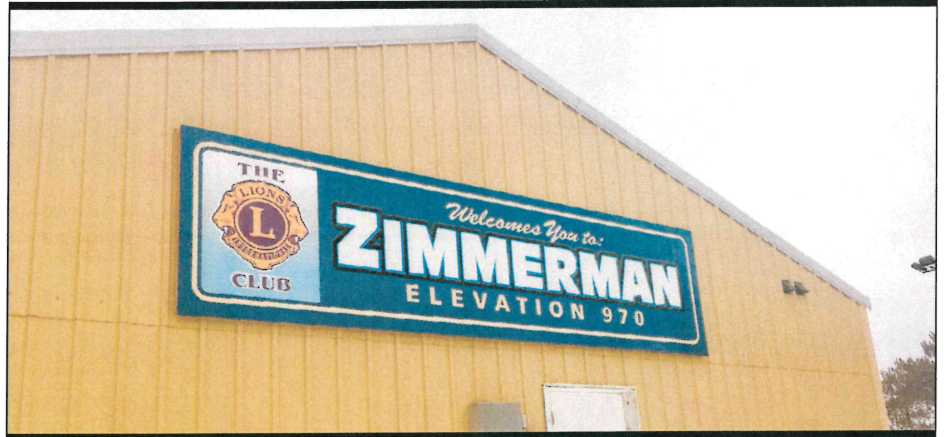


From Where I Sit « by Mayor Nick Stay

When I was elected Mayor, I really had no idea what to expect or what this “job” entailed. Running meetings, kissing babies, waving in parades and lighting the fire at the annual Celebrate the Season celebration were high on the list of things to do. What I’ve learned?

This stuff’s hard!!!

Oftentimes, our employees only hear from residents when there’s a problem or a complaint. Your mailbox was hit by a plow, or there’s graffiti on park equipment, and so on. I think it’s important to acknowledge all the good that our employees do as well. Zimmerman has a very small staff (only 13 people!) who keep our City of 6,000+ people running smoothly. We are fortunate to have great employees that work hard every day to make sure Zimmerman is a fantastic place to work, live and do business! Have a question about your water bill? Call Teri – she’s always eager to help! Need a building permit? Sara can get you squared away. Not sure how to program your irrigation system to conserve water? Any one of our qualified Public Works Technicians can help you



set that up. Do you want to know what the 169 interchange will look like? Randy is in close communication with Sherburne County, MNDOT and the contracted design engineer so we know how the project is proceeding. In addition to our City Hall and Public Works team, our public safety contracts with the Sherburne County Sheriff’s Office and the Zimmerman/Livonia Fire District provide top-notch response for all the City’s needs.

I’ve learned over the past 4 years that running a City isn’t easy, but with great people supporting you, it can be done. And it can be done well.

Thanks for choosing
Zimmerman. •



Nick Stay
– Mayor

Water Bill Too High?

Zimmerman residents,

Lowering your monthly water bill begins with water conservation both inside and outside your home or business. In 2021, the City’s water system was pushed to its limits on multiple occasions due to high demand and drought conditions. During the last year, the City of Zimmerman pumped over 200,000,000 gallons of water out to its property owners.

Over 86,000,000 gallons of that water was used for outside irrigation of lawns. Forty-three percent (43%) of all the water pumped from city wells was put onto lawns over a couple summer months.

Zimmerman currently has 2 wells, 2 water plants, and 2 water towers. Our wells are pumping water for all city commercial and residential needs, including indoor water, outdoor irrigation, and fire protection. When irrigation usage starts to affect the City’s ability to provide indoor water, and fire protection for the city it becomes a major concern that needs to be addressed. By enforcing the following water regulations, we would operate at 50% capacity.



- **Odd/Even Watering** (if your house number is an odd number, you water on odd calendar days. If your house has an even number, you water on even calendar days).

- **No outside irrigation between the hours of 8 am & 8 pm.**

City staff doesn’t enjoy doing irrigation enforcement and would much rather work with residents and business owners to help with setup and programming of irrigation systems. If you are interested in having Public Works staff assist you with setting up your irrigation controls this spring, we are more than happy to help. To schedule an appointment, please call Finance/Utility Billing Technician Teri Grote at (763) 856-4666 ext. 1023.

Thank you, Keith Koehler - Public Works Director

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