



November, 2012

Village Board Legislative Action

Motion to approve Ordinance 2012-36 allowing the placement and operation of video gaming terminals in licensed establishments located in the Village of Downs

Carried unanimously

Motion to approve Ordinance 2012-37 a lease agreement between the Village of Downs and Mike Roberts for property of the Village of Downs

Carried unanimously

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-38 approving termination of Water Maintenance Contract

Carried in a 5-1 vote

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-39 authorizing and approving the mutual aid agreement between the Village of Downs and the McLean County Sheriff's Department

Carried unanimously

Motion to approve TIF I funds for Washington Street Water project not to exceed \$7,250.00 for engineering design.

Carried unanimously

Motion to approve the fiscal year audit 2011-2012

Carried unanimously

Motion to approve the December 2012 board meeting to the Fire Department

Carried unanimously

THE DECEMBER 6, 2012 7:00 P.M. BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE DOWNS COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT DUE TO VILLAGE HALL RENOVATIONS

The following Village Board positions are up for election in the April, 2013 election. All positions are for a 4 year term

- Mayor
- Clerk
- 3 Trustee positions

Any citizen of the Village of Downs that is interested can obtain the required filing documents and instructions on the State Board of Elections website-

www.elections.il.gov

Mayoral Update

November 4, 2012

Dear Citizens,

Very soon the Village will have new "Welcome to Downs" signs along Seminary Street welcoming everyone as they enter the village. Local Eagle Scout candidate, Ben Stinemates has been working for months on this project and should have them completed before Thanksgiving. Excellent work, Ben! The Village Hall rehab is progressing well and we should be moved in by January 2013. Thanks to the dedication and leadership of Trustee Paul Myszka and the volunteers who have put significant hours to make this project possible. There is much work being done to help improve our downtown area and we will all benefit from these improvements.

Another improvement that the village has been working on is our water system. Hopefully, everyone has noticed an increase in the clarity of water and a decrease of the rusty discoloration during the month of October. Kevin Whitehouse, our Public Works Superintendent, has been working six days a week since February to improve the water quality and plant operations, and last month decreased the iron content levels from 1.5ppm to .3ppm. That is a huge decrease in the content of iron in our water! Changing this position from a part-time position to a full-time position is already improving the quality of our water treatment system. Thank you to Kevin for the hard work and the countless hours he has put in to make the necessary improvements to our water system.

In previous updates, I introduced the McLean County Highway Department re-work of Washington Street. As this work is being done, the Village will be replacing the transit pipe with a new water line east of the school administration building to service the homes in that area. We should have a status update of this project in the next few months with work beginning in June 2013.

Please remember to read through this flyer for important information regarding upcoming community events and Chief Deerwester's retirement reception. I hope everyone can stop by and thank him for his years of dedication to the safety of all of us.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Mayor Ryan

VILLAGE OF DOWNS FINANCIAL REPORT, NOVEMBER 2012

October marks the end of the sixth month into the fiscal year and the opportunity to provide a mid-year update from the Finance Department.

The slow recovery from the recession continually challenges us to monitor expenditures and find ways to reduce costs and provide services as efficiently as possible. My recommendation to create a strategic budget and planning process will help us to carefully scrutinize Village budget requests and spending patterns. This process will help us to plan, develop and establish short-term and long-term financial goals for each department.

The past six months have been historic for the Village with the completion of the sewer project. Currently we have 258 constructions completed from the 274 permits issued. Close oversight will be given to the IEPA loan repayment. Sewer loan balance is \$5,668,091.

Down's Crossing will provide new opportunities for future economic growth and development. In pursuing a new TIF district, the emphasis should be on new development. The newly reconfigured Cross Creek development will bring a new housing market and property tax monies to the TIF district.

The soon-to-be completed renovation of the Village Hall will enhance both work and meeting space, making the building ADA compliant and more accessible for citizens. A handicap parking space will be created in front of the Village Hall.

Risk Management

The Village's shift to acquiring commercial insurance with IMLRMA in 2010 continues to be a savings with premiums for liability insurance costing \$10,833.

Budgets

Over the next six months, the finance committee will closely monitor line items and work closely with departments to not exceed budgets. Currently, individual funds are within budget. Thank you to Ruth Hood and Janice Cuba for their hard work and determination to work through billing challenges associated with the sewer permit and connection process. Thank you to Village Treasurer Janice Cuba for her expertise in handling the financial complexities related to the disbursements of the sewer construction project and ongoing budgeting processes.

