



Village of Mettawa



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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The Buzz

Stormwater Study: Our Status & Future Solutions

Stormwater emerges from rain, melted snow and ice. This excess water may soak into the soil of natural landscapes, collect in ponds or puddles, or travel as runoff across the land into creeks and rivers. Stormwater can also cause erosion and flooding when the amount of water overwhelms the capacity of the natural and built environment. Communities can fight back by mitigating these issues with effective stormwater management solutions and approaches.

The Village of Mettawa is currently working with Hey & Associates Inc., a Volo-based Engineering, Ecology and Landscape Architecture firm, to complete a comprehensive study of stormwater management in the Village. Trustee Jan Pink and Village Administrator Bob Irvin recently met with the firm to review current progress and future steps.

This important project started last year and will outline Mettawa's current stormwater management status and provide useful recommendations and guidelines for the future. Residents can expect a thorough examination of the Village's overall stormwater management including careful review of culverts, detention ponds and other relevant areas. Problematic areas will be identified. The study will detail the benefits of mitigation and potential costs, and Hey & Associates, Inc. will also assist the Village in applying for relevant grant funding.

Village residents are invited to contribute to this study by inputting any stormwater issues into a form on the Village website. This form should be available in early February for a three-week

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Mayor's Note

A New Year

We are now well into 2021 and I hope that this new year will be happy and healthy for you and yours.

I'd like to thank Trustee Denis Bohm and the Parks and Recreation Committee for their ongoing dedication and efforts to support a more beautiful Mettawa and healthy open lands. Some of these efforts will be seen in the MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park where more invasives were removed in 2020, and many native plants were seeded. I'm looking forward to springtime when we can all watch new plants grow in this open space area.

I'd also like to remind residents about the upcoming municipal elections on April 6th, 2021. The Village will share the voting site after it has been confirmed by Lake County. For more information please contact the Village Clerk.

As always, I am here for you. Don't hesitate to contact me at any time with your questions, comments or ideas.

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period, followed by a Special Public Works Committee meeting to hear from Hey & Associates about the study and its progress. There will also be an opportunity to provide additional information and ask questions. Residents will receive notice of the availability to provide information and the meeting date by email. ❁

Parks & Recreation Planning

The Parks and Recreation Committee (PRC) has begun discussions about the development of a 5-year plan for Parks and Recreation. This new framework will use the foundational study completed by WRD Environmental, Inc. for the Village in 2015 as a starting point for developing integrated recommendations for parcels of land owned by the Village. The PRC intends to discuss areas at its monthly meetings. ❁

Restoration of MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park

The open space at the MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park received a good amount of restoration in 2020. Pizzo and Associates removed extensive amounts of invasives over the summer. During the second half of the year, the property benefitted from a prescribed burn, followed by hand-seeding of tall-grass areas and machine-seeding of wet mesic grasses. It should be interesting to see the germination in the coming spring. ❁

Village Office

Location & Hours

700 East Park Avenue, Suite 113
(Life Storage), Libertyville, IL 60048

Office Hours:

Weekdays 9 a.m. — 12 noon
For entry, call 847-573-1460

Official Village Mailing Address

Please mail all correspondence to:
The Village of Mettawa
26225 N. Riverwoods Blvd.
Box M
Mettawa, IL 60045



Corporate Neighbor Spotlight: Impact Networking

Did you know that one of Chicago's very best firms is based right here in Mettawa? It's true: our corporate neighbor on the east side of I-94, Impact Networking, was named #1 MidSize Company by the Chicago Tribune for the Chicago Top Workplaces award in 2019, 2017 and 2015. This award is 100% based on employee feedback.

In 2020, Impact was also honored to appear for the 11th time on the prestigious Inc. magazine 5000 Fastest Growing Private Companies list with a three-year revenue growth of 138.65 percent.

Impact Networking has been based in Mettawa since 2007 and started building its new cyber security center here just two months ago. The firm began in 1999 as a local copier dealer, then evolved into a business technology powerhouse delivering custom-fit, integrated solutions to clients across the country. The firm employs over 700 experts, supports over 14,000 clients, and is known for its family-like culture.

