

VILLAGE OF KEKOSKEE

UPDATE

October 2018

Much has happened since the beginning of October. Parts of this newsletter appeared in the Dodge County Pionier, but for those of you that don't receive the paper, we thought it was important to bring you up to date.

On October 4th, the Wisconsin Department of Administration approved the Cooperative Plan between the Town of Williamstown and the Village of Kekoskee. Implementation of the Plan began on October 5th with the attachment of Williamstown to Kekoskee.

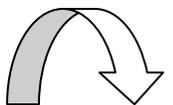
A little history of how we got to this point: Village officers first approached the Town in 2015 to discuss ways to accomplish an orderly merger of our two municipalities that was fair to both. The previous Village Board wanted to retire, and the Village could not find residents willing to serve on the Board. The Town and Village Boards met several times over the following year to review options and start the process for a cooperative plan. Public hearings and revisions of the original Plan proceeded during the next year, becoming better and better for all stakeholders by allowing sufficient area for Village resident detachments to the City of Mayville. Those concerned that the Plan might limit Mayville's ability to grow and develop should read Section 24 of the Plan, which can be found on the Department of Administration's website <https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/LocalGovtsGrants/MunicipalBoundaryReviewNews.aspx> as well as the DOA's review and approval documents located on the same webpage.

For Kekoskee and Williamstown, the Plan offers increased efficiencies and savings as well as the opportunity to see enhanced use of the downtown Village park system by all community residents.

Village Board resignations and appointments started on October 5th and were completed on the 10th. The new Board wishes to thank Lloyd Lechner, former Village President; Jerry Barker and John Becker, former Trustees; Steve Bachhuber, former Treasurer; and Bonnie Hoyt and Diane Beine, former Clerks, for their dedication in serving the best interests of the Village above their own personal wishes to step down. The new Village officers consist of Don Hilgendorf, President; Al Schellinger and Loris Geschke, Trustees; Cindy Fredrick, Treasurer; and Mary Dessereau, Clerk.

Addressing some questions:

- Yes, you read that correctly, the Village of Kekoskee attached all of the Town of Williamstown. The Town no longer exists.



- The name remains the Village of Kekoskee. We don't know when the name will change to the Village of Williamstown.
- The Village dump site on Hwy Y will be closed in the next couple of months. A sign will be posted with the closing date and directions to the expanded site on Hwy V, just south of Mayville
- You will **NOT** need to contract for garbage/recycling services (unless you want to). The enclosed flyer gives you details on the expanded site. A burning and compost area has been added for your convenience.
- The former Village Hall has been closed and moved to the former Town Hall located just up the road at W3275 Hwy TW.
- The former Town of Williamstown has a website: Williamstown-wi.com that you can use for up-to-date info on meetings, the Hall rental calendar and recycling. We are working with their developer to move content to Kekoskee.com and having the web address automatically take you there.
- Water meter testing will most likely start in Spring 2019. Watch the website and your Sanitary bills for notice.
- Notices are now being posted at the former Williamstown Refuse and Recycling Site, the Village Flower Shoppe and the new Village Hall. You can also use the website to subscribe to any notices being posed.
- Election voting will continue to be held at the new Village Hall. We have been working with the Wisconsin Elections Commission and Dodge County to merge voters under the mantle of the Village of Kekoskee for the November 6th General Election. Kekoskee and former Williamstown residents will be using Village of Kekoskee ballots.
- Regular Board meetings will usually be held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30. Because of other Board commitments, the November meeting will be on the 13th and will kick off with the Budget Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

As this is new for all of us, many details are still being worked out. We will include another update with your Tax Statement. Please feel free to email kekoskeclerk@gmail.com or call any of the Board with your questions:

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