

Village Voice

2017 Hortonville Budget

The 2017 Hortonville budget includes an overall increase of 2.3% (\$34,071) over 2016. This results in a **tax rate decrease of 0.1%**. The rate decreased despite the overall increase mostly due to new development in Hortonville. The full budget is available for review at the Administration Office.

The chart to the right is a breakdown of the 2017 budget by category. Below is a summary of the primary increased expenses in the 2017 budget.

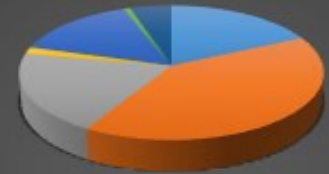
Property and liability insurance. This insurance is anticipated to increase by approximately \$8,000 in 2017. The Village budgeted for the anticipated increase while also seeking quotes in an effort to realize cost savings.

Library. While the library budget has increased, it is offset by the revenue from Outagamie Waupaca Library System (OWLS). Because the library usage has increased, so has the contribution from the library system. The Village portion of the library budget has remained the same for 2017.

Fire Protection Charge. This is a charge that is required by State law and regulated by Wisconsin's Public Service Commission (PSC). This covers the costs of the Hortonville Utility to deliver water for fighting fires. The water utility infrastructure is designed to be of sufficient capacity to provide the pressure and volume required for fire suppression. This is above what is required for normal water supply. The cost of the extra capacity is recovered through the fire protection charge. The amount of this charge is determined by the PSC and increased by approximately \$9,000 for 2017.

Gold Cross Ambulance Subsidy. 2016 was Hortonville's first year in the Gold Cross Ambulance Consortium. The first year's fee was reduced by approximately 50%. Subsequent years will be the full subsidy. The cost is affected by operating expenses and by the number of communities in the consortium. In 2016, the fee was approximately \$15,000. The fee projected for 2017 is \$28,500. This fee is charged separately from property on your tax bill (similar to garbage pickup).

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Fast Facts

- Village offices will be closed December 23 & 26 (all day), & 30 (after 11 am) and January 2
- All dogs must be licensed annually by March 31
- Christmas tree pickup January 5 & 12
- Yard waste site is for residents only!
- Senior potlucks are held 1st Mondays
- Senior parties are held 3rd Mondays
- The village is hiring crossing guards. \$30/day. Contact the Police Department for more information.



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Growing our Economy

Municipal budgets rely on several sources of revenue in addition to tax levy. These include county and state aid, permit fees, donations, interest on investments, charges for services (e.g. garbage pickup), and grants.

State law limits the amount municipalities may increase the tax levy over the previous year and restricts what services municipalities may direct charge for. At the same time, municipalities are often asked to provide more services and are required to meet state obligations (e.g. dam replacement). As costs increase while revenues near flat-line, we are challenged to increase efficiency and find other revenue to stave off reducing services.

As more communities turn to grants to fill the gaps, the grants become more competitive increasing eligibility requirements such as capital contribution, and household income thresholds. With a median household income well above that of the county, state, and nation, Hortonville is not eligible for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for public facilities, Safe Drinking Water Fund Loan Program, and the Clean Water Fund Program, to name a few. This means to sustain current service levels and maintain our infrastructure, Hortonville must grow our economy through development and seek other funding sources such as private foundations, donations, and fees for services.

The Village is committed to being fiscally responsible and utilizing the tools available to us to the extent possible. We will continue to seek ways to maximize efficiencies, promote Hortonville, and seek donations in order to grow our economy and strengthen our community.

Want to get involved in Village government? Consider running for Village trustee or president. Nomination papers are available from the village clerk and are due January 3

Backyard Chickens

Current village ordinances do not allow the raising of chickens or other fowl. To address the growing interest in backyard chickens, the village is planning on reviewing the ordinances and gathering public input on whether or not the village should amend our ordinances to allow for backyard chickens.

If the village allows chickens, it is likely that it will be restricted by zoning district and lot size.

Additional standards the village may consider include prohibiting roosters, number of chickens, coop construction, other types of fowl, etc.

We hope to complete the work during the winter so that any new regulations will be in place for the building season in 2017.