Submitted by Maureen Roach, Finance Trustee



VILLAGE OF DOWNS BILLING
211 S. Seminary St. PO Box 18
Downs, IL 61736
309-378-3221
Monday through Friday 8-12 noon
Contacts: Ruth Hood and Janice Cuba
Drop box for payments available 24 hours a day.



The Village Billing Office is temporarily located at the Downs Fire Department. The dropbox for payments is located at the back of the Catholic Church. **REMINDER:** The billing due date is the 15th of the month.

Water Emergencies such as no water or water leaking need to be reported to Kevin Whitehouse at 378-2137 or 319-1010. The water trustee is Mike Freimann and he can be reached at 378-1538.



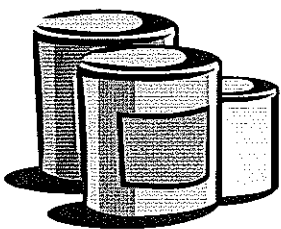
SEWER: Water service was discontinued at properties that did not respond to the November 1 deadline for making the connection to the IEPA mandated sewer system. Thank you to everyone that has made the connection and is helping the Village of Downs to be compliant with the IEPA mandate.



Garbage contact is Casali & Sons and they can be reached at 309-242-9001, or contact Mike Sumner, Garbage Trustee, at 312-550-5467. **Recycling in November** will be the 10th and 17th.



The Village Hall and Billing Office will be closed
Monday, November 12th for Veteran's Day
Thursday November 22nd and Friday November 23rd for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



VILLAGE OF DOWNS FOOD PANTRY
Hours are: November 10th 10-12 am at the Pavilion
December 8th 10-12 am at the Youth Center

Open to anyone in need.

THANK YOU TO THE TRI-VALLEY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR THEIR DONATION OF CANNED GOODS THAT WERE COLLECTED DURING HOMECOMMING WEEK.





VILLAGE OF DOWNS
WATER DEPARTMENT
APPLICATION FOR WATER SERVICE

211 S. Seminary St.
PO Box 18
Downs, IL 61736
309-378-3221

~~FEES NEEDED
WITH
APPLICATION
DEPOSIT \$100~~

Payment Dropbox
Is available at the
Village Hall
211 S. Seminary St.

Full Name _____

Spouse Name _____

Service Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Property Parcel # _____

Landline Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Date of Occupancy/Possession _____

Property Owner _____

Mailing Address _____

Contact Number _____

Cell Phone _____

Date water needed _____

Village Code Chapter 12 Section 2 TURNING ON: No water from the Village water supply shall be turned on for service to any premise by any person but the Village Water Superintendent ("Superintendent") or some person authorized by the Superintendent to perform this service. An unauthorized water turn on shall result in a **\$400 Four Hundred Dollar fine to Applicant.**

Village Code Chapter 12 Section 4 Deposit: A Deposit shall be made with each Application. The Deposit shall be retained by the Village as security to insure an Applicant's payment of all bills for water service. The amount of this Deposit shall be determined by the Village Board from time to time. When service to the Applicant is discontinued, the Deposit, less any past due or current balance owed to the Village for water service shall be refunded to Applicant without interest. **The current Deposit is \$100.**

In the event that the undersigned Applicant fails to make the required payment(s) for water service on the required date(s), an Event of Default will be deemed to have occurred on the earliest date that Applicant fails to make said payment(s). Village will allow Applicant seven (7) days from the Event of Default to cure the Default by Applicant doing one of the following: (i) tendering full payment to Village of the past due balance; or (ii) entering into an acceptable Installment Payment Agreement with Village. If Applicant fails to cure said Event of Default as provided for herein then, in addition to the assessment of late fees and disconnection of the water service, Applicant hereby consents and agrees that the Village shall be allowed to obtain a **Confession of Judgment** against Applicant in the Circuit Court of McLean County without further notice to Applicant.

By applying for water service, Applicant consents and agrees that: 1) Village can obtain said **Confession of Judgment** without extending further due process to Applicant; and 2) Village can obtain said **Confession of Judgment** for the total amount due for water service under the ordinances of the Village, less any payments previously made by Applicant, together with a **Confession of Judgment** for late fees, reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by Village in procuring said **Confession of Judgment** against Applicant.

NOTE: "Confession of Judgment" as used herein, means that in the Event of Default and failure to cure by the Applicant, as provided herein, the Village can confess a judgment against Applicant without further hearing or opportunity to dispute or object to the judgment.

