



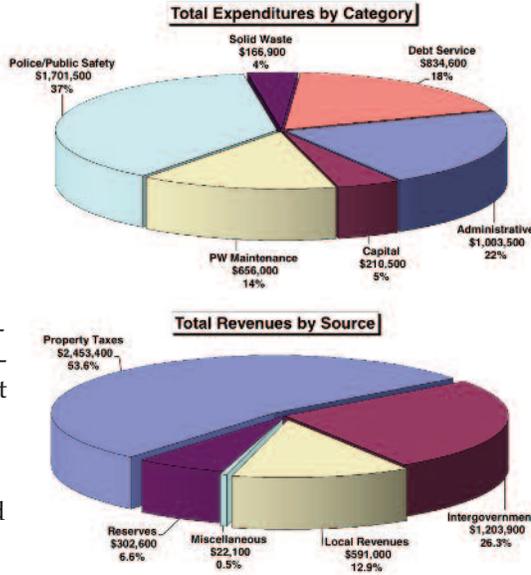
Inver News

The Village With A Heritage

Summer 2013

Budget Basics

The Village Board recently approved the FY14 Financial Plan. This covers the period from May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014. Overall, it provides for expenditures of \$4,573,000. As the top right chart depicts, public safety, public works activities and solid waste disposal constitute more than half (55%) of all budgeted expenses. General operating expenses are up approximately 9% in FY14. This is due primarily to building improvements at the Village Hall Annex, increased forestry expenses related to Emerald Ash Borer mitigation, storm water mapping and localized flood analysis and a slight increase in personnel related expenses.



The Police Department ended FY13 under budget. Department expenses for FY14 are up 4.7% after being frozen for two years in a row. Total Department expenses this year are \$1,695,000. This compares favorably to the prior contractual services proposal for this period of \$2,246,000.

As you can see from the second chart, property taxes are the primary revenue source for the Village. Approximately \$1.6 million is collected for operational expenses. It has been the policy of the *(continued on page 3)*

July 1st is Deadline for Displaying 2013 Village Vehicle Stickers

Applications for the 2013 vehicle stickers were mailed to all residents at the end of May. If you did not receive an application or need to obtain another form, simply stop by the Village Hall or call to let us know you need one. We will gladly put one in the mail to you.

The deadline for displaying the 2013 vehicle sticker is July 1, 2013. Vehicle stickers are \$10 per vehicle. Effective September 2, the price will be \$20.00. After October 2, the price jumps to \$100.00.

Dog licenses are priced at \$5.00. The fee rises to \$10.00 on September 2.



Have Summer Vacation Plans? We'll Keep an Eye on Your House While You're Away

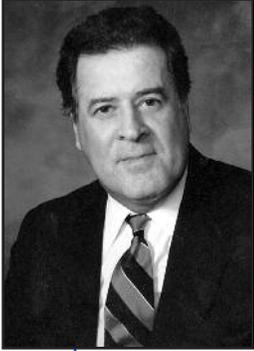
The Inverness Police Department offers a free Vacation Watch program for residents who will be away from home. Officers will check your house on a daily basis for any signs of suspicious activity.

Signing up for Vacation Watch is easy. The Vacation Watch form can be downloaded from the Village's website at www.villageofinverness.org/forms.htm or you can stop by the Police Department or Village Hall to pick one up.

Before leaving on your trip, the Inverness Police Department suggests that you:

- Have your mail forwarded to you, held at the post office, or arrange to have it picked up daily.
- Cancel your newspaper delivery.
- Leave a phone number where you can be reached with one or more neighbors so you can be notified of an emergency.
- Give your home that "lived in" look by using timers for your lights and a radio or television. Vary the times they switch on and off. Never leave mail in a single central location, such as the kitchen table or countertop, where it can be seen and taken as an obvious sign that you are gone.

Jack Tatooles



Dear Residents:

On the first page of this quarter's newsletter, you will find a brief article about the Village's budget. As you can see, the Village is planning to spend about \$4.5 million this year. 37% of that amount is earmarked for public safety. This is the fifth year that the Inverness police department has been operational. During the first four years, the department has ended each of those years under budget. If you compare this financial performance with where our costs could have been under the prior service agreement, the Village is on track to save over \$2.4 million during the five-year period from 2009 to 2014. The total five-year proposed

service contract we considered in 2008 was \$10,058,000. The cost to operate our own police department will be approximately \$7,583,000 for this same period.

