

Village of Atwood, Illinois

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“Atwood, IL has new web site at www.atwoodil.com”

During August, the Village of Atwood web site went online at www.atwoodil.com. This web site was created as a joint partnership with the Village, the Atwood Chamber of Commerce, and the Atwood Economic Development Committee. During the August Village Board meeting, the Village approved the expense of 50% of the web site design. Everyone is encouraged to provide feedback and information which might be useful to other residents of the Village, such as calendar items and the business listings.

Also at the meeting, the Village Trustees approved a motion to spend up to \$25,045 for the installation of a standby generator. This generator, which was largely made possible through a grant from State Representative Chapin Rose, will automatically come on in the event of a power outage to keep the water facilities producing potable water to the citizens of Atwood and other water purchasers in the surrounding areas.

The roads were addressed as well and the Village will spend up to \$28,441.50 for oiling and graveling certain streets and alleys in the Village.

A lengthy discussion of the recent Apple Dumpling Festival was held, and the Village would like to thank the Atwood Chamber of Commerce for the spectacular administration of another festival. This year's festival had the biggest car and truck show ever at 180 entries and more apple dumplings were sold this year than ever before. 90 different entries were in the parade and the Chamber of Commerce is already lining up acts and vendors for next year's festival, which will take place on August 14 & 15, 2009. Approximately 130 pictures from the Festival are available for viewing at www.atwoodil.com.

The Board approved the payment of all budgeted or approved expenses and announced that the Atwood Zoning Board would be meeting on the evening of September 11 at 6pm. At 7pm on September 22nd, the Village of Atwood, the Atwood Chamber of Commerce, and the Atwood Economic Development Committee will be hosting a joint Strategic Planning meeting at the Atwood-Hammond Grade School. A presentation will be made regarding the status of the Village and members of the community will have the opportunity to provide input as to the courses of action that the Village will be heading in the future.

The next Atwood Village Board meeting will be held on September 15th at 7:00p.m.