Upon making application for water to be turned on at the above address, I do accept and agree to abide by all of the provisions of the Village of Downs Water Department as stated in the Code of the Village, as conditions governing the use of the Village water supply and further acknowledge, agree and accept the conditions set forth within this Application, including the **Confession of Judgment** provisions set forth herein.

Signature _____ Date _____
Applicant

Meter ID _____ Customer ID _____

Date water turned on _____

Dates used by the water billing department:

- 1st of the month: All accounts are charged for the prior month's service
- 15th-18th of the month: Meters are read
- 15th of the month: **All accounts are due in full**
- 16th of the month: Late penalties are added and shut off notices are sent out.
- 24th-26th of the month: **Shut offs will be done for non-payment**



A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HELPED WITH HALLOWEEN IN DOOLEY PARK!!!!!!

Without the volunteers that come out in numbers, we as a Village would not be able to have events like the Haunted House, hay rake rides, activities for kids, and concessions to offer at a reasonable price for families to enjoy. A few of those needing mentioned are as follows, and if I did not mention someone I should, please forgive me, it is not intentional!

Misch Excavating
Ed, John, and Caroline Carter
Peggy Stark
Shannon's Five Star Restaurant
Karen Lilienthal

Mike Sumner
Crystal and Donnie Kirk
John and Theresa Capodice
Cody McMillan
Janice and Jessica Cuba



COME JOIN THE PARK COMMITTEE AS THEY HOST A RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE FOR DAVE DEERWESTER!

WHEN: Sunday, November 11, 2012

TIME: 3:00 To 6:00 P.M.

WHERE: Downs United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Come wish Dave the best as he enters those "leisure years"! Thanks to Karen Lilienthal for all her hard work in planning and organizing this event.

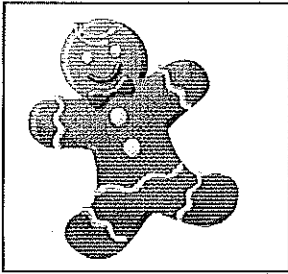


ON NOVEMBER 11TH AT 2:00, JOIN THE PARK COMMITTEE IN DOOLEY PARK FOR THEIR VETERAN'S DAY REMEMBERANCE AT VETERAN'S CORNER. STAY FOR SOME COOKIES AND PUNCH, BEFORE GOING TO DAVE'S OPEN HOUSE.



Next Park Committee Meeting is November 26th, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. at the Downs Youth Center, main agenda item is planning the calendar for 2013.





The Village of Downs will be hosting the annual **Forest Of Lights and Gingerbread House** during December, 2012.

Features: lighted outside decorations in Dooley Park, a walking path, the Gingerbread House, and these special attractions:

Candy Cane Lane where groups and families have decorated Christmas trees. You can vote for the winner in the Gingerbread house by placing a money donation in the canister marked for the tree of your choice. The tree collecting the most money in votes will receive a pizza party as their prize. The money donated will be used to offset this event.

Also, we will have the **Cancer tree** again, where you can pay \$1.00 for a personalized bow decoration to be placed on the tree. All donations will be given to the American Cancer Society.

Periodically, we will have live entertainment being performed during operating hours in the Gingerbread House. The Gingerbread House will include crafts for sale, homemade gingerbread cookies, hot chocolate and cider, and various other sweet entities.

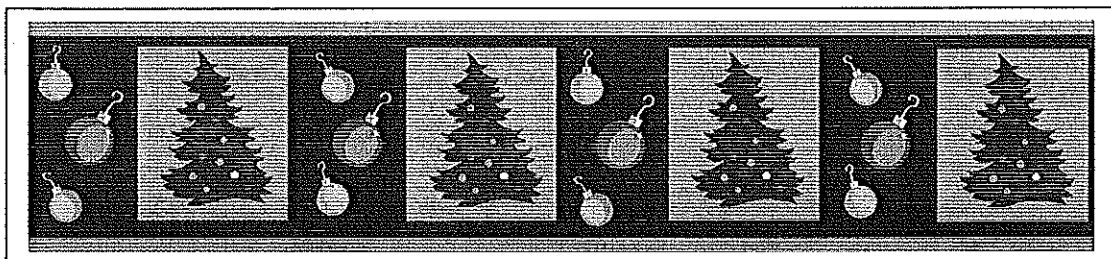
Location: Dooley Park, Downs Illinois

Times: 6:00 to 8:00, 9:00 if there are people coming through.