CEO Frank Cucco sums up the secret to Impact's success in one word: "transparency." He makes a point of personally meeting with — and listening to — all of his employees. This culture of fostering open communication has paid off. The company has consistently grown by leaps and bounds, and keeps expanding. Their current footprint covers five states and 26 locations including two headquarter buildings right here in Mettawa. ❁

Administrator's Report

By Bob Irvin, Village Administrator



Budget preparations are in progress for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

Budget options will be reviewed by the the Public Works Committee and the Parks and Recreation Committee in the February and March meetings. A full draft budget will be presented to the Finance Committee during its March meeting and should be quite similar to the current budget. We expect no new taxes, fees or increases to taxes or fees. The budget will be presented to the Village Board at a public hearing in April 2021, and is expected to be approved at that time. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. ❁

Consolidated Elections

April 6, 2021

Back to the Future Party

New Political Party

Mayor: **Jess Ray**

Trustees: **John Bradley,**

Matt Chudy, Kristine Preiser

Independent Candidates

Trustees: **Carol A. Batson-Armstrong,**

Denis M. Bohm (incumbent),

John H. Maier (incumbent)

How to Vote

Once the voting site has been confirmed by Lake County, the Village Clerk will share the information with residents via email. The voting location will be also be posted on the Village website.

Political Signs

Residents are reminded that political signs are considered temporary signs in the Village Code and therefore may only be placed on private property. Political signs may not be place on Village property nor Village right-of-way (typically about 10-15 feet from the edge of the Village road). Thank you for your understanding.

Village Board ACTIONS

Highlights of recent Village Board actions during the last quarter are listed below. The complete list of actions may be found in the meeting minutes that are always available online at mettawa.org.

1. Approved the 2020-21 Insurance Policy with ICMRT
2. Approved an Amendment to the Security Services Agreement with Howe Security
3. Approved a Termination of the Agreement with GovTemps USA for Village Clerk Services
4. Approved an Agreement with Sandy Gallo LLC for Village Clerk Services
5. Approved a Two Lot Consolidation in the Oasis Business Park Subdivision
6. Approved the Site, Landscaping and Sign Plan for a new building for Impact Networking
7. Approved the 2021 Calendar of Meetings for the Village
8. Approved an Agreement with the Hilton Garden Inn for Meeting Room Rental
9. Approved an Agreement with Hey & Associates, Inc. for a Stormwater Management Study
10. Approved an Ordinance setting the Tax Levy for 2020
11. Approved an Ordinance Abating the Taxes in SSA #13
12. Approved an Ordinance Abating the Taxes for the Retired G.O. Bonds
13. Approved the Installation of a COVID-19 testing trailer for Abbvie
14. Approved an Agreement with Dunlap Lawn Service for the 2021 Right-of-Way Maintenance
15. Approved Three Year Agreement with Sikich for Audit Services
16. Approved Participation in the Plant Trees for Communities Initiative
17. Approved a Recommendation to Pursue the Purchase of the Hamilton Estates Conservation Property on Riverwoods Blvd.
18. Approved an Amendment to Chapter 2 of the Village Code regarding the Order of Business for Village Board meetings and Committees of the Board

Village of Mettawa

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Casey Urlacher, Mayor

Denis Bohm, Trustee

Mary Brennan, Trustee

John Maier, Trustee

Jan Pink, Trustee

Pam Sheldon, Trustee

Tim Towne, Trustee

Carol Armstrong, Treasurer

Bob Irvin, Village Administrator

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk

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The Village of Mettawa strives to preserve and nurture
our authentic rural and horse-friendly environment
and to ensure the highest quality of family life for our residents

MEETING CALENDAR

IMPORTANT NOTE:

All Village meetings will be held virtually until further notice.

For Zoom attendance, meeting I.D. and passcodes, please refer to specific meeting agendas on the Village website. Please note that this list may be incomplete and some meetings may be cancelled. For updates, check the calendar online at mettawa.org or contact the Village Clerk.

Tuesday, February 2

7:00 p.m. Zoning, Planning and Appeals
Commission (ZPA)

Wednesday, February 10

6:00 p.m. Public Works Committee
7:00 p.m. Parks & Recreation Committee

Tuesday, February 16

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee
7:00 p.m. Village Board

Tuesday, March 2

7:00 p.m. ZPA

Wednesday, March 10

6:00 p.m. Public Works Committee
7:00 p.m. Parks & Recreation Committee

Tuesday, March 16

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee
7:00 p.m. Village Board

**NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:
February 16, 2021**

CONTACTS

Casey Urlacher, Mayor

Bob Irvin, Village Administrator

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk

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PUBLIC SAFETY:

DIAL 911 FIRST

NON-EMERGENCY:

Lake County Sheriff:

(847) 377-4000

Village Security Patrol Car:

(847) 404-6272

GARBAGE & RECYCLING

Lake's Disposal Services, Inc.
(847) 366-8582 or (815) 675-0400

VILLAGE WEBSITE:

mettawa.org