

**Village of Volo**

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 Volo, IL 60073

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**Village Hall Hours**

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 Monday - Friday

**Lake County Sheriff (non-emergency)**

(847) 549-5200

**Village Board**

**Mayor**

Stephen Henley

**Trustees**

Michael Wagner  
 Carol Porter  
 Kurt Johnson  
 Dustin Heuser  
 John Buttita  
 Lesa Northam

**Village Clerk**

Bonnie Rydberg

**Meeting Schedule**

**Village Board & COW**

July 6<sup>th</sup>  
 July 20<sup>th</sup>  
 August 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 August 17<sup>th</sup>  
 September 7<sup>th</sup>  
 September 21<sup>st</sup>

**Planning & Zoning Commission**

July 13<sup>th</sup>  
 August 10<sup>th</sup>  
 September 14<sup>th</sup>

MEETING DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## Where Do Your Property Tax Dollars Go?

Each spring, property owners receive their property tax bill from Lake County. The Village's portion of this year's property tax bill is approximately 7.4%.

"The Village relies on property tax revenue primarily to pay for police services and finance the Lake Michigan Water Project," said Mayor Stephen Henley.

The Village's property tax rate is 0.744525, which means that property owners pay \$0.75 in property taxes to the Village for each \$100 of assessed value.

For example, a property owner with a \$200,000 home would pay approximately \$6,750 in property taxes, excluding any special service area taxes. Of this \$6,750, only \$500 (7.4%) is collected by the Village, with \$67 going toward the Lake Michigan Water Project.

The remaining property tax dollars are collected by other taxing districts, each levying its own property taxes. For a detailed breakdown of property tax bills by taxing district, see the table below.

Most property owners will also see a Special Service Area (SSA) tax on their property tax bill. This special tax, levied on each lot within a subdivision, is collected to repay the bonds issued to complete the public improvements within the subdivision.

Each year the Village abates a portion of these special taxes, collecting only the amount required to make the bond payments. In 2020, the Village abated over \$785,000 in special taxes across all special service areas.

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### Property Tax Bill by Taxing District

<i>Property in Grant Township</i>		<i>Property in Wauconda Township</i>	
District #38 & #124	64.05%	District #118	66.16%
Village of Volo	7.51%	Village of Volo	7.27%
Fox Lake Fire	6.08%	Wauconda Fire	6.51%
Lake County	6.03%	Lake County	5.84%
Grant Township	5.55%	Wauconda Library	4.29%
Fox Lake Library	3.87%	Wauconda Township	3.23%
College of Lake County	2.92%	College of Lake County	2.83%
Lakes Region Sanitary	2.15%	Lakes Region Sanitary	2.09%
<u>Lake County Forest Preserve</u>	<u>1.83%</u>	<u>Lake County Forest Preserve</u>	<u>1.78%</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

TO SEE THE BREAKDOWN FOR YOUR PROPERTY, PLEASE VISIT [HTTPS://MAPS.LAKECOUNTYIL.GOV/TAXDISTRIBUTION](https://maps.lakecountyil.gov/taxdistribution)

## Emergency Warning Sirens

The Village of Volo will activate the emergency warning sirens when severe weather or other emergency conditions warrant. The sirens are tested at 10:00 a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month.

The sirens are designed to alert residents who are outdoors to seek shelter. During severe weather warnings, residents should take shelter indoors in a basement or interior room without windows.

## Building Permits

Residents are reminded to contact the Building Department prior to making improvements to their home or property.

The Village Code requires building permits for many exterior and interior improvements.

For more information, or to obtain a permit, please contact the Building Department at (847) 740-6982 before making any improvements.

## Mosquito Abatement

The Village sprays weekly for mosquitoes on Thursday evenings (weather permitting) throughout the summer.

Spraying does not pose a risk to residents; however, those with odor or chemical sensitivities may want to keep their windows and doors closed on spray dates.

For more information on the materials used, please contact Clarke at (800) 942-2555.

## From the Mayor...

In May, the Village Board approved the operating and capital budgets for the fiscal year that began on May 1, 2021. The FY 21/22 Budget includes \$4,744,980 in operating expenses and \$2,621,800 in capital expenses.

The operating budget reflects the Village’s ongoing cost-containment efforts. Despite increased service levels due to a growing population and contract cost increases for police and garbage/recycling services, per resident costs have remained constant.

In an effort to control operating costs, the Village utilizes private contractors, rather than in-house personnel, to provide many services. A small full-time staff reduces pension and health insurance costs—expenses currently overwhelming municipal budgets. These efforts ultimately lead to lower costs for residents.

In addition to operating expenses, the FY 21/22 Budget includes funding for community improvement projects intended to increase property values and enhance the visual aesthetic of the Village.

The capital budget also includes contributions to various fixed asset funds, which will allow the Village to fund the future replacement of its major fixed assets without borrowing, thereby reducing long-term debt.

Sincerely,



Stephen Henley

## Watering Restrictions

Pursuant to Village Ordinance, the following watering restrictions are in effect between May 15<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>:

- Watering is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- Watering is permitted on odd / even calendar days as determined by the address of the property — odd number addresses on odd numbered days; even number addresses on even numbered days.
- Newly sodded or seeded lawns may be watered at any time for a two-week period following installation.

For more information, please contact the Village Hall at (847) 740-6982.