Schedule: Sat – Sun 12/1 and 12/2, Sat –Sun 12/8-12/9, Fri thru Sun 12/14, 12/15,12/16, Wed through Sun 12/19, 12/20, 12/21, 12/22, 12/23. Santa will be there each night we are open. You are welcome to take pictures of your children with Santa.

Donations of time or materials are always welcome and appreciated. Please contact Mary Goveia at (309) 212-0594 for information or questions.

Volunteers are needed to work the nights the Gingerbread House is open. To reserve your spot, contact Janice Cuba at 378-4500. Working the Gingerbread House is great fun. Don't miss out on the opportunity!



Thank you to all who stopped by and supported the Haunted House this year. It was a great success! This was our 2nd annual "Un Haunted House" and we had a great time again this year. This will be a continued tradition with the Downs Haunted House. A special thank you to all the li'l ghosts, goblins, princesses, zombies and superheroes, as well as moms and dads that came through, without you it wouldn't have been possible.

An enormous THANK YOU goes out to Bob Bair, for without his electrical, mechanical and physical labor our haunted house would not have been haunted! Thank you to John Dolan as well in this category, especially on the nights we were open; for keeping us on track and up and running. Only a few minor hiccups but we made it. Thank you very much for another great year!

Thank you to Ed Carter for his use of the trailer to sell hot chocolate and tickets. I know that you made many individuals very happy with the warmth of the trailer. Also, thank you for always being there when we needed the extra hands and helping out with the barricades, and all the donations you gave us.

Thank you to Ed, Travis Misch, and Mike Sumner for being our hay rack drivers every night. The hayrack ride is something that each patron looks forward to and without you guys it wouldn't be the same.

Thank you to the trailer dwellers Karen & Nicole for serving it up each night. ☺ I believe a new friendship has begun!

And to the crew: What can I say?? We have the best crew anywhere, each bringing their own "creepiness" to their character to make it unique. We saw many new faces this year which is wonderful and hope to see you again next year. Thank you to Megan, Keeley, Chase, Tyler, Joe, Jon, Jessie, Jamie, Jo, Tony, Tommy, Jacob, Hunter, Brad, Chelsea, Christina, KC, Travis, Dylan, Angie, Eric, Randy, Alissa, Dylan, Kate, Marshall, Harley, Alisha, Mackenzie, Taylor, Harley, Andrew, Mitchel, Glenda, Dave, Crystal, Vinny, Mark & Diane. A special thank you to Dan for all your help with what needed done and with your new role this year. Thank you to Steve ("Frank" or "son") who kept the crowd on their toes every night. I hope that I have listed everyone as there are so many, please forgive me if I missed anyone. This thank you goes out to everyone who helped out this year!

To Cyndi Miller, we had a blast! Thank you for always being there by my side, allowing me to vent when needed and being the one who can take my ideas and make them happen! You're a true ghoul. Can't wait until February so we can start planning for 2013! (kind of) Ha!

Thank you to Lee Osborn for the use of her driveway each year. We appreciate your kindness and Dick will be missed by many. God Bless You.

Thank you to Mary Goveia for helping me again this year with everything. I appreciate all your help everything you do for us each night.

I would also like to thank my family for allowing me to spend the past 4 months getting the haunted house ready for the season. I truly love watching the house grow each year and see our efforts bring smiles to the community's faces. Thank you for allowing me the time away.

And to the community of Downs, thank you for supporting us each year. We love what we do and will continue to do our best to make the Downs Haunted House better for you each year.

Jill Kasprzak

Downs United Methodist Church
Annual Cookie Walk



December 9, 2012
11:00 am until sold out!

TRI-VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Viking Press

TVMS News and Notes

Veterans Day Invitation 2012

Special Invitation to Local Veterans

On Friday, November 9th, Tri-Valley Middle School will host a special assembly to honor our veterans and celebrate our National Blue Ribbon School Award. We wish to formally invite any veteran in the area or who has a connection to the Tri-Valley community to come and attend. A brief description of the event is provided below. If you have any questions, please contact Doug Roberts at Tri-Valley Middle School (309-378-3414).

