



VILLAGE OF EPHRAIM

Greetings from President McCutcheon:

What a wonderfully competent staff we have working for you and the Village! Let me add my appreciation to all those who helped us in our transition in hiring our new Administrator, Brent Bristol, and our new Clerk/Treasurer, Andrea Collak. It could not have been done as smoothly without the help of our Sue Shallow, outgoing Treasurer Erin Bristol, and the hours of help provided by Diane Kirkland, our past Administrator of many years. My deepest thanks go out to these women.

We have accomplished much this year thanks to the support and direction of your Board and many volunteers who serve on the Village committees. It is with their combined interest and expertise that the Village plans ahead for future that both maintains the integrity of our history and accommodates the changes necessary to stay relevant in today's world. Eighteen months ago the Board embarked on the research project to look at potential changes in the Village that would guide us toward developing technologies and solving safety concerns over the next twenty years. We hired the consulting firm livingLAB to help us with this task.

After many hours of meetings with various constituents of the Village, we were presented with such a plan. I would like to thank all those who took time out of the beautiful August afternoon to gather in the Village Hall to express their thoughts and voice their concerns about the plan. Your Board listened and reviewed the over sixty - six comments. On Thursday, December 3rd, at our next regularly scheduled Board meeting, I have asked each Board member to present their thoughts about the revised plan as it stands today and the subsequent direction they would like the Village to take. All residents are encouraged to attend this meeting. It will be your opportunity to listen to your Board's ideas.

Special thanks to Jane Olson and the Community Protection Committee for their work to provide Ephraim with new reflective fire number signs. All signs were installed by the end of October thanks to your firefighters and especially Niles Weborg.

A special welcome to our newest staff member Bob Volpe, Bob joins the team of the Maintenance Department full-time as of November.

I wish each and everyone of you Merry Christmas and fun filled holiday season.

Mike



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Notes From Andrea Collak– Clerk/Treasurer



It has been a busy but exciting six months in my new position as Municipal Clerk/Treasurer for the Village of Ephraim.

Since joining your team on May 1st, 2015 I have learned many new things and look forward to learning more. I attended the 2015 Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Institute and Wisconsin Government Finance Officers Association (WGFOA) Summer Workshop in Green Bay. I appreciate the educational opportunities I got as it gave me a solid educational platform to turn to in my new job.

We are busy with election administration for four upcoming elections in 2016. Our first webinar on Proof of Residency and Proof of Identification statutory requirements was a success and we had a great turnout of our loyal election workers. We are always looking for more people who are willing to give up their time to help out with elections. If anyone is interested becoming an election worker, please contact our office at (920)854-5501.

The professional, personal day-to-day style in which the Board of Trustees and staff run your Village is outstanding. I am also impressed to see so many residents so actively participate in their community government.

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all of my co-workers and community who have made my time here such a great experience on both a professional and personal level. I feel grateful to Brent and Sue for taking time out of their busy schedule to answer so many of my questions. Without your help, I would not have been able to complete the projects in such a proficient and timely manner.

Wish me luck on my new journey! Thank you for the opportunity to be part of this community.



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It's been an eventful year for the Ephraim Fire Department. The biggest was the retirement of long time Chief, Niles Weborg, who remains a member of the department. Niles' replacement was Assistant Fire Chief, Justin MacDonald, who started his role as Fire Chief July 1st. Terry Havel was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief and Mike Meyer remains as the Captain.

On January 1, 2016 the Fire Department will begin conducting fire inspections in-house. They have contracted out in the past and now firefighter, Jason Rockwell will lead the fire inspection program. All Village businesses are required to be inspected twice a year per Wisconsin State Statute. Jason, along with several other firefighters, will be conducting those inspections.

We encourage all business and home owners who are seasonal or have an alarm system to get a KNOX Box. This box mounts on your home or business and holds keys to gain access to your building. In case of an emergency or alarm, the box can only be opened by a special key the Fire Department carries in the fire truck and it is radio controlled, so there is a record each time the key is released. Please contact Chief MacDonald if you have any questions or would like information on the KNOX Box.

As winter approaches we encourage everyone to have their chimneys cleaned and other heating sources professionally inspected to ensure they are in proper working condition. We also encourage everyone to change the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. If your detectors are more than ten years old it is suggested new detectors be purchased.

Reminder that burning of brush can only be done when there is snow cover on the ground. To obtain a permit contact Chief MacDonald or any of the officers. Email: jmacdonald@ephrain-wisconsin.com

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