

Village of Bay City - FYI

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Prop. Tax - Payment Notes

Here are some tips on paying your property tax.

- First half of property taxes are due January 31. Second half installment of property taxes is paid to the Pierce County Treasurer.
- Make checks payable to VILLAGE OF BAY CITY.
- Payments can be mailed or dropped at the utility payment box at Handy Mart.
- All payments must be made by check, cashiers check or money order.
- Taxes, dog licenses, invoices and utility payments must be made by separate check. Combined payment checks will be returned, delaying processing of your payments!
- Mortgage companies that requested a copy of the tax bill are marked. If you have 2 parcels but only 1 is marked, your mortgage company only asked for the tax bill that is marked.
- Copies of the tax roll listing are available on the website at www.baycitywi.org under *The Village and Forms*.
- All homeowners will be sent a receipt, even if the bill was paid by a mortgage company. If you did not receive a receipt, consider it UNPAID.
- If you have questions, please call 715-594-3168.

Notice of Rate Increase

Water Customers of the Bay City Village Water Utility

This is to give you notice that the Bay City Village Water Utility will file an application on December 10, 2009, with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC), for authority to increase water rates. Rates for general service will increase 3.8 percent. The increase is necessary to reduce the existing deficiency in present rates. The request is being made under Wis. Stat. 196.193. Rate increases granted under this statute do not require a public hearing. The effect of the increase for some selected customers is shown below. Public Fire Protection and Wholesale rates (if applicable) will also increase 3.8 percent.

Customer Classification	Meter Size	Gallons	Existing Monthly Rate	Revised Monthly Rate
Average Residential	5/8"	4,000	\$27.90	\$28.95
Large Residential	3/4"	6,000	\$36.50	\$37.87
Commercial	1"	50,000	\$191.70	\$198.99
Public Authority	1 1/2"	75,000	\$283.70	\$294.50
Industrial	2"	150,000	\$544.70	\$565.48

This rate increase will go into effect on February 1, 2010.

If you have any questions about the rate increase request, call the Bay City Village Water Utility at (715)594-3168.

Village Board Members

Jack Celt, President
 Jerry Enevold, Trustee
 Jesse Hohmann, Trustee
 Jon Ebensperger, Trustee
 Beverly Bach Trustee

Village Departments

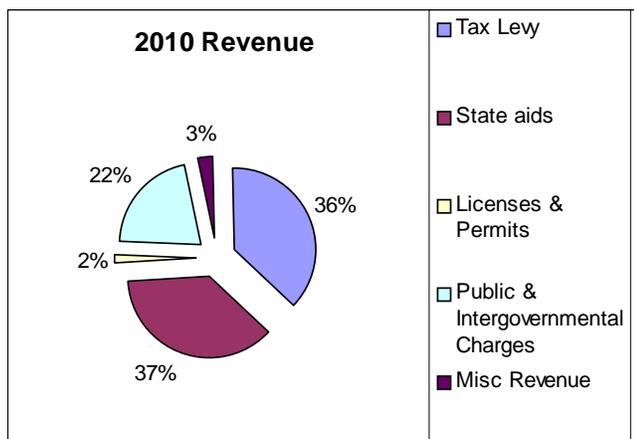
Kay Beder, Clerk/Treasurer/Zoning
 594-3168
 Deb Gamble, Public Works
 594-3767

Where Does the Village's money come from?

Knowing where the village's money comes from.

For 2010 the village will work off a total budget of \$267,885.93. The break down for revenue/income is as follows:

Tax levy \$93,869
 State aids \$92,661.93
 Licenses & Permits \$4,355
 Public & Intergovernmental charges (includes camping fees, garbage pickup fees, building rent) \$54,720
 Misc Revenue \$7,780



We are always looking for pictures for the website. If you have pictures you would like to share, email your information to info@baycitywi.org.

Removal of Ice and Snow from Sidewalks

Village ordinance requires the removal of ice and snow from all sidewalks on your property within 24 hours of completed rain/snowfall. Fines and penalties for failure to comply are \$259.00 for a citation along with a fee of \$100 an hour for removal.