Lower police costs equate to lower property taxes. Seven years ago, when we were still relying on contract police services, we evaluated our financial sustainability and implemented a policy whereby the operational portion of the property tax levy (which is currently about two-thirds of the total levy) would be linked directly to the cost of police services. Had we continued to rely on contract services, property tax levies during the last four years would have been higher to reflect higher contract costs. Put another way, the savings realized by operating our own police department yielded lower tax levies. For 2013, this will translate to an operational tax levy that is \$550,000 less than a levy based on the contract proposal for this year.

One final point that I think is important to note. We have all heard a great deal in the news about public pensions and huge unfunded pension liabilities. The Village's staffing model has allowed us to avoid this problem and ensure that our police pension obligations are fully funded on an annual basis.

Enjoy the summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jack".

Jack Tatooles, Mayor

Planning a Party This Summer? If Amplified Music Is Part Of Your Plans, You'll Need a Permit

Who doesn't love a party? Well, occasionally your neighbors. Sometimes what is music to you and your guests is quite an annoyance to your neighbors.

That's why the Village requires a permit whenever amplified music is part of the party. The fee is \$100. A DJ, band, or stereo with speakers all qualify as "amplified music" and require a permit. Apply in person at the Village Hall one week in advance of your party. Amplified music is permitted from 9:00 AM-11:30 PM on Friday and Saturday nights, and until 10:00 PM on all other nights.

For those hosting parties where a number of vehicles will need a place to park, the Village offers temporary "No Parking" signs which can be picked up free of charge at the Police Department. Remember that due to the somewhat narrow streets in Inverness, parking is permitted on only one side of the street to assure that there is room for emergency vehicles to safely pass parked vehicles.

Police will ticket and tow parked cars that prevent emergency vehicles from getting down the street. And please remind your guests to lock their cars.

Calendar of Events

July

- 9 Village Board
- 16 Plan Commission
- 17 Zoning Board

August

- 13 Village Board
- 20 Plan Commission
- 21 Zoning Board

September

- 10 Village Board
- 17 Plan Commission
- 18 Zoning Board

Why Do Police Officers Do That?

Have you ever been pulled over for a traffic violation and wondered why the police officer did something unusual, such as putting a spotlight on your car or insisting that you remain inside your car?

Traffic stops are one of the most frequent and potentially dangerous situations that an officer faces every day. In order to protect the officer and the person who is pulled over, police officers are trained to handle traffic stops in the safest possible manner. This may include standing in a position that allows the officer to see the entire front seat of the vehicle, placing a spotlight on the driver, and keeping everyone inside the vehicle.



Following are some questions that are commonly asked by citizens about traffic stops and the actions taken by police officers. The questions are followed by responses that will give you insight as to why police officers act a certain way while they conduct traffic stops.

Why did the officer stand behind my driver door so that I had to turn around to see him?

Police officers stand behind the driver side door for his or her safety. From this position, police officers can see the whole interior of the vehicle and the glove compartment. This position allows the officer to act quickly if a weapon is observed in the vehicle. Police officers may change their position to the front of your door after they determine that it is safe to do so.

Why did the officer use a spotlight on my traffic stop? The lights blinded me.

Police officers use a spotlight to improve their visibility into your vehicle, thus increasing their safety. The spotlight allows officers to light up a vehicle in darkness; therefore, increasing their awareness of everyone in the car. The bright light also aids officers in observing weapons or other contraband inside the vehicle.

When the officer stopped me, I got out of the car to speak with him. Why did the officer order me to get back into my car?

The officer asked you to return to your vehicle for your safety. There is concern that you may be struck by a passing vehicle and injured. In addition, the officer is protecting himself in case you might have a weapon and were coming toward him with the intention to harm him. Whenever you are pulled over on a traffic stop, always remain in the vehicle and allow the officer to approach you.

Why did it take so long for the officer to write me a ticket?

