



## **Montgomery Village Hall**

It was a decision of the Village Board to locate the Village Hall in the downtown to serve as an anchor and a catalyst for redevelopment. The Village was able to acquire seven properties that became the site of the new Village Hall.

Early in the design process, the Village Board decided to complement and honor Gray's Mill across the street. Kasota stone on the exterior and interior of the building was used to fulfill this vision. Cherry wood, various materials and color were utilized to make the building feel more user-friendly.

Due to the rapid increase in population, the Village Hall was designed for 20 years of growth. In 2000, the Village's population was 5,471. In 2008, the Village's fourth Special Census of the decade was done and the population had more than tripled to 17,062. The building is 23,511 square feet total, with 17,640 square feet on the upper level and 5,871 square feet on the lower level.

### **Design Issues**

The Village Hall is separated into two segments, the public meeting room portion of the building and the staff area. The Full Service Counter is the separation between the two areas. The Full Service Counter was designed as a one-stop shop for residents and business people to be able to conduct their business. Beyond the Full Service Counter are staff workstations.

The lobby is three-tiered because of the grade variations in the site. In the middle lobby, the Margaret Mead quote on the wall reflects the importance of citizen involvement in local government. On that same level is a TV that will televise the live meetings. In the upper lobby below one of the display cases is a time capsule that will be opened in 2035 when Montgomery celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **Meeting Rooms**

In the public portion of the Village Hall, there are three public meeting rooms: the Village Board Room; Community Room; and Multi-Purpose Room. The design also allows for gathering spaces outside the rooms for people to congregate, if necessary, during meetings.

The Village Board Room was designed to accommodate technology now used in today's meetings. The screen is built into the overall design for Power Point presentations and can be easily viewed throughout the room. Kasota stone and cherry wood were incorporated into the design to create a traditional feel for the room.

The Community Room can be used as a spill-over room if there is a capacity crowd in the Village Board Room. It will also stand on its own and host multiple monthly meetings.

A wide variety of events may be held in the Multi-Purpose Room, such as: blood drives; employee training; registration for the annual Oktoberfest 5K River Run; refreshments for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony; senior citizen activities; voting; and other future community events. The Village will be able to host indoor events and bring them outside to Founder's Plaza and bring outdoor events inside.

### **Staff Area**

The staff space was designed to accommodate not only current staff but future staffing needs. This area includes three meeting rooms of various sizes based on the function for that room.

The staff area was designed to allow as much light into the building. On each side of the Village Hall are three tall panes of glass to bring the light in. The private office doors have frosted glass panels to bring light into the interior part of the building but still provide a measure of privacy.

### **Site Plan Features**

Founder's Plaza was designed to be used for public events and a downtown gathering space. The site was designed with a three-tiered waterfall feature to accent the building and create a park-like setting in the downtown. Diagonal parking on River Street was added.

Storm water best management practices of permeable pavers and a rain garden were utilized. Five different colors and two types of permeable pavers were used in the design. The blue pavers in Founder's Plaza symbolize the Fox River and help link the building to the water feature.

### **Budget**

The construction budget for the Village Hall was established at \$7.35 million. The site construction budget was set at \$2.99 million. The site costs include the original grading of the property, undergrounding utilities, infrastructure improvements such as River Street, final grading and landscaping. With all associated costs, the final project budget was \$12.75 million.

The Village Hall is being paid for through \$8.0 million of alternate revenue bonds. A total of \$4.33 million in revenue was set aside in impact fees and water tap-on fees funded by new development. The remaining revenue is generated through bond interest and two Illinois grants.

### **Project Team**

The Village would like to acknowledge and thank the following consultants who coordinated the design and construction of the Village Hall:

Architect: Nagle Hartray Danker Kagan McKay Penney Architects

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