Using the website

Board meeting notices and agendas are now available on the village website. The website address is www.baycitywi.org. Here is a listing of other things you can get from the website

- a copy of this newsletter
- local election results
- tax roll info
- zoning map
- dog license forms
- listing of board and committee members and terms
- Local businesses that support Bay City by advertising on the website
- The Bay City Bombers schedule

What is the money used for?

Here is what the village expects to pay out in 2010 with the income shown above:

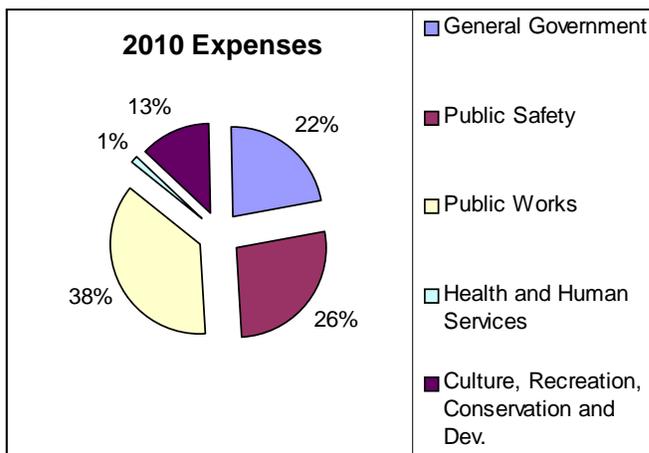
General Government - Board member pay, clerk salary, election wages and expenses, payroll taxes and insurance benefits, assessor fees and expenses, health, liability and property insurance \$60,165.

Public Safety - Fire protection and hydrant fees paid to the water utility (state mandated) \$70,493.

Public Works - Expenses for shop, street lighting, garbage pickup, equipment maintenance and repair, snow plowing and wages for all public works activities \$99,387.93.

Health and Human Services - cemetery upkeep and animal control \$3,800.

Culture, Recreation, Conservation and Development - public works wages for hanging flags, holiday lights, Bay City Fest setup, and expenses of the 4 village parks \$34,040.



Sewer Utility Rate Increase

Sewer Customers of the Bay City Village Sewer Utility. This is to give you notice that the Bay City Village Board adopted new sewer utility rates on November 11, 2009. The increase is necessary to reduce the existing deficiency in present rates. The effect of the increase is shown below. These rates do not include any user fee payoff credit.

	Current Base Cost	February 1, 2010 Base Cost	
RESIDENTIAL	\$56.72	\$67.26	Current consumption cost \$1.79/1000 gallons
COMMERCIAL BLDG	\$56.72	\$67.26	
2 UNIT APT	\$82.01	\$99.47	Feb 1, 2010 consumption cost \$2.57/1000 gallons
3 UNIT APT	\$123.02	\$149.20	
4 UNIT APT	\$164.02	\$198.93	
5 UNIT APT	\$205.04	\$248.67	
MOBILE HOME	\$2,425.67	\$3,033.75	
CAMPGROUND	\$425.40	\$504.47	
INDIV CAMPSITES	\$510.48	\$605.36	
SEASONAL CABIN	\$56.72	\$67.26	
PUBLIC BLDG	\$56.72	\$67.26	

Garbage & Recycling

Garbage is picked up on Wednesdays of each week. You should have your garbage and recycling out by 6AM on pickup days.

Recycling is picked up on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Recycling is co-mingled. Paper and cardboard can go in one container and cans, plastic and glass can be placed in another. All cardboard must be broken down into sheets no larger than 4' x 4'.

Putting recyclables in brown paper bags works best. They will recycle the bag when they pick it up!

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits (not applications) must be in hand **before** you begin a project. Decks, sheds, garages all require a building permit, even in the mobile home park. If you are not sure if you need a permit for your project, be sure to call the clerks office at 594-3168. There are times, when a building permit is not required.

You may call the clerk for an application or get one from the Bay City website www.baycitywi.org Fill out and return to the clerk with payment. *This should be done at least 2 months prior to start of new home building and 2 weeks prior to the start of all other projects.* Once the clerk has received the completed application with payment, they will fax the application to Galen Seipel, he will issue a permit and mail it to the applicant.