November 9 Veterans Day Assembly Schedule

- 9:40-9:55 Special guests arrive and will be escorted to the outdoor salute.
- 10:00-10:15 This will include a special regiment of TVMS and TVHS students and staff as they provide a 21 musket salute in military dress that will span several eras of service. After the salute, 100 balloons will be launched to celebrate our Blue Ribbon School status. After the balloon launch, we will escort veterans into the gymnasium where the ceremony will continue.
- 10:25-10:55 Patriotic song from TVMS Band
Gene Peterson, WWII veteran
Special recognition of all veterans
- 11:00-11:45 Thanksgiving meal for veterans (& spouse)



At Tri-Valley Middle School we are committed to developing students of great character! One method we employ is to bring before our entire student body targeted assemblies that address key values we wish to instill. This November 9th assembly will focus on the trait of Gratitude.

Thanksgiving Luncheon for Veterans

We are inviting all veterans to enjoy a full Thanksgiving meal with us after the assembly. The meal will include turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and dessert. We would like to show our gratitude and hope you can attend. Veterans are welcome to invite a spouse to attend lunch as well. Please contact the school at 309-378-3414 to let us know how many will be eating lunch with us. Or you can reply by email to droberts@tri-valley3.org. We would like to get an accurate count to help us know how much food to prepare. You will be served by our student council and 5th grade students (who have lunch at the same time). Lunch will run from 11:00-11:45am.



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT IN NEED OF SOME TOOLS

In order to complete the Eagle Scout Project of Village of Downs welcome signs, following are some tools that the project needs to borrow.

- chainsaw
- shovels
- axe or hatchet
- small hand shovel
- reflective construction vests

Should you have any tools that can be borrowed, please email me at benstinemates@yahoo.com



Village of Downs Phone/Email Notification Process

In order to keep the residents of the Village better informed, the Village Hall will now be able to utilize a phone notification system. This system will be used mainly to notify residents of boil orders and when they are lifted but can also be used for road closures etc... This information will still be posted on the Village website, the Tri-Valley School website, the Village Hall and on Radio Bloomington. Not all residents have internet access or check the websites daily, therefore, this system will allow us to pro-actively notify residents that WANT to be contacted by phone and/or email.

If you would like to be contacted with information regarding the Village of Downs, please complete the form below and return it to the Village Hall or email your information to downsvillagehall@hotmail.com. This information is confidential and we will utilize our best efforts so that it will not be used for any purpose other than that stated above.

Please list all phone numbers and/or email addresses you would like us to contact you at.

Name	Address	Phone Number for Notifications	Email address for notifications

Senior News:

The Seniors were entertained by a musical group at the October 17th meeting. Birthdays honored Dorothy Pulaski and Francis Walle. Mr Walle's family had a very nice reception at the Catholic church in honor of his 100th birthday. We hope he will have many more and wish him well.

Breakfast on Thursday, Nov. 1st was at Shannon's. The December breakfast on the 6th will be at CJ's.

Our annual Thanksgiving potluck will be Wednesday, Nov. 14th. Turkey and all the dressings will be provided. Come join the group. Ray & Della Prince were on the committee but Ray is having surgery that day. Pray for healing. Scott & Mary are also on the committee with Linda Bowman helping in Ray & Della's absence.

Reminder to bring goods for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.

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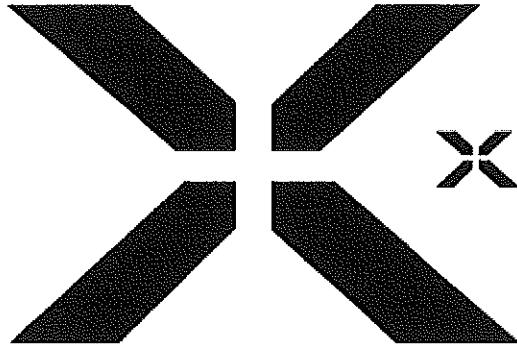
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PO BOX 18
DOWNS, IL 61736-0018

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DOWNS IL
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RESIDENT
DOWNS IL 61736

DOWNS VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Mayor	Ryan McLaughlin	261-4163
Clerk	Tammie Keener	378-1494
Treasurer	Janice Cuba	378-4500
Trustee	Maureen Roach (Finance)	378-1477
Trustee	Mary Goveia (Parks/Youth Center)	212-0594
Trustee	Mike James (Streets)	830-7374
Trustee	Mike Sumner (Police/Garbage)	312-550-5467
Trustee	Michael Freimann (Water/Sewer)	378-1538
Trustee	Paul Myszka (Building)	684-0806
Contact person for Pavilion reservations		
	Mary Goveia	212-0594
Non Emergency		Met-Com 888-5030
Emergency		Call 911