



Harrison Village Hall
W5298 State Hwy 114
Harrison, WI 54952

SPRING ELECTION – Tuesday, April 2, 2024

The Village of Harrison now has 2 polling locations based on ward numbers:

1. **Village Hall** (wards 10, 11, 12, 14) 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, W5298 State Rd 114, Menasha.
 2. **Christ the Rock Church** (wards 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13) 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, W6254 US-10/114, Menasha.
- Further polling location information may be found on myvote.wi.gov.

Village Board Contest: Voters have the opportunity to vote for up to 3 Village Trustees. The candidates are Scott Handschke*, Joseph W. Mueller, Mark Van Hefty*, Mike Brantmeier*, and Pete Stier. (*incumbent)

Sample Ballots: Sample ballots may be viewed at myvote.wi.gov, Harrison-wi.org, and at the Village Hall.

(The following are general guidelines. For complete guidelines/exceptions visit myvote.wi.gov or contact the Village Clerk)

Voter Registration: New voters or voters who have changed their name or address must update their voter registration.

- If the voter's information is current on the Wisconsin DMV database voters may register or update online at myvote.wi.gov. **Voters may NOT register or vote the day before an election.**
- Forms to register or update information are available on the "Election" page on Harrison-wi.org and at the Village Hall.
- Voters need to provide the following:
 1. State of Wisconsin driver's license or State of Wisconsin ID card **AND**
 2. Proof of residency showing your current name & address (recent bank statement, utility bill, etc.)
- Deadline to register online or by mail is Wednesday, March 13, 2024. Deadline to register at the Clerk's Office is 5:00 pm on Friday, March 29, 2024.

Absentee Voting:

- If voting absentee by mail, confirm the certificate envelope has your signature, the witness's signature, and witness's full address.
- Absentee ballots **must** be returned by the VOTER or by US Mail. **Do not use the drop box!**
- In-person absentee voting will be in the Village Hall, weekdays as follows:

Village Hall In-person Absentee Voting Schedule (early voting)

MONDAY 3/18	TUESDAY 3/19	WEDNESDAY 3/20	THURSDAY 3/21	FRIDAY 3/22
Not Available	7:30 am - 4:00 pm	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	7:30 am - 4:00 pm	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
MONDAY 3/25	TUESDAY 3/26	WEDNESDAY 3/27	THURSDAY 3/28	FRIDAY 3/29
Appointment Only	7:30 am - 4:00 pm	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	7:30 am - 4:00 pm	Not Available

HARRISON'S ELECTRONIC RECYCLING PROGRAM



Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
 Location: Village Hall - W5298 Hwy 114

Residents **MUST** check in at the Village Office
 This program is open to **Harrison** residents only.

Accept

- Adding Machines/Calculators
- Answering Machines
- Computers
- Cameras/Camcorders
- Cellphones
- DVD & VCR Players
- Copier/Printer/Scanner
- Fax Machines
- Game Consoles
- Laptops
- Microwaves
- Modems
- Monitors
- Shredders
- Stereos
- Tablets
- Telephones
- Toasters
- TV's
- Vacuums

Do Not Accept

- Air conditioners
- Batteries
- Blenders
- Bulbs/Lamps
- Coffee Makers
- Dehumidifier/Humidifier
- Fans
- Smoke Detectors/Fire Alarms
- Stoves/Ovens
- Washers/Dryers

Questions: (920) 989-1062 x 0 or programassistant@harrison-wi.org

BULKY WASTE

Items that do not fit in your garbage cart are considered bulky waste. Harrison residents have two main options to dispose of bulky items.

1. Purchase a sticker at the Village Hall, Mon - Fri 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Guidelines:

- Bulky items are collected on the 3rd Friday of the month by our contracted hauler, GFL Environmental.
- Each item requires a separate sticker.
- Fees: \$50.00/item • \$25.00 for each additional item • \$75.00/Freon item.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Hazardous materials may pose a threat to human health and the environment. Materials may be labeled flammable, poisonous, corrosive, or reactive.

Registration is required at www.CalumetRecycles.com or call (920) 849-1442.

