

April, 2023

The Junction City Water and Sewer utility appreciates your timely payment of these quarterly utility bills. The utility bill financial assistance program that the Village is part of is still available as well as an energy assistance program component for those that qualify. Contact information is Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) 833-426-9472. Utility payments may be mailed to PO Box 93, Junction City, WI (as stated on the water bill) or PayClix (as stated on the bill) or in the utility drop box at the rear of the former US Bank building at 972 Main Street or given to a Village employee.

Thus going forward with this utility bill, all bills not paid in full by May 18, 2023 will be disconnected from service on May 22, 2023 without exception and without further notice including a \$25.00 to \$50.00 re-connection fee. **(This constitutes your formal written notice for disconnection on May 22, 2023).**

State law and Portage County and Village ordinances **require all dogs to be licensed**, and that rabies vaccinations be current. The owner of any dog more than 5 months of age on January 1-- or within the license year – must obtain a license for that dog. There is a mandatory late fee if you failed to obtain a license by April 1 or after 30 days of ownership of a new, unlicensed dog. **The citation for owners of unlicensed dogs costs between \$169.00 and \$263.50.** Contact Nancy Steuck, Village Treasurer, 715-457-2610, for more information.

The April 4th local election re-elected Peter Mallek, president, Betty Bruski Mallek, clerk, Nancy Steuck, treasurer and Brad Wiernik, trustee. Alex Peden was newly elected trustee replacing the retiring trustee Emil Pavelski. Emil has served the residents of the Village on the Village board both as president and trustee for over 40 years. His dedication to the betterment of the Village and its residents will be greatly missed and we wish him well in retirement from public service.

The Village board recently voted to raise the base rate for sewer service effective July 1, 2023. This was necessary to bring the sewer utility operations into the black as the rate wasn't adjusted in the last 20 years or longer. The increase amounts to \$12.25 per month for each utility customer. The Village recently held a public hearing explaining a potential water and sewer utility rehabilitation and improvement project totaling an estimated \$2.7 million dollars according to a preliminary engineering report. We are actively seeking the availability of grants and low interest loans to cover the costs to determine the scope and extent of the project. This is an effort to bring the utilities into compliance with our DNR permits thus minimizing or avoiding future fines for non-compliance with our permits.

Portage County is leading an effort to update municipality comprehensive plans across the county. Alex Peden has agreed to represent the Village on the steering committee to further its effort. A comprehensive plan is a local government's guide to community, physical, social, and economic development.

Park lodge remodeling is in progress and should be completed by the end of April. Check with AJ Czlapinski @ 715-457-2958 for lodge and pavilion rentals. Note the enclosed information on the Village wide rummage sale on Saturday, June 3rd.

For any questions or comments contact any board member or attend a Village Board meeting (the second Monday of the month) at the Village Hall at 7 p.m.

Village of Junction City contacts:

Peter Mallek, President	715-457-2353		
John Spreda, Trustee	715-457-6179	Craig Vitort, Trustee	715-457-2692
Alex Peden, Trustee	715-340-6448	Brad Wiernik, Trustee	715-457-2008

Lost/stray dogs: The Village contracts with the South Wood County Humane Society, 715-423-0505

Lodge/pavilion rentals: Call AJ Czapinski 715-457-2958

Garbage/ Recycling Pick-up: Contact Waste Management Customer Service 1-888-960-0008