Winter Parking

From November 15th of each year until April 1st of the following year, on-street parking is not allowed between 3:00 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. except for emergency vehicles.

Snow Emergencies

If the Village has declared a snow emergency, vehicles will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.

Highway 15 Bypass Update

Governor Walker's transportation budget proposal calls for delays in several projects, including the Highway 15 bypass for one year. If passed, this would result in the bypass opening postponed to 2021. Subscribe for project updates at wisconsindot.gov/pages/projects/by-region/wis15

Public Emergency Alert Notification System

Outagamie County's public emergency alert notification system can send you notification of nearby emergencies. Alerts can be sent by text message, phone call, or email. These messages could include emergency evacuation notices, public safety notifications, hazardous chemical emergencies in your area, and weather alerts issued by the National Weather service through this system. To subscribe to the notification system, register at alerts5.athoc.com/SelfService/3949039/Register

Hortonville Safe Room

The Hortonville Police Department has a safe room that is accessible to the public 24/7/365. The room serves as the lobby to the police department and is accessible from the hallway of the Municipal Services Center. Once inside, there is an emergency button that may be activated, locking the entrance. The room is accessible after hours through the west entrance of the municipal building (near the Internet Purchase Exchange Location sign).

Internet Purchase Exchange Site

Avoid scams and dangerous situations—use the village's exchange zone for purchases through Craigslist, etc. The site has overhead lights and a surveillance camera and is located at the municipal center near the police department entrance.

Strong Bones Program in Hortonville

The Strong Bones Program is a 16-week strength training program for middle-aged to older adults. Strength training improves bone density, reduces falls, improves arthritis symptoms, increases flexibility and improves mood and attitude! Tuesday and Thursday classes starting January 10th, 11 am-12pm at the Hortonville Community Center. Suggested donation of \$25 for the 16 week session. Sponsored by the Aging and Disability Resource Center and the Village of Hortonville. For more information or to register, contact Nancy Krueger nkrueger@vpind.com or (920) 740-9572.

Weed Harvesting on Black Otter Lake in 2017

The district is applying for a DNR permit for expanded weed harvesting for 2017. If you are a shoreline property owner and would like weed cutting by your shore, contact Al Habeck (779-4736 or 51arh@charter.net) before February 15th to be included in the permit application.

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING
Treat someone (or yourself) with a Y membership this holiday!
When you join between December 5, 2016-January 5, 2017, we will WAIVE YOUR JOINER FEE.
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Donated time and expertise towards Memorial Square.



Donating materials for a bench swing to be installed at Black Otter Park.



A computer rendering of Memorial Square. Some features will not be exactly as pictured.

Memorial Square

Thanks to a generous donation from a Hortonville resident in memory of Jason Quinn, the combination wall, planter, bench, and sign construction is underway. MidCon Products is constructing the precast concrete of the wall/planter/bench/sign at cost. Holly of Whistler's Knoll is donating time and expertise as a Master Gardener to design and plant the flower bed in the planter. Polar Bear Enterprises have donated their time and expertise by designing a custom bike rack for the square.

Construction of the components of Memorial Square will progress as funding allows. The Village will continue to seek foundation awards and donations (cash, material, and services) for Memorial Square.

If you are considering a donation towards Memorial Square, the downtown AED safety station, or another project, contact us!

Fire District Improves Community Public Protection Classification

Contact your insurance carrier - you may get a premium reduction!

Public Protection Classification ranges from 1 to 10. Class 1 generally represents superior property fire protection, and Class 10 indicates that the fire-suppression program does not meet minimum criteria. Communities with an improved PPC may get lower insurance rates.

Hortonville was recently classified a 4 PPC. Your insurance carrier may not automatically account for the improved rating, so check with your carrier!

Thank you Hortonville Hortonville Fire District and our firefighters! And the Town of Hortonville and Village of Hortonville residents who provide funding for the district.

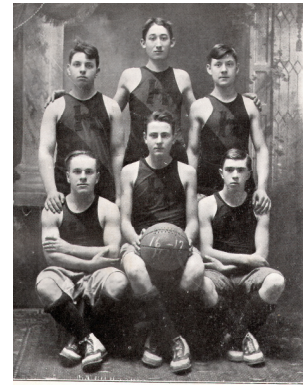
Hortonville means Hustle!