Spring Dates:

Saturday | April 20 | 9-11 am
Harrison Public Works Garage
 W5298 Hwy 114, Menasha

Friday | May 3 | 9-11 am
 Chilton Public Works Garage
 908 S. Maple St, Chilton



2. Take items to **Outagamie County Recycling & Solid Waste Drop-off | 1419 Holland Rd, Appleton**

- Accept materials from the general public outside of the county.
- \$20 minimum fee for 745 lbs or less.
- Mattresses/box springs \$5.00 each.
- Call ahead for hours & program information (920) 832-5277

Bulky waste may include: box springs, bicycles, carpet, chairs, furniture, fish tanks, Freon appliances, large toys, mattresses, sofas, swimming pools, swing sets, white goods, and other similar items.

White goods include: dishwashers, ranges, trash compactors, washers & dryers and water heaters.

Freon appliances include: air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers, refrigerators.

Hello Friends & Neighbors:

A lot of positive things are underway in the Village. Last September we welcomed a new Assistant Village Manager, Chad Pelishek, who brings to the Village extensive economic development experience. Chad has been very busy drumming up new business leads with exciting announcements in the coming months.



Village staff launched our first-ever community & economic development survey, with over 760 Harrison residents responding. The results of the survey are available in this newsletter. One key thing we learned was that many Harrison residents use this newsletter as a valuable source of information. In response, we will mail out four issues: Spring, Summer, Fall, & Winter.

Several long-range plans will align the Village for future growth. The Board approved a contract with SRF, a planning consultant, to assist us with updating our 20-year Comprehensive Plan. We also contracted with Redevelopment Resources to provide a strategic plan for commercial development and we contracted with a company to do hotel market study to determine if Harrison can support a new hotel. Lastly, we are working on long-term financial and service planning for our Harrison Utilities.

We encourage you to visit our new website and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the most current news & announcements.

Allison Blackmer, Village President

VILLAGE CELEBRATION

Save the date - Wednesday, July 17, 2024!!!

Once again, the Village of Harrison will sponsor a Village Celebration in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club of Darboy's Sports & Games Night at Darboy Community Park.



More details and a list of all summer events in the park will be in the Summer 2024 newsletter. Stay tuned...

STAFF MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Village staff are excited to welcome Grace Schmall, our newest team member. Grace began her time with the village in mid January and has adjusted quite well to her position as Administrative Assistant. You will see Grace's smiling face at the front desk of the Village Hall as she kindly greets and assists residents and visitors.



Grace wanted to become a public servant because she likes helping people.

In her spare time she enjoys hanging out with her husband and dog, and enjoys learning to do water color painting.

PARK NEWS



Farmers Field: Playground equipment is scheduled to be installed between April & May. Staff is working with We Energies on lighting improvements and paving the parking lot in the near future.

Dogwood Park: The park shelter is complete.

Rennwood Park: The master plan is complete and we are scheduling a meeting for public input.

Darboy Community Park: A new park sign has been installed on the south-west corner of the park.

YARD WASTE SITE

The yard waste site is located at **W4476 Merbach Road**.
Purchase annual stickers at the Village Hall
Mon - Fri 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

- **Cost:** \$20/sticker/calendar year
- **Do not place yard material in bags or containers.**
The Village does not have the equipment needed to open bags or containers, therefore residents must **empty and take home any bags or containers.**
- The yard waste site is **open the month of January for free holiday tree disposal.** The Village does not provide curbside tree pick-up.
- Acceptable yard materials include grass clippings, leaves, pine needles, pumpkins, sticks & twigs, weeds, and flower bed & vegetable garden material.
- Unacceptable items include tree stumps, root balls, and full-sized trees.
- There is no size limit for branches.

2024 SEASON April 1st - November 22nd

Monday	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Tuesday	1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Wednesday	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Thursday	1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Closed Sundays & All Major Holidays

LARGE BRUSH COLLECTION

The Public Works Department picks up large branches and brush on the **last Monday of the month** (May-October).

