



HAMPTON VIEW

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A MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year, Hampton. I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season. As we begin 2024, I feel a sense of great optimism for this Village. 2023 ended with a major change. As many of you know, the Village has transitioned our police coverage exclusivity to the Rock Island County Sheriff's department. Since 2021, funding our own PD has been an issue and in more recent times, staffing became a serious challenge also. As the summer progressed, it became more and more apparent that County was already handling half our calls for service and covering more shifts than ever before. The closer we got to budget, it was obvious that a change would need be made to continue with balanced budgets. Since the transition, RICO has already provided us with great services and as we get closer to finalizing a long term contract, that dedicated patrolling will only increase. I am glad that many of you have reached out to let us know that you are seeing them out there. More visible police patrols is what we seek.

This was a decision not entered into lightly or with haste. One of the greatest compliments I've received was from a gentleman who said that it seems that we don't let problems fester. When an issue arises, we study it, debate it, solve it and move on. This particular issue is one that had been discussed and debated for years. Many adjustments were made to the way the PD operated over time, but unfortunately, we just hit the end of the road like many of our neighbor towns. Indeed, we were the last small town along the River to make this change. We honor all the men and women who have served as Hampton police officers over the many decades.

As the year shifts, so does our focus. I will be finishing the negotiations for the long term police contract with the Sheriff's Department in the next few months. The Board will begin crafting policy for allowing or banning short term rentals them in residential neighborhoods. Vacant buildings are also an issue to be addressed in the New Year. We have serious challenges ahead and I feel we have the right people dedicated to meet them.

It has always been my goal to solve these issues while they are small and that is what we will continue to do. I see the Board's job as the caretaker of our past, present and future. We want to make the hard decisions, to create an environment so that you to not worry about the day to day operation of a Village. Enjoy your hobbies, raise a family, feel safe in your home, know that the water flows, and the streets are plowed. We look forward to the opportunity 2024 brings to better serve you. Welcome to the New Year.

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**CLOSED ALL
ILLINOIS
STATE
HOLIDAYS.**

CALENDAR OF REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

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

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Board Meeting
TUESDAY, Feb.
13th, 6:30 p.m.

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Board Meeting
Monday, Feb.
26th, 6:30 p.m.

SNOW ORDINANCE

Parking is not allowed on any public street or alley between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. when there is 2” or more of snow on the ground. Village crews will plow the streets when there has been a 2” snow accumulation, so keep an eye out for plows if you are unsure if there has been a 2” snowfall. If your vehicle is parked on a public street after a 2” snow accumulation and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., your vehicle will be ticketed and it may be towed. Please be especially mindful of this if you park on 3rd Avenue between 4th and 5th Streets in front of the School. Please be courteous, so that we can ensure a safe passage for the children walking to and being dropped off at school. You are also prohibited from clearing your driveway and/or sidewalks by pushing or blowing snow onto a public street or alley. **Please keep this policy in mind so that everyone can have a safe and stress free SNOWY season.**

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 no later than 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 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.

2024 VILLAGE HOLIDAY AND BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

HOLIDAYS:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Jan. 15 ^h	Lincoln’s Birthday	Feb. 12 th
President’s Day	Feb. 19 th	Memorial Day	May 27 th
Juneteenth	Jun. 19 th	July 4th	Jul. 4 th
Labor Day	Sept. 2 nd	Columbus Day	Oct. 14 th
Veteran’s Day	Nov. 11 th	Thanksgiving	Nov. 28 th & 29 th
Christmas Eve	Dec. 24 th	Christmas Day	Dec. 25 th

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

February *13 th & 26 th	March 11 th & 25 th	April 8 th & 22 nd
May 13 th & *28 th	June 10 th & 24 th	July 8 th & 2 nd
August 12 th & 26 th	September 9 th 23 rd	October *15 th & 28 th
November *12 th & 25 th	December 9 th & 23 rd	

Regular board meetings are open to the public.