



## New Municipal Services Center Open House Ceremony Held September 4, 2014

### **Village President Andrew Gitter speaking:**

*We will begin this ceremony with the Presentation of the Colors by American Legion Post 55. Please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*I am joined here today by Administrator Patrick Vaile, Director of Public Works Carl McCrary, Police Chief Michael Sullivan, Village Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Mischker, Library Director Carolyn Habeck, Village Attorney Bob Sorenson, and a number of other Village Staff members. With me are fellow Board members Traci Martens, Jeff Schuh, Al Habeck, and Dawn Vollbrecht.*

*We are honored to have with us today: Outagamie County Executive Tom Nelson, Senator Robert Cowles, WI Department of Administration Director MaryAnn Lippert, Mark Rahmlow, Field Rep for Reid Ribble, Camille Solberg and Tawsif Anam, representing U.S. Senator Ron Johnson, Dr. Heidi Schmidt, District Administrator for the Hortonville Area School District, Bill Jartz, Action 2 News, and Fox West Chamber of Commerce President Lance Schmidt.*

*We further recognize and thank the Friends of the Hortonville Library, and staff from Keller Inc., Kunkel Engineering Group, Emmons Business Interiors and Blue Design Group, who have all worked on this project.*

*Today marks a major milestone as we commemorate the new Municipal Services Center. The Village of Hortonville was incorporated on August 11, 1894. As of August 11th of this year, we are celebrating 120 years as a Village. Early board meetings were held in the general assembly room inside of Gitters saloon. This is the first time in those 120 years that a new facility was constructed for the Village departments and functions housed in this building.*

*Our community was founded by Alonzo Horton who purchased land and moved here in 1848. Horton went on to*

*found San Diego CA. The land that we stand on today was part of the Rynders family for many years. The apparatus that you see out front was a stone crusher used by the Rynders family as part of a concrete block manufacturing operation on this property many years ago. A plaque will be added helping to tell this story.*

*On February 18th of 2013, the residents of this Village voted to replace the aging library, police and court building, boardroom, and administrative offices with one new facility that includes a community center. This new municipal center serves as a central gathering place, and gives Hortonville an identity, helping to define who we are as a community.*

*I would like to thank fellow Board members and Village staff, along with all of the contracted firms mentioned earlier, for all your hard work in creating a facility this community can be proud of. On behalf of the Village Board and staff, I would like to give special thanks to Ann Holz from Emmons Business Interiors, who went over and above the call on this project. Ann is a Hortonville resident who put her heart and soul into the interior and exterior design of this project - everything from the color coordination and material specifications to the coordination of all furniture and furnishings and the moving of departments into the new facility. Ann saved this community a significant amount of money allowing us to stay within budget.*

*We also give special thanks to: Carl McCrary, Director of Public Works, who served as project manager for the Village, Joe Peikert and Wolf River Community Bank, Tom-Cin Metals for the fabrication of equipment used in the Police Department, Hortonville resident Darlene Bosin for donating funds used to purchase appliances and outfit the catering kitchen and for the purchase of the flagpole, Dennis O'Brien for making the beautiful signs located near the main entrances, Lu Visocky, Village Employee and owner of Foxglove Farms, for donating her landscaping expertise, John Faucher, Press Star, for the excellent coverage for this event. And lastly, but most importantly, I would also like to thank the residents of this community. Without your support and trust, this would not have been possible.*

*We will conclude this ceremony with the traditional ribbon cutting. I would ask all Village staff to join me in the cutting of the ribbon. Immediately following this, we ask that you please join us in the taking of a panoramic photo that will be used to commemorate this event. This will be followed by tours of our new building. Other items available here; brat fry by the Friends of the Library, finger food and refreshments inside, an art demonstration, a display of historical memorabilia, and kid's activities. The open house continues this afternoon and tomorrow. At 5:00 p.m. this afternoon there will be an official dedication of the Hortonville Community Center to the residents and taxpayers of the Village.*

*Thank you all for coming.*



## **GILBERT'S SENTRY FOODS**

Gilbert's Sentry Foods is under construction in Hortonville and will open soon. The Gilberts currently operate in a smaller, leased location at 326 South Nash Street as Gilbert's SuperValu. The grocery store is relocating, growing to fit the needs of the community, and opening as a Sentry Foods.

The new store is located on East Main Street (State 15) east of Warner Street. You will see construction trucks, a new building, and a new parking lot marking the location. Gilbert's Sentry Foods will be a 20,000 square foot full-line grocery store at a cost of \$3 million on a three acre lot acquired from the Village. The store is scheduled to open in early November.

Owners Tammy and Leroy Gilbert, Jr. opened their current store in Hortonville 11 years ago and also own Butch's SuperValu in Antigo. Tammy Gilbert said that opening the new store is a solid investment for the family, including her son Jeff who manages the Hortonville store. The new store will have greater visibility and will be owned rather than rented. Tammy said that Hortonville is a very nice family-oriented community that has grown by over 400 people since they opened the current store.



