



Community Calendar

January

- 5 Village Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:00pm
- 19 Committee Meeting, Village Office, 6:00pm
- 22 Rio Community Club Meeting, F&M Bank, 6:30pm

February

- 2 Village Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:00pm
- 16 Committee Meeting, Village Hall, 6:00pm
- 17 Primary Election
If needed - Village Hall, 7am to 8pm
- 26 Rio Community Club Meeting, F&M Bank, 6:30pm

March

- 2 Village Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:00pm
- 16 Committee Meeting, Village Office, 6:00pm
- 26 Rio Community Club Meeting, F&M Bank, 6:30pm

Please note that dates are subject to change.

The RIO POLICE are asking that residents please remember to dial 911 in all emergency situations. Please do not call the Village Office in emergency situations. If you need to contact a Rio Police Officer after hours please call the Columbia County Sherriff's office at 608-742-4166 option 1.

Winter is here!

With winter's arrival, it's helpful to review village ordinances and policies important during cold-weather months. Here's a quick review:

STREET PARKING Overnight street parking during with winter months is allowed unless it snows. If it snows you may not park on the street and 24 hours after snowfall. In the event of extenuating circumstances leave a message at 920-992-5454. No overnight parking is allowed anytime during the year on Lincoln Avenue between Harvey and Rio Street.

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS -- Please keep your side-walks clear of snow and ice to provide safe passage for everyone! The Village Board would like to remind residents and business owners that snow and ice **MUST** be removed from all side-walks. According to Village Ordinance 6-2-8(a), property owners have 24 hours from the time snow ceases to accumulate to remove snow and ice from sidewalks that adjoin their property. Snow cleared from side-walks, driveways and parking lots cannot be shoveled, blown or plowed into the highway, street or any public right-of-way, where it poses a safety hazard to road crews, pedestrians and motorists. If you do not remove snow in a timely manner, the village will do it for you and bill you \$100 per hour, 1 hour minimum. Any portion beyond a full hour will be charged the full hourly rate. Each 24-hour period will be considered a separate offense and billed according to ordinance.

PLEASE LEND A HAND — clear snow from fire hydrants so firefighters have clear access to the hydrants in an emergency.

POLLS OPEN at 7 am for the Spring Election on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. If a Primary Election is required it will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2025. **If you aren't registered to vote in the Village of Rio, you may register in the Clerk's Office before the election, or register online at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> or at the polls the day of the election.** **VOTER PHOTO ID** is required. Please remember to bring your photo id to the polls.

Dog Registration Required

DOG LICENSES expire on December 31 of each year...Wisconsin Stats. 174.05 requires that all dogs over five (5) months of age be licensed. A current rabies vaccination is required at the time your license is obtained. Vaccination records are only needed if there is an update from last year or if this is a new animal to be licensed. The cost of a license \$7.00 for a neutered/spayed dog and \$12.00 for a not neutered/spayed dog. A \$5.00 late fee will be assessed to animals not licensed by April 1. A \$75.00 citation will be issued for unlicensed dogs after May 31. If you no longer have your dog, please let the Village Office know so we can update our records.

Coming Soon!

The village is currently in the process of updating the village website. The new website will offer email or text alerts. If you sign up you will be notified of street closings, sewer and water maintenance and other important news. Watch for more information to come!

Village of Rio 2026 Budget Adoption

Notice is hereby given that, following a PUBLIC HEARING on Monday, December 1, 2025, the Village Board adopted the following 2025 General Fund tax levy and budget. Copies of the related worksheets are available by contacting the Village office.

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	2024	2025	2025	2026	%
	Actual	Approved	Estimate	Approved	Change
State Shared Revenue	193364.25	197679.36	197679.36	198907.25	
State hiway aid	56640.37	56297.74	56248.64	56516.52	
Personal Property Tax	3394.21	4116.53	4116.53	3696.00	
Other fed/state/county aids	78357.37	70915.78	76326.50	81634.50	
Local revenue	163935.17	106042.00	149068.00	106842.00	
From setaside funds	0.00	207082.70	18023.32	178236.13	
Utility taxes	37773.00	52825.00	40000.00	40000.00	
Tax Levy for General Fund	265049.87	157972.43	255935.43	274400.77	
Levy for Special Revenue Fund:	222232.13	334272.57	236309.57	260941.23	
Total Revenue	1020746.37	1187204.11	1033707.35	1201174.40	1.18%
<u>Expenditures</u>					
General Government	110377.00	149509.66	120207.57	201725.92	
Economic Development	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Public Works	269248.34	304544.00	284018.55	315625.28	
Police Protection	252358.87	250667.46	246072.43	261891.44	
Public Protection	86537.34	79476.42	80665.23	81945.53	
Education/Recreation	4881.97	6800.00	4500.00	6800.00	
Designated for specific item					
<u>Special Revenue Funds:</u>					
Fire Dept.appropriation	76344.00	87690.00	87690.00	83964.00	
Library	159998.00	160167.00	160167.00	172475.00	
Debt Retirement	27196.09	26636.57	26636.57	26044.23	
Capital Outlay	20459.04	121713.00	23750.00	50700.00	
Total Expenditures	1007400.65	1187204.11	1033707.35	1201171.40	
Village tax rate	5.25	5.28		5.70	7.95%

Rio Sewer and Water Rates --January 1, 2026

Water Rates: The water utility's condition is reviewed annually by auditors and by the Public Service Commission (PSC). The PSC establishes the water rate structure. The last water rate increase was January, 2016. The last Sewer rate increase was January, 2023. The Sewer and Water utility rates will be increasing the rates by 3% beginning January 1, 2026 the rate structure are needed to stay in compliance with the DOA requirements to maintain 110 % debt coverage.

QUARTERLY BASE CHARGE	WATER	Water	Hydrant Rental	Hydrant Rental	SEWER	SEWER	Township
Meter Size	Rate	New Rate	Rate	New Rate	Rate	New Rate	New Rate
5/8 -3/4 inch meter	\$21.63	\$22.28	\$18.45	\$19.00	\$72.41	\$74.58	\$93.24
1 inch meter	\$30.90	\$31.83	\$46.04	\$47.42	\$119.22	\$122.80	\$153.51
1 1/2 inch meter	\$49.44	\$50.92	\$92.08	\$94.84	\$239.58	\$246.77	\$308.46
2 inch meter	\$71.07	\$73.20	\$147.39	\$151.81	\$404.93	\$417.08	\$521.34
3 inch meter	\$105.06	\$108.21	276.25	\$284.54	\$873.95	\$900.17	\$1,125.22
4 inch meter	\$145.23	\$149.59	\$460.41	\$474.22			

Sewer Old Rate	New Rate	Difference	Town Old Rate	Town New Rate	Difference
6.5	6.7	\$0.20	\$8.13	\$8.37	\$0.24

Per 1000 gallons

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 3.61 per 1000 gallons up to first 50,000 gallons
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 A late fee of 3 % but not less than
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 paid by due date.