07, an ordinance which establishes fees for the use of park shelters. The ordinance was established in an effort to offset park maintenance costs. Refundable deposits will also be required to cover the cost of cleanup should the party reserving the shelter fail to clean up after their event. Park shelter fees will go into effect in the Spring of 2012.

Bows and Arrows - Ordinance 11-12-11 was recently approved by the Board which establishes regulations regarding the use of bows and arrows in the Village. The IDNR currently regulates the use of bows and arrows for hunting purposes but does not extend to other uses such as target practice. The majority of the board felt that this is a public safety concern and therefore established regulations to help insure that the public is protected.

Mutual Aid Agreement

The Board also entered into an Intergovernmental Mutual Aide Agreement with the City of McHenry for police services. This agreement provides for the sharing of manpower resources in times of need and in cases of emergencies. Intergovernmental agreements are a great way to share resources and contain costs by working together.

Salary Reviews

The Village Board approved salary increases for non-union personnel. The Village instituted wage and hiring freezes in 2007 followed by a 20% reduction in staff, furlough days, wage reductions, benefit cuts and increased employee contributions to counter the effects of the declining economy. During this time, the remaining employees have worked diligently to prevent decreases in services and insure residents were not impacted by these reductions. The approved increases still place total non-union salaries 35% below 2007 salaries, a savings of nearly \$281,000 annually.

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