

Happy Thursday Oostburg residents,  
Let me introduce myself, I am Brian Hilbelink and I will be serving you as the new village president. I appreciate your support and look forward to working with the board to make the village a great place to live, work and play.

The President's Corner article is something that I will be continuing to help keep everyone informed regarding what is going on in the village.

First, I want to sincerely thank Allen Wrubbel for stepping in to fill the office for the last 16 months. He has always done the job well and I want to let him know it was very much appreciated. Allen, thank you and enjoy your retirement. You have earned the rest.

Second thank you to the board, I appreciate the wisdom and passion each of you brings to the board room each meeting. I look forward to what the future brings for the village. The work of the board has been instrumental in helping to fill the business park. This has brought good jobs for families and young people. Also thank you to all the village employees who keep things running so well, Oostburg works because of what you do.

Third, we do have some challenges going forward. DNR mandates for our treatment plant will affect sewer rates. Also, inflationary pressures will affect water rates. We also have more roads that will need to be repaired in the future.

In conclusion thank you for your patience with the current road construction. I know this makes the day to day moving around slightly more difficult. Your patience will be rewarded with new streets and repaired sidewalks.

Thank you.  
Brian Hilbelink  
Village President