



# HAMPTON VIEW

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year everyone. 2023 is off to a great start for the Village. We have now received the bond money authorized by the referendum that passed in November. It is in a separate account from all other Village funds. The Fire Chief has begun the process of ordering the necessary equipment. The really good news is that the bonds were sold locally at 4.99% interest. The yearly audit results were very positive. The auditor had no recommendations for changes to our current procedures. That said, the numbers were good in part because of the one-time extra federal and state funds we received during and as a result of the COVID pandemic. We will have our fair share of challenges going forward. Beyond that, we will be starting early budget talks and keep hoping the snow stays away. I know the unexpected will happen in the course of the year, but we are starting with the wind in our sails. Make the best of your New Year.

Christopher Bornhoeft  
Village President  
Hampton, IL

## 2023 VILLAGE HOLIDAY AND BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

### HOLIDAYS:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup>		
Lincoln's Birthday	Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup>	President's Day	Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>
Memorial Day	May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Juneteenth	Jun. 19 <sup>th</sup>
July 4th	Jul. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Labor Day	Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup>
Columbus Day	Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Veteran's Day	Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup>
Thanksgiving	Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas	Dec. 24 & 25 <sup>th</sup>

**BOARD MEETINGS** (All meetings will take place Monday evening except those noted with an \*, then the meeting will be held on Tuesday):

January 9th & 23rd	February 14th* & 27th	March 13th & 27th
April 10th & 24th	May 8th & 22nd	June 12th & 26th
July 10th & 24th	August 14th * 28th	September 11th & 25th
October 10th* & 23rd	November 13th & 27th	December 11th & 26th*

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**Hours:**  
Mon.— Fri.  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00  
p.m.

**Clerk:**  
Michelle Reyes

*Closed all state  
and major  
holidays.*

*The Clerk's  
office will be  
closed January  
16th for Martin  
Luther King, Jr.  
holiday*

### CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS

All Board  
meetings will be  
held at Village  
Hall unless  
otherwise noted.

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**Board Meeting**  
Monday, Jan. 9th,  
6:30 p.m.

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**Board Meeting**  
Monday, Jan. 23rd,  
6:30 p.m.

### **SIGN UP FOR PAPERLESS UTILITY BILLS AND AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS**

Did you know you can receive your utility bills by e-mail? You can not only receive your bills by e-mail, but you can sign up for automatic payment of your utility bill directly from your checking account. There is no cost to you for this service. To set up paperless billing, stop by the Clerk's Office at the Heritage Center during normal office hours. You will need to provide your full name, address, account number, telephone number and e-mail address.

You can also pay your utility bill by credit card using our Point&Pay service. You can pay by phone at (833) 733-6289 or use the link found on the Village website <https://hamptonil.org>: click "Pay Your Bill." Credit and debit cards are also accepted at the Clerk's Office. A 3% convenience fee will be charged by the credit card service, at the time of the transaction. The online payment link is <https://client.pointandpay.net/web/hamptonil>

You can always pay your utility bill by cash or check at Village Hall during normal office hours, or you can drop off your payment—check only—in the drop box outside of the Clerk's Office at the Heritage Center. The Clerk's Office will not accept credit card payments over the phone.

Also, utility payments can be made at Porter's.

### **VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AGENDAS AND MINUTES**

Agendas for upcoming meetings will be posted at the Clerk's Office at the Heritage Center and outside Village Hall 48 hours prior to the meeting. Board meetings will be held at Village Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas will also be posted on the Village website at <https://hamptonil.org>.

Minutes of the Board of Trustee open session meetings will also be posted on the Village website once they have been approved by the Board. Minutes will not be posted or made public until they have been reviewed and approved by the Board, which generally will be after the next Board meeting. Approved Minutes can also be viewed at the Clerk's Office during normal office hours.

### **INFORMATION ON VILLAGE SOCIAL MEDIA USE**

The Village of Hampton may utilize social media, such as Facebook, for conveying information to Hampton residents. However, responding to or commenting on such posts is not an appropriate way to address concerns, air grievances or communicate with Village staff or the Board of Trustees. Leaving a comment or replying to a social media post is not and should not be considered direct communication with Village employees or the Board. For general inquiries, contact the Village Clerk's Office at (309) 755-7165. E-mail addresses for the Village Board and telephone numbers of Village departments can be found on the Village website: <https://hamptonil.org>.

### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINES AND DISTRIBUTION DATES**

All content for the newsletter must be submitted on or before the 1st day of the month prior to the month you wish to have your information published. The newsletters will be published on the Village website and available in hard copy at the Clerk's Office on or after the 15th of each month. For example, to have an article published in the February newsletter, you must submit your content by January 1st, and the February newsletter will be available online and at the Clerk's Office on or soon after January 15th.