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Huntley Building Permits Continue Positive Trend

Village continues to see building permits rise first half of 2012 Gloria Casas 8/8/2012

Huntley's building permit revenues came in higher than projected in the first quarter of the year, officials said.

Village Manager Dave Johnson said Huntley made conservative building permit revenue projections for the year, but the revenues have come in 30 percent higher.

Huntley issued 51 building permits for residential units through the end of June, said Johnson, who gave trustees an update on village finances to date. The revenues already exceed \$391,473 so far, he said.

Last year, Huntley's permits doubled its projects and the village issued 97 building permits for new, single-family detached homes and 33 permits for units like townhomes.

The 2011 building permit revenues came in at \$599,811 for the year, officials said.

There were more permits issued in the Talamore subdivision last year than anticipated.

Overall, the village's departments are within or less than budget as of June 30, Johnson said.

A few departments had unexpected expenses that resulted in going over the line item budget, he said. The police commission had to do additional background checks for potential new hires. The Streets and Underground Department went over budget due to an animal control issue, specifically beavers, he said.

Revenues have increased while expenditures are within or below expected thresholds, he said. The village's finances are where they should be at this point, Johnson said.

The state of Illinois continues to be behind in its state income tax payments Huntley in the amount of \$465,694, according to the village. The amounts represent May and June vouchers.

Huntley's finance department recently received a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its financial reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The village has taken strides to provide easy to understand financial reports and provide access to those reports on its website.