- Call (920) 989-1062 x 0 **before the last Monday of the month** to add your **name & address** to the list.
- Have brush and branches at the road the night before or by 5:00 am the day of pick up.
- Brush and branches should be cut to no longer than 10 ft and **placed parallel to the road.**



SPRING YARD WASTE COLLECTION



The Village’s waste hauler, GFL Environmental, will collect bagged yard material on **Monday, May 13, 2024.**

- Place **all** yard material in **large, brown compostable bags.**
- Place bags at least 6 feet away from garbage & recycle carts.
- Loose debris or debris in containers or plastic bags cannot be taken.
- Place material at the curb either the night before or by 5:00 am the day of pick up.



The Harrison Insider

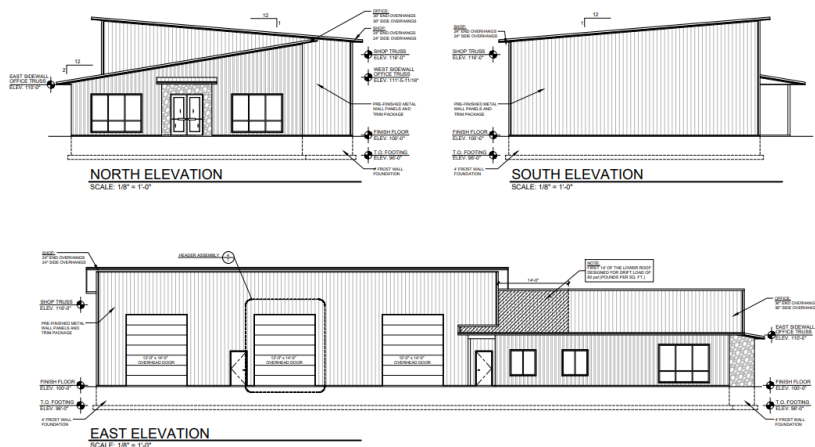
The Village of Harrison is a growing community as residential development has seen a 25% increase since 2015. Given the proximity to the City of Appleton and City of Menasha, the Village is also a prime location for new business development. Harrison continues to work to create commercial business development opportunities for the future and for our residents.

Hartwood Homes, LLC

A new trade and contractor office for Hartwood Homes and Cannonball Pools is being constructed along CTH KK in the Village. Hartwood Homes has provided custom home builds, remodeling and additions, and other home services to the Fox Valley area since 1994 and Cannonball Pools is a fiberglass swimming pool installer.

The project consists of a 2,164 square foot office and retail/showroom and a 4,000 square foot trade and contractor shop in the rear of the building. The building will support the two businesses. They began construction in late December 2023 and will be completed sometime in 2024.

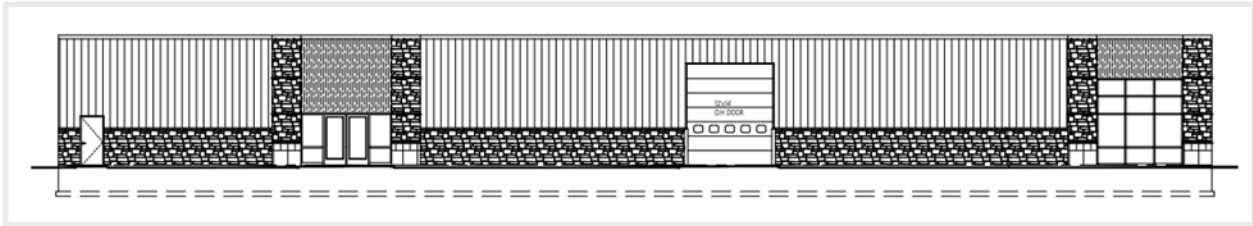
The project is located on CTH KK between Hopfensperger Rd and State Park Rd on a parcel of land that was formerly occupied by a farm and house. The property occupies one of the three subdivided commercial lots.



Timber Stone Properties, LLC

Timber Stone Properties is planning to construct a new office building with associated parking on their property along CTH KK. The proposed building will be 9,600 square feet and developed as a spec building with no tenants confirmed.

