

From the Desk of the Administrator

With School back in full swing and yet another month closer to cold weather, I will talk about two different subjects. First, I will explain the Village's Natural Gas Government Aggregation Program and then I will discuss the Municipal Alert Messaging System the Village will be implementing in the near future to deliver informational messages to our citizens.

The Village is a member of AMP, a non-profit, joint agency comprised of 135 municipal public power providers. As an additional service to local government, AMP has offered natural gas and electric governmental aggregation to both AMP member and non-member communities through its wholly owned subsidiary, AMPO, Inc. (AMPO)

Recently AMPO has been working on a obtaining a new natural gas price for the Village. After exploring several options AMPO suggested that the Village sign with Volunteer Energy for our natural gas. The Village is currently with IGS Energy for its natural gas.

The new aggregation period will be September 2018 through August 2020. Participating members will see a natural gas price of \$0.375 per Ccf during this period. Currently if you are participating in the program you are paying \$0.446 per Ccf.

Residents should have received an opt-out letter, and if you should choose not to participate in the program please fill out the letter and return it to the address at the bottom of the letter. If you are currently in the Village's aggregation program and wish to go with Volunteer Energy for your natural gas supplier, you do not need to do anything, you will be automatically enrolled.

The Village Council has also signed on with Towne Answering Service to provide a Municipal Alert Messaging System. This system will provide the Village to have a flexible communication pathway to provide urgent and non-urgent messages quickly by via text, email and / or phone. (you can sign up as many ways as you like)

Some examples the system would be used for would be Boil Alerts, Power Outages, Snow Emergencies, and Missing Person/s are just a few. The starting data base will be your phone number associated with your utility account. We will have several ways to sign-up so you are able to get the messages the way you want to receive them.

We are in the set-up stage as I write this, so in the near future we will provide you with the different options to get signed up. We anticipate this service to provide more and quicker communications with our residents.

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If anyone has any questions on either of these projects, please give me a call at the Village Office at 596-6314.

(Next month: Energy Efficiency)