

Village of Rio

Newsletter
Winter 2024



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Community Calendar

January

- 2 Village Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:00pm
- 15 Committee Meeting, Village Office, 6:00pm
- 20 Rio Historical Society Meeting, Rio Library, 10:00 am
- 25 Rio Community Club Meeting, F&M Bank, 7:00pm

February

- 5 Village Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:00pm
- 15 Rio Community Club Meeting, F&M Bank, 7:00pm
- 17 Rio Historical Society Meeting, Rio Library, 10:00 am
- 20 Primary Election
If needed - Village Hall, 7 am to 8 pm
- 22 Committee Meeting, Village Hall, 6:00pm

March

- 4 Village Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:00 pm
- 16 Rio Historical Society Meeting, Rio Library, 10:00 am
- 18 Committee Meeting, Village Office, 6:00pm
- 28 Rio Community Club Meeting, F&M Bank, 7:00pm

Please note that dates are subject to change.

The RIO POLICE are asking that residents please remember to dial 911 in all emergency situations. Please do not call the Village Office in emergency situations. If you need to contact a Rio Police Officer after hours please call the Columbia County Sheriff's office at 608-742-4166 option 1.

Winter is here!

With winter's arrival, it's helpful to review village ordinances and policies important during cold-weather months. Here's a quick review:

STREET PARKING Overnight street parking during with winter months is allowed unless it snows. If it snows you may not park on the street and 24 hours after snowfall. In the event of extenuating circumstances leave a message at 920-992-5454. No overnight parking is allowed anytime during the year on Lincoln Avenue between Harvey and Rio Street.

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS -- Please keep your side-walks clear of snow and ice to provide safe passage for everyone! The Village Board would like to remind residents and business owners that snow and ice **MUST** be removed from all side-walks. According to Village Ordinance 6-2-8(a), property owners have 24 hours from the time snow ceases to accumulate to remove snow and ice from sidewalks that adjoin their property. Snow cleared from side-walks, driveways and parking lots cannot be shoveled, blown or plowed into the highway, street or any public right-of-way, where it poses a safety hazard to road crews, pedestrians and motorists. If you do not remove snow in a timely manner, the village will do it for you and bill you \$100 per hour, 1 hour minimum. Any portion beyond a full hour will be charged the full hourly rate. Each 24-hour period will be considered a separate offense and billed according to ordinance.

PLEASE LEND A HAND — clear snow from fire hydrants so firefighters have clear access to the hydrants in an emergency.

POLLS OPEN at 7 am for the Spring Election on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. If a Primary Election is required it will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. **If you aren't registered to vote in the Village of Rio, you may register in the Clerk's Office before the election, or register online at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> or at the polls the day of the election.** VOTER PHOTO ID is required. Please remember to bring your photo id to the polls.

Dog Registration Required

DOG LICENSES expire on December 31 of each year...Wisconsin Stats. 174.05 requires

that all dogs over five (5) months of age be licensed. A current rabies vaccination is required at the time your license is obtained. Vaccination records are only needed if there is an update from last year or if this is a new animal to be licensed. The cost of a license \$7.00 for a neutered/spayed dog and \$12.00 for a not neutered/spayed dog. A \$5.00 late fee will be assessed to animals not licensed by April 1. A \$75.00 citation will be issued for unlicensed dogs after May 31. If you no longer have your dog, please let the Village Office know so we can update our records.

Sign Up for E-Bills and ACH Payments

Sign up to receive your sewer and water bills by email. Avoid having to wait for the mail. The quarterly sewer and water bill is one of those bills that is so easy to forget. Never be late for a sewer and water bill again! Sign up for ACH payments today. Stop in at the Village office with a voided check and we will get you set up!

From the Desk of the Village President

Good People of Rio,

My favorite time of year has again come and gone: Christmas. I hope you and your loved ones had a wonderful holiday season and were able to make many merry memories together. Although the kids are back to school and we've been lacking snow, I hope you and your family can still find some time this winter to enjoy some seasonal activities, such as skiing, ice skating, and snowmobiling. I've always enjoyed cross-country skiing and it helps improve my outlook on snow when most of us dread the cold white stuff.

