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What is my role?

So, you want to be a Village President or Trustee?

What is my focus?

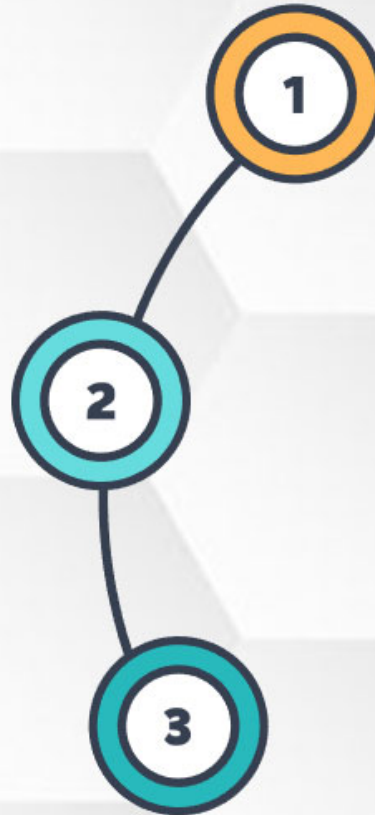
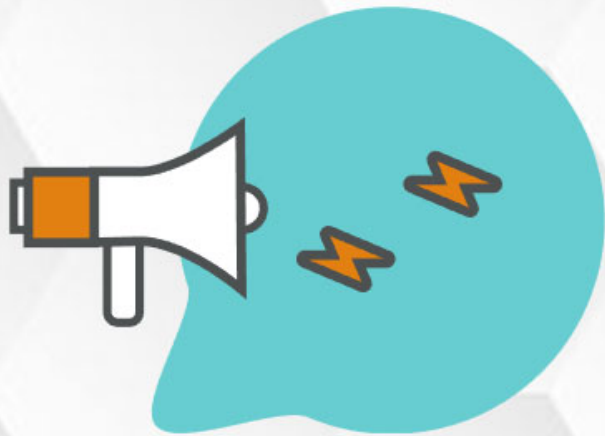
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COMMUNITY

What is
my role?



Be available and attentive in identifying the needs and wants of the **community** and **prioritize** those needs based on the resources available.



What is my role?



Identify services and programs to meet the needs of the **community**.



What is my role?




Establish service levels, policies, goals, and benchmarks related to the needs of the **community**.



What is my role?



Through budget adoption, provide resources that address the **community** needs.



The infographic features a central teal speech bubble with the title 'So, you want to be a Village President or Trustee?'. This bubble is connected by a black line to a stylized building with a central tower and two side wings. The building is drawn with simple black outlines and contains several groups of four vertical bars, resembling a barcode or a simplified architectural drawing. Four orange speech bubbles are positioned around the building, each containing a question. The background is a light gray with a repeating hexagonal pattern.

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Think Local

While services are provided to residents and businesses at all levels of government (County, State, Federal), the focus of the Village Board is on the services provided by the Village of DeForest.

The Village President or Trustee should prioritize decision making based on local initiatives that impact the service levels outlined here.

Local Services



Public Safety



Fire & EMS District



Public Works



Community
Development



General Government



Utilities



Parks, Recreation,
Natural Resources



Library



Community &
Senior Center

Public Safety



The DeForest Police Department primarily is responsible for providing safety services to our residents, businesses and visitors to the Village of DeForest.

- Reactive services to emergency situations & events
- Enforcement services
- Proactive services to build community relations
- Being prepared for every scenario by attending trainings and hosting training and enrichment services to residents

Fire & EMS District



The DeForest Windsor Area Fire & EMS Department provides service to protect residents, businesses and visitors in the event of an emergency. Funds for this department are determined by the Fire District Board, with approval from the Village Board. Main areas of service include:

- Fire Protection
- EMS Protection
- Fire Inspection Services

Public Works



The Public Works area provides services to insure safe travel on our streets and sidewalks.

- Street Services: Chip Seal and other street maintenance, snow/ice removal, painting
- Brush Collection and Removal
- Street Lighting
- Sidewalk Maintenance
- Recycling and Garbage Collection (outsourced)

Utilities



The Village Board annually considers funding to provide services and maintain infrastructure of the utilities. This includes periodic review and changes to Utility Rates. The utilities provide safe water and sewer services to utility customers within the village. The stormwater utility collects and/or detains storm water and debris caused by rain, snow melt and other factors.

- Water Utility
- Sewer Utility
- Storm Water Utility

General Government



General Government includes services provided by the Administration department including duties related to the Administrator/Finance Director, Deputy Administrator/Village Clerk, and Human Resources.