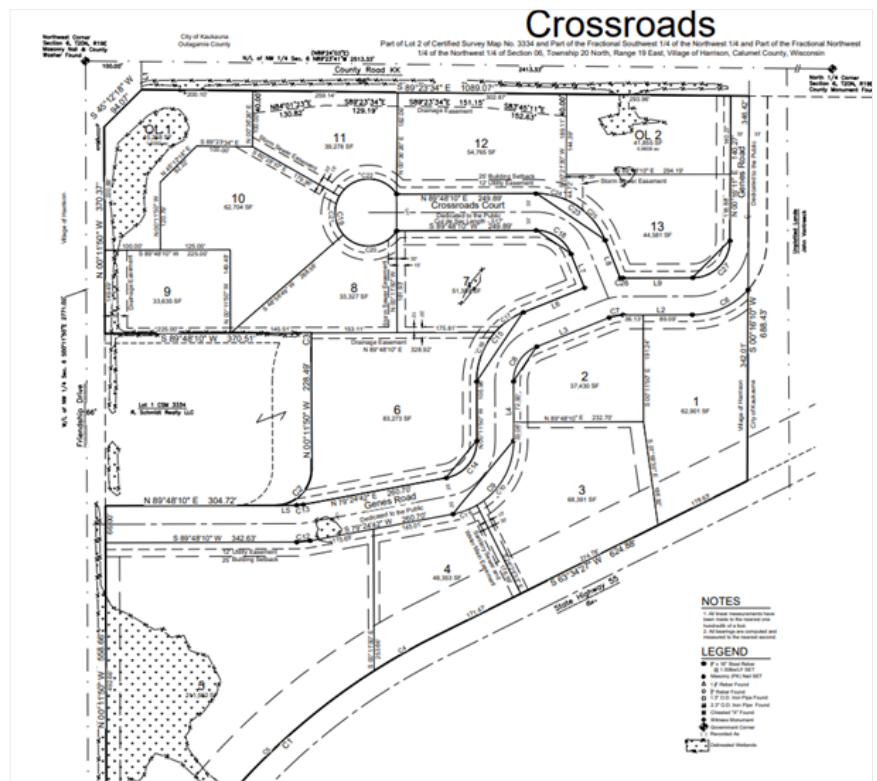
The building will include retail and office space as well as a contractor shop-type space in the rear of the building.



Crossroads Development, LLC Subdivision

Crossroads Development, LLC is planning a 13-lot commercial subdivision called Crossroads. The commercial subdivision is located east of Friendship Drive, south of CTH KK, and northwest of STH 55. The developer will be recruiting commercial developments interested in building in the Village of Harrison.

The commercial subdivision land is zoned Office and Retail Commercial which allows for business, professional, and commercial retail.



The Village Board has accepted the Preliminary Plat to date. All infrastructure will be installed by the developer and transferred in the future to the Village of Harrison.

Contact: Chad Pelishek, Assistant Village Manager
development@harrison-wi.org (920) 989-1062 x8

Economic Development News: Involta acquires former Kimberly Clark data center in Harrison and plans future growth.



Involta proposes to invest a significant amount of money into expanding in Harrison and is described as a “hotel of data centers”.

Involta, an Iowa based company, announced it has acquired a data center on a 24.5-acre site in the Village of Harrison.

Involta said “it plans to extend the data center’s footprint to an expandable campus with up to 20 MW of capacity to meet the growing and anticipated demands for colocation, cloud and connectivity services in the emerging northeastern tech hub.

Comprehensive Plan Update

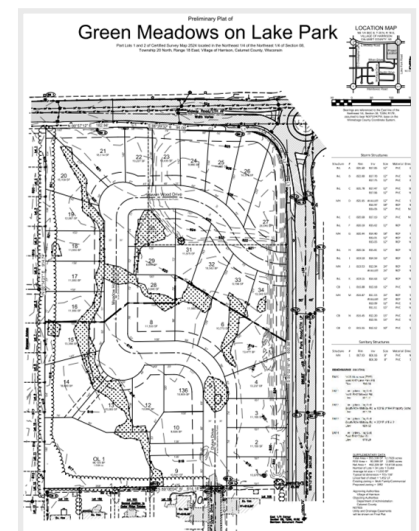
Comprehensive plans are typically written with a 20-year outlook and are living documents. The plan serves as a resource manual to assist in evaluating land-use-related requests. The Village last updated its plan in 2017, while Wisconsin State Statutes require municipalities to update their plans every 10 years.

