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JRBs, TIFs and TIDs

Excerpted from Wisconsin Department of Revenue fact sheet Wisconsin Tax Incremental Financing Joint Review Board Information.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is a financing tool available to local governing bodies to encourage economic development that would not occur without public assistance. It's a partnership between the taxing jurisdictions allowing municipalities to invest in infrastructure and other project improvements. These investments are funded by collecting property tax revenue from the newly developed property. As property values rise, the property tax paid on that development is used by the municipality to pay for the eligible project costs. After the project costs are paid off, the TID is closed and the whole value of the expanded tax base is shared by the municipality, school, county, and technical college.

Tax Incremental Districts (TID) are contiguous geographical area within a municipality consisting solely of whole property units assessed for general property tax purposes. The municipality must declare a TID type in its municipal resolution where projects are identified to encourage and facilitate the desired development.

Joint Review Board (JRB) members represent a taxing jurisdiction (municipal, county, school, technical college) and have the responsibility to approve, deny, or amend a Tax Incremental District (TID). If the JRB approves the TID, it viewed or heard convincing evidence of the vital need for TIF assistance to make the development a reality. The JRB jurisdictions are agreeing to sacrifice some amount of tax revenue for many years into the future.

If you'd like to view Hortonville's TID plans and maps, stop by the Municipal Services center.

TIDs – How They Work

Each of the taxing jurisdictions (municipality, school, county, technical college) agree to forgo their share of the taxes generated from the property in the TID. Instead, the taxes generated are invested back into the TID in the form of projects that encourage growth or redevelopment in the TID. Examples of investments include development incentives, infrastructure projects, and revolving loan programs.

When a TID is "closed", the taxes generated in the TID are once again distributed to the taxing jurisdictions. This happens at the end of the life of the TID (usually set at 27 years) or sooner if the TID is successful and has fully developed and all projects completed.

So why would a taxing jurisdiction agree to this? Because the investment usually results in higher assessment value and therefore more tax revenue that would not have occurred without the TID.

FROM THE LAKE

By Al Habeck, BOLD chairman

There have been questions about the weed harvesting. We did a plant survey this year and needed to wait until that was finished before we could start. The survey is now complete and harvesting will be starting the week of June 26th. We will be starting with the main lanes in the lake first as the areas to be done by the DASH people has not been set yet. When that is set we can cut the areas asked for by the lake residents. For those that are wondering why we are working out of Black Otter Park this year, it is because the hardware store is putting in a dock for the rental of canoes and kayaks and asked us not to use the same area as past years. Remember that the annual meeting is the last Monday in August. We will be looking for a new board member as Emily Heeg will be stepping down this year. Any lake district resident that would be interested in being on the board please let me know at 51arh@charter.net.

Fiscal Year 2016 Audit

A financial audit is defined as a 3rd party examination of a company's financial records and reporting activities. An audit provides the highest level of assurance on an organization's financial statements. An audit is a systematic examination and verification of a firm's books of account, transaction records, other relevant documents, and physical inspection of inventory.

Hortonville is audited annually. The auditors from Kerber Rose Certified Accountants conducted their field work for the 2016 audit at the Village offices March 8-10, 2017. While it takes months to compile the results into the village's financial statements, the auditors were able to immediately share the initial findings.

The examination of the village finances found "nothing alarming" and "nothing unusual". They did make some recommendations for process improvements. These include bank reconciliation frequency, payroll liability management, segregation of duties, and cash concentration.

Some of these suggestions had already been implemented by the Village during the year, but were not reflected in the audit results because they had not been in place for the full year. Other process improvements such as concentration of cash and payroll liability management will be implemented in 2017.

All Village financial statements are public documents and available upon request.

OKTOBERFEST 2017

The 6th Annual Hortonville OKTOBERFEST will be held on Saturday, September 16th in Alonzo Park in Hortonville. This is a venue change from previous years when the event was held on Nash Street in the parking lots of Donaldson's and Brick's Hardware.

The event kicks off at 10:00 a.m. and runs until 11:00 p.m. There will be Artisan and Independent Marketer vendors, kids games, seven different inflatables, The Great Harvest Pie Bake-Off with cash prizes, German food, German and Domestic beers, apple pie eating contest with cash prizes, farm animals and the pumpkin train.

Inflatable wristbands will be sold for \$10.00 which are good for the inflatables only all day. There will be Polka music from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and the rock band "The Bomb" playing from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Ample parking is available in the east field adjacent to the park and additional parking available in Black Otter Park to the west. Entry blanks for The Great Harvest Pie Bake-Off are available at Donaldson's and the public library in Hortonville as well as Bulk Foods Store in Greenville.