- Administration/Finance Department including legal and professional services
- Deputy Administrator/Clerk including Technology, Elections, Board of Review, and Insurance
- Judicial
- Human Resources
- Public Relations

Community Development



Community Development includes services related to Planning & Zoning services and Economic Development Services. Main areas of service include:

- Building Inspection & Permits
- Zoning and Mapping
- Development Review Process
- Creation, Retention and Expansion services for economic development

Parks, Recreation, Natural Resources



This department provides opportunities for enrichment activities to residents of all abilities from playground equipment, soccer games, and some of the best trails in Dane County.

- Recreation Programs for all ages
- Parks & Trail Operating and Maintenance
- Natural Resources Operating and Maintenance



Library

The DeForest Area Public Library is governed by the Library Board who determines services at the Library. Some of those services include:

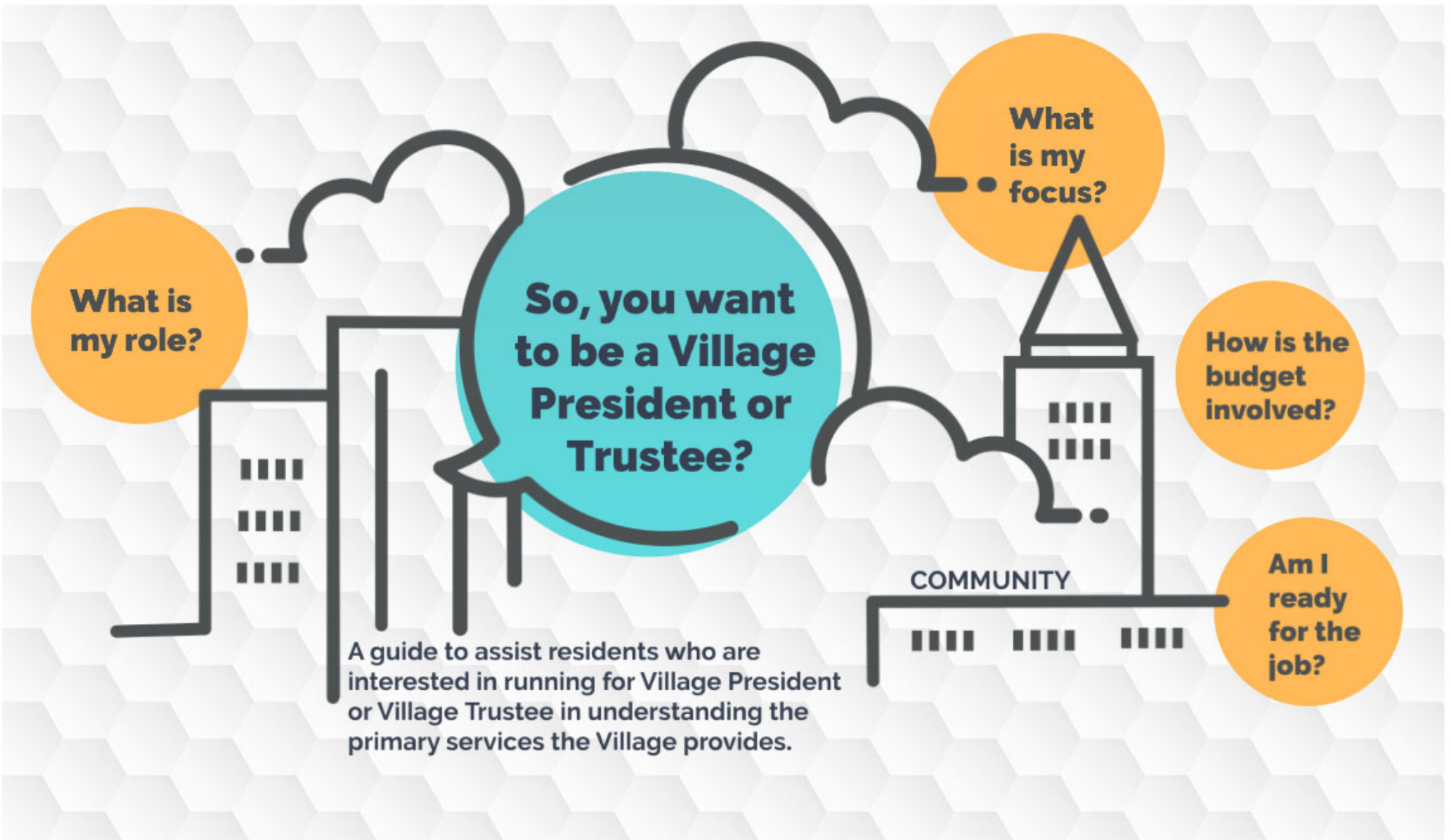
- Materials in many formats to meet Educational, Recreational and Information needs
- Adult & Children Enrichment Programs
- Social Interaction
- Outreach programs to Seniors

Community & Senior Center



The DeForest Area Community and Senior Center provides services to senior citizens in the greater DeForest area.

- Case Management Services to assist residents with needs
- Lunch Programs both at the Center and delivered to senior's homes
- Senior Enrichment programs



How is the
budget
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BUDGET

The budget designates resources to services and programs based on the needs of the community.