Quotation from 1917 Hortonian yearbook

Before a high school gymnasium was built, Hortonville High School athletic events were held at the Hortonville Opera House. Before modern heating was added, the building was difficult to heat. Due to the colder temperature, a newspaper reporter referred to the Hortonville teams as the “Polar Bears”.

In the early 1920’s, all basketball teams traveled by train or sleigh. When a Hortonville team played an away game, students from other teams would take a Hortonville player home to stay with them overnight and vice versa. Boys and girls basketball teams would play on the same night. Hortonville’s home games usually hosted a dance to entertain the visiting team after each game; all held at the Hortonville Opera House.

The 1916-17 Hortonville High School boys and girls basketball teams:
Boys – (back) Carroll, Oelke, Dabareiner , (front) Collar, Bauernfiend, Hawk
Girls – (back) Ruppel, Collar, Diestler, (front) Steffen, Carroll, Schulz, McNutt



CARROLL OELKE DABAREINER CAPT.
COLLAR BAUERNFIEND HAWK



RUPPEL CAPT. COLLAR DIESTLER
STEFFEN CARROLL SCHULZ MCNUTT

Do you have Hortonville history to share? Contact the Hortonville Historical Society at hortonvillehistory@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook!



Downtown Hortonville

The Village is working with East Central Regional Planning Commission to develop a zoning code specific to the downtown.

The current zoning code does not differentiate between downtown commercial and outlying commercial areas. We feel this does not serve the vision for our downtown because it does not address the historical character or mixed use of the downtown.

With the goal of achieving the vision of our downtown, the village has assembled a task force made up of representatives of Historic Preservation Committee and Planning and Zoning Commission. We are still seeking citizen and/or business representatives to serve on the task force.

The theme for the district is developing around walkability, pedestrian friendly, family-friendly, and capitalizing on Black Otter Lake and the downtown history.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, 6-7:30 pm in the lower level of the Opera House. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend and participate!

If you are interested in serving on the task force, email us at admin@vohortonville.com.



The Reading Corner

A Letter from the New Director

Thank you all so much for welcoming me as your new director at the Hortonville Public Library! I am very honored to take on this new role and very excited to bring my talents to the library and to my hometown. As some of you know, I grew up in Hortonville and was a graduate of Hortonville High School, so the chance to make an impact on this community through the library is a dream job for me. With the help of the wonderful staff I have to work with, I look forward to implementing a new vision for the Hortonville Public Library's future. This new vision will involve increased regular programming for all ages, a collection development policy based on the Hortonville community's desires, and a new level of community outreach. After all, libraries are servants of their communities and our goal is to serve Hortonville and its neighbors by fulfilling the informational, recreational, and social needs of those communities.

Some changes you may have already witnessed in the library or will find in this newsletter. We have placed Carolyn's wishing well by the library doors and are taking requests for item purchases (also known as wishlist items) that are dropped in the wishing well. We have also moved the hold items behind the counter to encourage stronger relationships between our staff and patrons, freeing up the bookcases in the front of the library for a rotating display. This display currently holds Christmas-themed titles; come and see! As you'll notice to the right, our hours will be changing with the new year to better serve you. We will be opening at 10am instead of 9am and staying open later so that patrons who work late or have after school activities can still make it to the library regularly. We also have many new programs that will be starting in 2017 listed on the next page. We are very excited about these changes and hope you are too!

Enclosed with this newsletter, you will find a survey seeking your views on what areas of the collection you think we should expand, as well as what types of new programs you would be most excited to attend. Please complete the survey and either mail it or drop it off at the library. If you include your contact information, we will even enter you in a prize drawing! Thank you in advance for your thoughts; they are very valuable and will be used to guide the library as we move forward with our new vision.

Thank you all once again for welcoming me! I look forward to serving this community for many years to come.