Harrison staff is working in partnership with Calumet County and SRF out of Madison to update the Harrison plan in 2024. Harrison residents can also participate in the planning process through upcoming public input sessions.

Meadow Breeze Subdivision (FKA Green Meadows)

In May of 2022, the Village Board approved a preliminary plat for a 34-lot single-family subdivision on the corner of Lake Park Rd & Midway Rd with a condition to re-zoning of the parcel from commercial to residential.

In December 2023, the Board approved the rezoning of the parcel allowing the subdivision development to move forward in 2024.



Rennwood Park Concept Master Plan



The Village commissioned a survey of the neighbors related to the proposed Rennwood Park (between Ethan Dr & Midway Rd).

Results of the survey showed that park neighbors would like to see a passive park with recreational trails & nature-based improvements. Village staff worked with McMahon Associates to develop the concept plan.

A public informational meeting to review the plan and provide comments on the draft plan is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 13, 2024 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm** at the Village Hall.

2024 Road Projects

Every other year staff completes a pavement surface evaluation and rating (PASER) study of existing Village roads. WisDOT provides criteria for how roads are rated on a scale of 1-10 with 1 being structural failure; reconstruction required to 10 being newly constructed; no maintenance needed. A five-year road paving plan is created based the PASER road ratings. An analysis is done to see if any roads qualify for grants and at what level. If a road is eligible for grant funding, the road will either be prioritized for immediate work or scheduled to align with any grant funding requirements.

Road reconstruction is very costly, so defraying costs with grant dollars minimizes the impact on village tax payers.

2024 Village Board Approved Road Projects:

Road Construction Projects:

State Park Road from Schmidt Rd to USH 10.
Payton Street from Evans St to State Park Rd.

Resurfacing Projects:

Woodland Trails Subdivision including Spring Valley Rd, Shagbark Hickory Ln, Sugar Maple Way, Maple Bluff Ln, Hemlock Ln, Wild Cherry Ct, & Box Elder Way.

Cedar Ridge Estates roads will not be reconstructed until 2025. More information will be available when preliminary designs are completed by McMahon Associates, the Village engineer.

Prescribed Burns Needed Around Storm Water Ponds

Village staff and Harrison Fire Rescue will be commissioning prescribed burns at four storm water management ponds in the Village in March/April.

The prescribed burns are being recommended by the Village's storm water ecologist in collaboration with the WI Department of Natural Resources. There are numerous benefits of these burns and they include increasing seed germination rates, increasing diversity of plant wildflower species, and enhances and maintains a highly functional prairie. The burns will be coordinated on days that have the least impact to neighboring residences.

Ponds Included: Lakeview Pond (Lake Park Rd and STH 114/10), Emerald Pond (South of CTH KK, East of N. Coop), Noe Road Pond (End of Jochmann Dr. and Noe Road-north of Darboy Community Park).

The Village of Harrison thanks the approximately 760 residents who took the 2023-24 Community and Economic Development Survey.

Results of the survey will be an asset to village staff as recruitment efforts continue for attracting commercial and retail businesses.



**2023-24 COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC SURVEY
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Total Survey Responses: 762

Average age of survey taker: Almost 50% of the respondents were 45-64 years old.

Number of years survey respondent lived in the Village: 43% have lived in the Village 10-24 years.

Top Three Sources Survey Respondents Get Information: Village of Harrison Website, Village Newsletter, Village Facebook Page.

Workplace of Survey Respondent: 60% of the survey takers work outside of the Village.

Affected by no dedicated Zip Code: 80% have not been affected by no dedicated zip code.