With unpleasant weather in mind, I'd like to acknowledge a group of public servants who venture out into the elements to bring us mail, rain or shine. Although not Village of Rio employees, I want to thank all US Postal Service (USPS) workers for all they do to keep our mail delivered, regardless of the weather outside. Whether a rural mail carrier driving the backroads from mailbox to mailbox or a postmaster in the local post office sorting envelopes and packages, every postal employee plays a vital role in keeping the mail delivered. Thanks to all USPS workers for all they do!

May God bless you and may God bless the Village of Rio!

James Thomas Olrick
President
Village of Rio

Village of Rio 2024 Budget Adoption

Notice is hereby given that, following a PUBLIC HEARING on Monday, December 4, 2023, the Village Board adopted the following following 2024 General Fund tax levy and budget. Copies of the related worksheets are available by contacting the Village office.

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	2022	2023	2023	2024	%
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Approved	Change
<u>Revenue</u>					
State Shared Revenue	147407.90	149007.73	149007.73	193364.25	
State hiway aid	58750.36	57046.82	57054.24	56632.00	
Personal Property Tax	3394.21	3394.21	3394.21	3394.21	
Other fed/state/county aids	75426.95	72514.79	70567.55	69936.04	
Local revenue	107092.66	48842.00	167571.42	86792.00	
From setaside funds	87349.47	209936.55	0.00	200944.59	
Utility taxes	45261.03	52825.00	52825.00	52825.00	
Tax Levy for General Fund	250124.92	279301.56	280145.76	285806.71	
Levy for Special Revenue Funds	214598.08	197399.44	196555.24	201475.29	
Total Revenue	989405.58	1070268.10	977121.15	1151170.09	7.56%
<u>Expenditures</u>					
General Government	120944.87	133556.11	111478.08	142068.03	
Economic Development	0.00	1617.00	0.00	0.00	
Public Works	275011.05	282409.76	277039.58	295494.24	
Police Protection	220974.09	234278.36	220323.40	243937.85	
Public Protection	107297.15	86006.43	77650.68	76729.68	
Education/Recreation	4113.34	6700.00	4100.00	6700.00	
Designated for specific item					
<u>Special Revenue Funds:</u>					
Fire Dept.appropriation	61974.00	65980.00	65980.00	76344.00	
Library	144700.00	156536.00	156536.00	159998.00	
Debt Retirement	54391.08	33186.44	32342.24	26898.29	
Capital Outlay	0.00	69998.00	13478.34	123000.00	
Total Expenditures	989405.58	1070268.10	958928.32	1151170.09	7.56%
Village tax rate	6.84	5.18		5.25	1.35%

Rio Sewer and Water Rates --January 1, 2024

Water Rates: The water utility's condition is reviewed annually by auditors and by the Public Service Commission (PSC). The PSC establishes the water rate structure. The last water rate increase was January 1, 2016. Sewer Rates: The increase will be in effect as of January 1, 2023 and the increase will be for per 1000 gallons used. The new rate will be \$6.50 per 1000 gallons for residents and \$8.13 for township residents (previously \$6.50 per 1000 gallons for Village or \$7.50 for the Township). The Sewer Utility is required to have 110 % debt coverage that is required from the Department of Revenue for the Financial Assistance Agreement for the Clean Water Loan the Sewer Utility has and has not been able to meet the requirement.

QUARTERLY BASE CHARGE	WATER	Hydrant Rental	SEWER	*TOWNSHIP
Meter Size	Rate	Rate	\$72.41	\$90.52
5/8 -3/4 inch meter	\$21.63	\$18.45	\$119.22	\$149.04
1 inch meter	\$30.90	\$46.04	\$239.58	\$299.48
1 1/2 inch meter	\$49.44	\$92.08	\$404.93	\$506.16
2 inch meter	\$71.07	\$147.39	\$873.95	\$1,092.45
3 inch meter	\$105.06	276.25		
4 inch meter	\$145.23	\$460.41		

SewerOld R:	New Rate	Difference	Town Sewer
6	6.5	\$0.50	Township old rate \$7.50 per 1000 gallons
WATER VOLUME CHARGE PER 1000 GALLONS			Township new rate \$8.13 per 1000 gallons
3.50 per 1000 gallons up to first 50,000 gallons			Difference of \$0.63
2.88 next 100,000 gallons 1.75 over 150,000 gallons			

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE:

A late fee of 3 % but not less than \$.50 will be added to bills not paid by due date.