Rachel M. Martens

Library Hours 2016

Monday	9-6
Tuesday.....	9-7
Wednesday.....	9-6
Thursday.....	9-6
Friday	7-5
Saturday.....	9-12
Sunday.....	Closed

The library will be closed on:

Friday December 23rd, 2016

Saturday December 24th, 2016

Monday December 26th, 2016

Friday December 30th, 2016

Saturday December 31st, 2016

Monday January 2nd, 2017

Please note that our hours will change on January 3rd, 2017

to better serve you.

Library Hours 2017

Monday	10-8
Tuesday.....	10-8
Wednesday.....	10-8
Thursday.....	10-8
Friday	10-6
Saturday.....	10-3



The library now has complimentary coffee and hot water! Come settle in with a book and a hot beverage. We accept voluntary donations of cash





December Programs

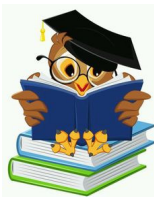
Rhythms, Rhymes & Read: Our weekly Rhythms, Rhymes & Read program **WILL NOT** take place in the month of December due to the many holiday events we know you have to attend. The program will resume at 10:30am on January 18th, 2017.

Character Storytime: On Wednesday December 28th we will have two very magical Storytime programs hosted by two regal guests! These book-loving princesses will be at the Community Center for Storytimes starting at 10am and 1pm. Everyone will get a chance to meet the princesses, but you are welcome to call the library to reserve seats. You are also welcome to come dressed as your favorite fairytale character!



2017 Programs for Children

Storytime Adventures is an opportunity for children to learn and explore through stories, games, experiments, and more. For January we will have a winter theme which will include talking about what makes snow. Storytime Adventures is designed for children getting ready for school or who have recently started school, generally ages 3-5. The program will take place Fridays at 10:15 am starting January 13th.



Rhythm, Rhymes, and Read features stories, songs, movement, and more! The program is designed to meet the developmental and early literacy needs of children who are building vocabularies, learning about the world, and meeting new friends, generally ages 2-3. The program will take place at 10:30 am on Wednesdays starting January 18th.



Early Release Drop-In features board games, crafts, and other activities for children of all ages to enjoy when school lets out on early release days. Keri, our pre-k through middle-grade librarian, will meet the kids at the crosswalk to help them cross the street from school to the library. The program will take place Wednesday February 8th.

2017 Programs for Teens & Adults

Tame Your Tech Tuesdays will occur on the second Tuesday of the month starting January 10th. Call or stop in to schedule a time to meet with our resident technical services expert, Rebecca, and get her assistance with your unruly technology. Half-hour appointments are available from 4:30pm to 7pm.



Wednesday Night Rotating Programs will start on January 11th and take place every Wednesday from 6-7:30pm. Each Wednesday will be a different program geared towards adults with each program meeting once a month. Programs may include a book club, a knitting club, or a writing workshop. Join us on January 11th to help guide this exciting program!

Tourist in Your Own Town meets on the second Thursday of each month from 10-12pm to explore at least one Hortonville location. On January 12th, we will meet at the wastewater treatment plant at 521 W. Cedar St. for a tour of the new facility and to learn about its cost-effective, environmentally friendly, anaerobic, single basin water cleaning process.

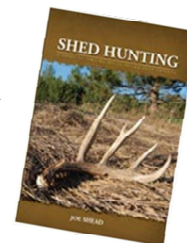
Friends of the Library Book Club is a monthly book club hosted by the Friends of the Hortonville Library every third Thursday of the month starting January 19th at 4:30pm. Come prepared to discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Get your copy at the library!



Homeschool Meeting Group is an open group for homeschooling families that will meet at the library every third Thursday of the month starting January 19th at 2pm.

The group is an opportunity to socialize with other homeschooling families, discuss strategies, and share experiences. Join us!

Shed-Hunting with Joe Shead is a special program for outdoor enthusiasts looking to learn about shed-hunting: collecting antlers as they are shed by deer. Joe will teach you how to hunt for antlers, and talk about his experiences shed-hunting across the country. The program will take place Saturday February 4th at 1pm.



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- Justin Ross
- Andrew Kizewski
- John Stephens
- Christopher Vaubel

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