Top Two Reasons Respondents Live in the Village: Rural Character/Lifestyle/Beauty and Schools
Community and Economic Development Information

Top Three Types of Commercial Development Missing: Restaurant/Food Related Business, Retail/Shopping Centers, Personal Care (salons, barbers, spas)

Top Three Types of Residential Development Missing: Affordable Senior Housing for 55 and Older, Assisted Living, CBRF, and/or Memory Care Units, and Single Family

Word Cloud of Open-Ended Questions (larger the word = more times it was mentioned)

bike rural make side Kwik Trip post office trails Midway Coop new don t
neighborhoods living Harrison great use much Chick-fil continue busy live
ice cream residents leaves Village Harrison family people really
Trader Joes us KK bring Please Midway Costco things
apartments connect see kids Fleet Farm streets S think
community craft store businesses bike paths
restaurants will village housing need close
area grocery store roads going Harrison safe parks
etc also added Trader Joe s plans better bike trails nice space
store way love school N place many improve along love see sidewalks
move traffic intersection development one built green space home Lake Park
Woodmans Darboy Park address don t need keep light Thank work Appleton
especially putting shopping

ANNUAL DOG LICENSE DUE BY MARCH 28, 2024

All dogs residing in Harrison who are over 5 months old, must be vaccinated & licensed by **March 28th**.

A copy of the **rabies vaccination certificate** is required to license.

- \$10 for spayed or neutered dogs.
- \$15 for unaltered dogs.
- \$5 late fee for dogs registered after March 31st.



PETS IN HARRISON PARKS & TRAILS

Village Ordinance does not allow pets in any Harrison park, however they are allowed on Harrison trails if ordinance rules are followed:

- Pets must stay on the trail and be leashed at all times.
- ALL pet waste must be removed by the pet owner.
 - Several waste stations (w/bags & receptacles) are available to properly dispose of pet waste.
 - Pet waste left on trails has been an ongoing problem.

BURN PERMITS & OUTDOOR BURNING

Burn permits are allowed to individual households ONLY. Permits are approved for burning brush and yard materials ONLY. Call the Village Hall at (920) 989-1062 x 0 to obtain a permit.

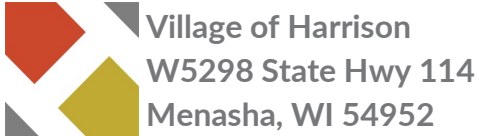
Guidelines:

- Check the daily burning restrictions before ignition at www.apps.dnr.wi.gov/wisburn/#/.
- Call the Sheriff’s Office at (920) 849-2335 x 0 prior to burning.
- Never leave a fire unattended and have a water source & firefighting tools on hand.
- Burning is allowed between 7:00 am & 7:00 pm. Fires must be completely extinguished daily by 7:00 pm.
 - Extinguish with water, stir & repeat until cold.
 - Check again later for any remaining smoke or embers.
- Permits are not needed for backyard bonfires.
- Consider composting or taking yard materials to the Village Yard Waste Site to avoid air & water pollution and intensifying respiratory problems.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Enforcing the Village’s Code of Ordinances serves as the first line of defense for maintaining safe and healthy housing and commercial establishments. Village staff work in conjunction with the Calumet County Sheriff’s Department to address code enforcement issues in the village. Village staff have developed a process to deal with potential code violations called into the office and encourages those who receive enforcement letters to contact designated staff to cooperatively address code issues.

- Harrison Code Enforcement Officers address minor property issues: dilapidated housing facade, junk & debris in yards, snow removal from sidewalks, weed control, etc.
- Harrison Sheriff Deputies address civil and major issues: dog bites, illegal drug activities, speeding vehicles, stray animals, trespassing, vandalism, etc.



SPRING - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

- 12 Kiwanis Club of Darboy - Taste of the Town
- 19 Plan Commission Mtg 6:00 pm
- 26 Village Board Mtg 6:00 pm
- 28 Last Day to License Dogs - pg. 10
- 29 Observed Holiday - All Offices Closed**
- 31 Easter Sunday

April

- 01 Yard Waste Site Opens - pg. 4
- 02 Election Day - pg. 1
- 09 Village Board Mtg 6:00 pm
- 20 Hazardous Waste Collection - pg. 2
- 23 Plan Commission Mtg 6:00 pm
- 30 Village Board Mtg 6:00 pm

May

- 03 Hazardous Waste Collection - pg. 2
- 13 Spring Yard Waste Collection - pg. 4
- 21 Plan Commission Mtg 6:00 pm
- 27 Memorial Day Holiday All Offices Closed
Garbage & Recycling Pushed 1 Day All Week**
- 28 Brush Pick-up - pg. 4
Village Board Mtg 6:00 pm