## **GROCERY STORE HISTORY**

As Gilberts gets ready to move into their new facility, let's take a look back at Jim Huss and his family, who began the grocery store in its current location. Jim was living in Freedom WI and was the manager of the Appleton Piggly Wiggly stores. In 1967 he bought the land on South Nash Street in Hortonville, removed what was left of the old mill

buildings, and opened Huss's Lakeside Foods in January of 1968. Jim and family quickly became a part of our community. Generations of Hortonville families have worked at the grocery store at that location over the years. Jim was very generous and giving to the community. Jim told of the time they started Little League baseball in Hortonville, and he bought the hats for all six teams the first year. Jim has always had a big heart; he often let families buy groceries on credit and pay a little at a time as they could afford. The much needed grocery store has become an iconic part of our community. After Jim's retirement, he could have easily sold the building and moved on, but he was committed to maintaining a grocery store in Hortonville. With that, he took steps with the new tenants, Bob's Lakeside Foods and then Gilbert's SuperValu, to ensure its continued operation. Jim said there couldn't be a better place to live and raise a family. We thank Jim for all he has done throughout the years. Jim, you have left an indelible footprint on our community.



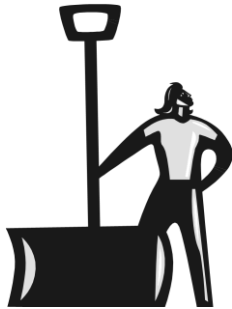
## **BLACK OTTER LAKE DISTRICT**

Hello residents of the Black Otter Lake District. The Lake District is looking for residents who would be willing to be a member of the board. A vacancy has opened up since a member will be leaving for personal reasons as soon as someone from the district comes forward to fill this position. If you would be interested in being on the board please contact either Matt Schroeder or Al Habeck. Matt's e-mail is [schrom66@gmail.com](mailto:schrom66@gmail.com) and Al's is [51arh@charter.net](mailto:51arh@charter.net). We also have committee positions available which meet only one or two times per year. At our September meeting we will be scheduling quarterly meetings rather than the monthly meeting we had been having. We will be meeting 4 times per year unless there is a need for a special meeting. This is an opportunity for anyone that would like to see firsthand what the Lake District is doing to improve the lake. Anyone interested in helping our community please let either Matt or Al know that you are interested in being on the Lake District board. Thank you.



## WINTER PARKING

Hortonville's **winter parking regulations** take effect on December 1st. No parking is allowed on any street between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from December 1st through March 31st. In instances where the Village has declared a snow emergency, vehicles will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. If you have an emergency parking consideration, please call the Hortonville Police Department at 779-6165 with your request.



## ICE BUILDUP ON SIDEWALKS

Property owners are reminded that they are responsible for the **shoveling and deicing of sidewalks** bordering their properties within 24 hours of a completed snowfall. Now is the time to think about preventing ice buildup on the sidewalk in front of your residence. The melting and freezing of water that ponds on the sidewalk can be prevented with a little maintenance. By using an edger in the Fall and cutting back the grass that grows over the edge of the sidewalk, the water has a chance to flow off the sidewalk before freezing. The terrace area between the sidewalk and curb may also need some attention if it has built up over the years with dirt and doesn't allow the water to flow towards the curb and gutter. Remember, it is the resident's responsibility to keep the sidewalks free of snow and ice and with a little maintenance now a troublesome sidewalk can be avoided in the winter.

Also, Village ordinance prohibits the plowing or dumping of snow on any public street, alley, public property, or upon the property of another, without the express permission of the property owner.



## FIRE HYDRANT ACCESS

This is a reminder to residents who have a fire hydrant in front of their property. Landscaping or signs shall not be placed within a 3 foot perimeter so as not to impede fire protection personnel. Also, the Village would appreciate resident's efforts in keeping the hydrants cleared of snow during the winter months.



## FORECLOSURES

### AND UNATTENDED PROPERTIES

If you are vacating a property for an extended period of time or know of a vacated property, please notify the Village Water Utility at 779-6011.

Hortonville Water and Sewer Utility would like to be informed of any vacancies so that the water service can be turned off at the street. This will help minimize any property damage in the event any interior piping should freeze and burst.



## GOING AWAY FROM YOUR HOME THIS WINTER?

If you are planning a vacation this winter or will be gone from your home for an extended period, you may want to contact the Village office regarding trickling your water to avoid service interruption due to a frozen service lateral. When you are away from your home the water is not moving through the lateral thereby becoming more susceptible to freezing. Follow these easy steps:

1. Leaving your home for a week or more.
2. Call the Village office at 779-6011 (Lisa).
3. If it is determined that you need to trickle (leave a faucet on with the stream being the size of a pencil), we will advise you.
4. Read your water meter.
5. When you come back from vacation, read your meter and call Lisa at the Village office.
6. You will receive a credit for the water & sewer that was trickled.