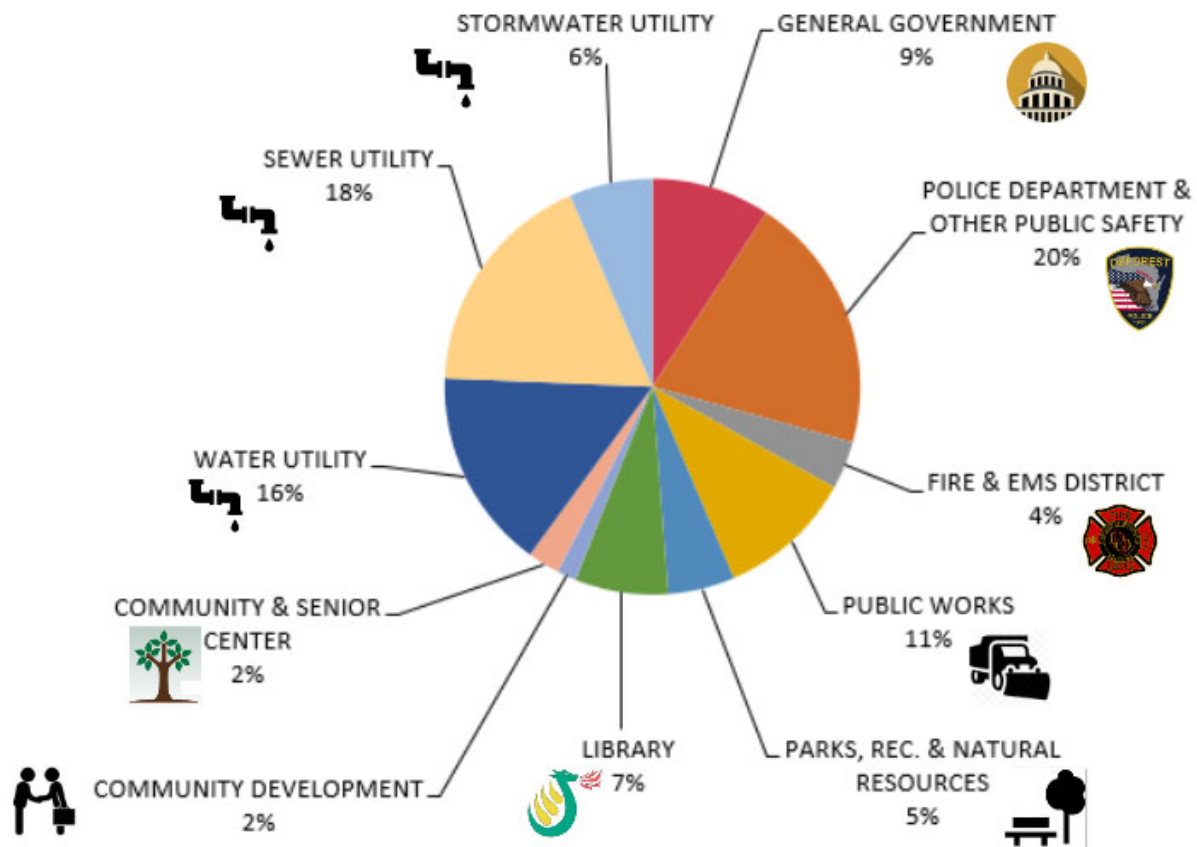
The budget considers employee effort, capital equipment, infrastructure, and operating costs.

The President/Trustee role is responsible for assessing needs and adopting the annual budget to meet those needs.

2024-2025

2019 BUDGETED OPERATING EXPENDITURES

(Does not include all Village Funds)



An infographic with a light gray background featuring a repeating pattern of hexagons in varying shades. In the center is a large, light blue speech bubble with a thick black outline. Five smaller orange speech bubbles with black outlines are connected to the central bubble by black lines. The bubbles contain the following text: 'What is my role?' (top left), 'What is my focus?' (top right), 'How is the budget involved?' (middle right), 'Am I ready for the job?' (bottom right), and 'What is my focus?' (bottom left). Below the central bubble is a black line drawing of a building with a steeple, labeled 'COMMUNITY' in all caps. The building has several windows represented by vertical lines. Below the building is a black line drawing of a road with three sets of white dashed lines representing lane markings. The word 'COMMUNITY' is written in all caps above the road. The word 'COMMUNITY' is also written in all caps above the road.

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Questions to Consider

Do you have an interest in the level of services provided by the Village?

Can you be available to the public?

Are you attentive to the needs of the community?

Are you ready to evaluate resident demands considering the greater needs of the community?

Do you have a passion for local interests vs. individual interests?

Are you willing to compromise on your personal agenda for the good of the community?

If you answered **YES**, you are ready!