When a police officer returns to his police car with your driver's license, he runs your name through a computer to determine that your license is valid and there are no outstanding warrants. Once the computer returns the data to the officer, he determines his next course of action which may be a written citation or warning. In addition, by law, the officer has to document each traffic stop.

Why did the officer ask me to place my hands on the steering wheel?

When the officer approaches your vehicle, he is looking for your hands. This is for the officer's safety. If he cannot see your hands, the officer must be prepared for the possibility that you might have a weapon. The officer will request that you place your hands in his view and that you keep them visible for the duration of the traffic stop. If you need to enter your glove compartment or another area of the car, inform the officer of your actions before you move.

NEWS TO KNOW—

Holiday Garbage Pickup

4th of July: The holiday falls on Thursday, July 4; garbage pickup will be on **Friday, July 5.**

Labor Day: The holiday falls on Monday, September 2; garbage pickup will be on **Friday, September 6.**

Rural Fire Protection District Open House to be Held on September 14

The Palatine Rural Fire Protection District will host its annual Open House on Saturday, September 14 from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. The day's activities will be held at the Fire Station located at 35 Ela Road in Inverness. Additional parking will be available at Holy Family Church, located at 2515 Palatine Road. A shuttle service will be provided.

The event will include numerous vendors, live burn demonstrations, a kids' hands-on activity area, and a variety of other activities. Be sure to bring your camera -- Sparky the Dalmatian will be on hand for pictures. The event will provide a day of family fun.

Budget Basics

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Village for the last seven years to link the operational component of the tax levy directly to the cost of police services. The remainder of the levy is earmarked for bond debt service.

Over a quarter of Village revenues, or \$1.2 million, are intergovernmental in nature. These are monies paid to other governments and then returned to the Village by that governmental entity. A good example of this is the local government distributive share of the state income tax. This year we expect to receive over \$700,000 from this source. For FY14 there is a 6% budgeted shortfall between revenues and expenditures. This will be made up from the Village's financial reserves if it becomes necessary.

The Financial Plan, as well as prior audits, can be viewed on our website at www.villageofinverness.org/news.html under the Financial Information section.



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We All Live Downstream

Stormwater runoff can affect the quantity and quality of water that must be handled downstream. Excess runoff can contribute to flooding. Contaminated runoff can make water unfit for wildlife habitat and be detrimental to humans. Both situations can be costly to correct. Prevention is more effective and efficient than remediation.

Runoff carries with it salt, soil, leaves, pesticides, fertilizers, oil, gasoline, and any other materials present on the surface. Water from lawns and other open areas can run off into storm sewers and drainage ditches.

Some people think this water is treated in a sewage treatment plant just

like water from sanitary sewers. But that is not the case. Storm water receives no treatment before entering local bodies of water. Safeguarding the quality of our streams and lakes is beneficial to the entire community.

10 Ways You Can Improve the Quality of Stormwater Runoff

- 1. Cover piles of soil, sand or mulch to stop them from being transported in stormwater. Plant grass where soil is exposed.
- 2. Sweep your sidewalk and driveway rather than hosing them down.



- 3. Put leaves and grass clippings in compost, on the garden as mulch, or mow back into the lawn to recycle as nutrients.
- 4. Divert roof water to lawns or gardens where it can safely soak in.
- 5. Keep pesticides, oil, leaves and other pollutants off streets and out of storm drains.
- 6. Keep cars tuned up and repair leaks.
- 7. Wash your vehicle on grass or over gravel. Use as little detergent as you can and pour any leftover soapy water onto the lawn.
- 8. Dispose of household hazardous waste according to the label directions.
- 9. Clean up pet waste -- and properly dispose of it.
- 10. Never dump anything down storm drains. Water from these drains flows **untreated** into local bodies of water.

Grant Provides New Ambulance Equipment for Palatine Rural Fire Protection District

Palatine Rural FPD was recently awarded an Assistance to Firefighter's Grant under the Federal FEMA grant program. The grant provided the funds to purchase a power cot loader for the District's new ambulance. The power cot loader, pictured to the right, will assist firefighters when they are loading patients into the ambulance, thus reducing the possibility of back injuries to District personnel.



The new power cot loader will be purchased, installed, and in-service by mid-summer. Efforts by Senator Dick Durbin were instrumental in making the grant funds available to the District.