NEW DOWNTOWN HORTONVILLE ASSOCIATION

The Village of Hortonville is gauging the interest level of businesses and residents in forming a Downtown Association that is interested in promoting and beautifying our quaint downtown.

The Village will continue revitalization efforts of the downtown through future use of revolving loan funds for physical development, marketing efforts, and the establishment of a downtown zoning district. But we need help through participation and involvement of our residents and businesses!

Resources available to the proposed group include: UW-Extension Community Development Agent who is willing to work with the group to get organized.

Wisconsin Connect Communities Main Street program - the village currently participates in the program, which provides resources to local downtown districts.

FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS

Village employees will be flushing hydrants.

Tuesday, September 12th: All areas NORTH of Main Street, State Highway 15, to the Village limits.

Wednesday, September 13th: All areas SOUTH of Main Street, State Highway 15, to the Village limits.

Thursday, September 14th: All areas that may be incomplete from the previous days.

If you notice employees flushing in your area, DO NOT run your water until they have left the area.

If you notice discolored **cold water** in your home, DO NOT run any hot water until your cold water is clear.

If you notice discolored **hot water**, you should flush your water heater. There is a connection for a garden hose on the bottom of most water heaters to clean any build up from the hot water tank.

Flushing ensures the proper operation of all hydrants and also removes any loose scale accumulation from inside the water mains. Slightly discolored water may appear in your home; **this does not mean your water is unsafe to drink**. If discolored water continues to be a problem, please call the Village office at 779-6011 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

FREE TIRE DROP-OFF WEEK

September 11-15, 2017

VILLAGE RESIDENTS ONLY - This program is for residential use only - NO BUSINESSES. Tires that are 18" or less will be accepted (rims are okay). The limit is four (4) tires per household. Please drop tires off at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 521 W. Cedar Street. There will be a designated area at the treatment plant for drop-off between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Do not mow grass into the street!

When you are mowing or mulching grass, or blowing or raking up leaves, please keep them out of the street. Grass clippings and leaves flow down the gutter during a rain and eventually plug catch basins.

You may receive a fine if you are found to have blown grass or leaves into the street.



Public welcome September 16th! This is a non-competitive run/walk to help raise money for recreation equipment for the new Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The run will start at the current church location, 203 N. Nash Street, go out to the new church location and end back where we started. Fun, food, and a raffle will take place after the run in the church parking lot. Registration can be done online or by mail.

Fee: Kid's Run/\$5 – Adults/\$20
\$50 per family (immediate members only)

For more information please visit: www.bethlehem-wels.com and click on the Dash Down Nash tab.

Participants must be signed up by August 26th to be guaranteed a shirt!



50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Grand View Golf Club is celebrating its 50 year anniversary on Saturday, August 26th. Golf specials all day. Festivities start at 3:00 p.m. - chicken and corn roast, music, games and prizes.

We hope the whole community can join us for this fun event!



Fats, Oils, and Grease are naturally produced during cooking and baking.

Common sources of FOG include:

- Meat fats
- Lard
- Shortening
- Butter
- Margarine
- Fatty/greasy food scraps
- Baked goods and pastries
- Cream-based sauces
- Cooking oil
- Oily salad dressing

DO NOT PUT ANY OF THESE ITEMS DOWN THE DRAIN!!!!!!

When fats, oils, and grease (FOG) are put down your drain they can cause many problems further down the sewer pipe. Liquefied grease and fat from animal products will solidify and clog pipes much like a clog in a human artery. Liquid oils can also coat pipes and contribute to blockages. Blockages may cause a sewage backup into your home, resulting in expensive clean-up costs and repairs to your sewer pipes, home and belongings. Blockages may also trigger an overflow or backup of sewage into streets or waterways creating a public health risk and threatening the environment.

YOU CAN HELP! PLEASE DO NOT DISPOSE OF ANY COOKING OILS OR GREASE DOWN THE DRAIN

By following the guidelines below you may avoid sewer overflows, backups, and costly repairs:

- Pour all cooled cooking fats, oils and grease that will harden (bacon grease, meat drippings) into a waxed food container such as a milk carton or container with a lid and dispose of it in the garbage.
- Wipe down greasy pots, pans or dishes with a paper towel before washing. Dispose of the paper towel in the garbage.
- Scrape greasy food scraps from pots, pans, and dishes into the garbage, not a garbage disposal.
- Do not wash grease down the drain or garbage disposal!

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

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Public Works Department

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Municipal Court

- 779-9542
1st and 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 6PM
Norbert Dallman, Municipal Judge

Library

Rachel Honzik, Director - 779-4279

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