If a permit is **not in hand before** the project begins, the penalty is *double the regular permit fee plus \$10 per day fine plus court costs.*

Parking Ordinance Review

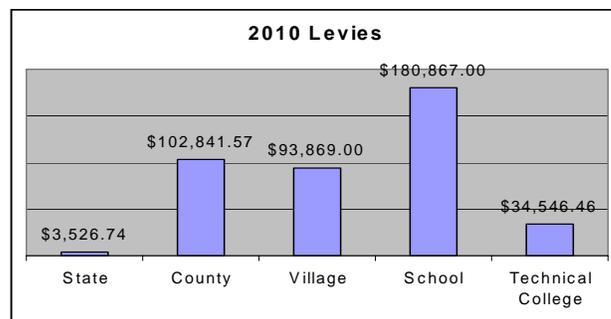
REMINDER there is no parking on any village street between 5AM and Noon of the day following a 3 inch or more snow fall. Vehicles parked on the street during this time are subject to towing at the owners expense and possible citations.

Also, the parking of all/any trailers on village streets is limited to 4 hours. If a trailer is parked more than 4 hours it is subject to towing at the owners expense and possible citation.

The village also has an ordinance that prohibits parking more than 48 hours on village streets year round. Vehicles parked more than 48 hours are also subject to towing at the owner's expense and citation. If you leave town for any vacation or an extended period of time beyond the 48 hours, you should remove all vehicles from the street before leaving.

Who Gets My Tax Money?

This is a chart showing how much each entity has levied for 2009.



Dog Licensing

Licensing is a state requirement. All dogs must be licensed by April 1st of each year. If you get a puppy, the dog must be licensed once they reach 5 months of age, regardless of the April 1st date.

The fine for not licensing your dog is \$50-\$500 per dog from the state and/or \$100-\$800 from the village. The cost for licensing is \$10 - \$15. There is a \$25 late fee per dog, for dogs owned, but not licensed in the time frame outlined above.

State law requires the village to turn names of owners with unlicensed dogs over to the district attorney for prosecuting and may be issued a citation from the village. Dogs are to be kept under immediate control at ALL times. Dogs are not to be "running at large". If you let your dog out and they leave your yard, they are "running at large"!

Dogs that are found running at large will be picked up and taken to a designated shelter at your expense and/or a citation issued for up to \$500 per occurrence.

A form is included below for your convenience.

New animal control ordinance adopted

A new animal control ordinance has been adopted that requires any animal to be **on a leash** in all village parks.

This ordinance includes penalties for not cleaning up after your pet while it is out for a walk. Fines can be up to \$500 for failure to leash or cleanup after your pet.

Burning and Compost Facility

The burning and compost facility accepts leaves, brush and unpainted wood. The facility is open by request. If you are a village resident and wish to drop off any of the items listed, please contact Public Works at 594-3767. Be sure to call no later than NOON on Friday if you wish to have the facility opened on the weekend.

CDBG Housing Grants

The Village has a Community Development Block Grant for home repairs and down payments for first time homebuyers. Grants are available based on income qualifications and project. Projects include siding, roofing, removal of lead base paint, furnace upgrade and many more.

For more information contact Kay at 594-3168.

DOG LICENSE APPLICATION

DOG LICENSE FEES

\$10.00 spayed or neutered

\$15.00 non-spayed or non-neutered

\$25.00 late fee for each dog owned but not licensed by April 1.

Fill out the following information **COMPLETELY**. You must include **proof of vaccination that shows the rabies tag #**. This can be obtained from your veterinarian. Incomplete forms will be returned.

Name of Owner _____

Street Address _____

PO Box _____ Phone _____

Name of Dog: _____

Sex: NON- Neutered Male Neutered Male

NON-Spayed Female Spayed Female

Color: _____

Breed: _____

Vaccinated on ____/____/____ Expires on ____/____/____

Tag# _____

Clinic or Veterinarian _____

DO NOT INCLUDE DOG LICENSE FEE IN YOUR TAX PAYMENT OR UTILITY BILL. PLEASE WRITE A SEPARATE CHECK.

Return to: Village of Bay City

P.O. Box 9

Bay City, WI 54723