

TOWN OF WAUSAU NEWSLETTER

March 2017



BE SURE TO ATTEND THE TOWN OF WAUSAU ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017 7:00 P.M.

On Tuesday, April 18, the annual town meeting will occur. We hope that you will attend and be part of our town government.

The town chairperson is the presiding officer of the annual meeting. In an election year, the chair is the person who was chairperson the day before the election. The chair may allow anything to be discussed at the meeting and the electors may give advice to the town board. Since electors do not have statutory authority to act on an item, any resulting vote, and advice is advisory to the board and not binding.

To vote at the town board meeting you must be over 18 years old and have resided in the town for at least 28 consecutive days prior to the meeting. There is no absentee voting or voting by proxy allowed. All actions of the meeting must be by vote. Voting can occur by paper ballot, show of hands, standing, or voice vote. Electors vote on which voting method is preferred.

Property owners who are not residents may feel that they should be allowed the right to vote because they pay property taxes. The town chairperson should acknowledge non-residents and allow them to speak, but only qualified electors can vote.

The minutes of the meeting must be filed in the town clerk's office within five days of the meeting. Wis. Stats. 60.80 requires that the clerk post or publish the minutes within 30 days of all resolutions, motions, or actions adopted at the town meeting.

An agenda is not required. If the town board anticipates bringing up particular subjects at the meeting, an agenda should be made up to inform people of the topics. This agenda can be posted or published.

At the annual meeting, the residents will be asked to approve the minutes of last year's meeting. The town board presents the annual financial report. New business as well as old business can be discussed.

The town annual and special meetings are meetings of the electors. The powers that may be exercised by the residents at a town meeting and that are binding on the town are outlined in Wis. Stat 60.10. The actions can include:

- Levy taxes to be spent by the town.
- Fix compensation of town offices.
- Combine certain town offices, such as clerk with treasurer, clerk with assessor, or make some town offices part time.
- Establish or abolish the office of constable.
- Establish election of town board members by means of numbered seats.

Residents can grant authority to the town board to:

- Delegate the town board authority to levy the property tax to be used for town purposes.
- Exercise village powers for increased regulatory authority.
- Purchase land for town purposes, lease, or construct buildings and dispose of town real property.
- Authorize the town to exercise zoning authority in counties with a zoning code using village powers.

We hope to see you at the annual meeting so that you can take advantage of the opportunity to voice your concerns.

NEED A DOG LICENSE

If you are a dog owner, you are required by state law to license your dog. Before a license can be issued, you must provide proof of vaccination against rabies (WI State Statute 174.07). For more information on purchasing a dog license, please contact Town Treasurer Susie Borchardt at 715-551-2868.

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If you are interested in receiving the town newsletter electronically, please visit townofwausau.com and click on "Sign Up for Updates."

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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS



In the October newsletter it was mentioned the plan to purchase a new UTV to replace the 1998 Polaris six wheeler. Since then, a 2016 John Deere Gator which is fully equipped and in service was purchased. Thanks to grants from the WPS Foundation, Walmart, a donation by the Easton-Hewitt-Wausau Lions Club, the 2016 Fire Department fund raiser, and the sale of the 1998 Polaris Six Wheeler, funds were raised and exceeded the total cost of the Gator by \$2,763.00. Also, thanks to Zientara Truck and Trailer for lettering the new Gator. The additional funds have been placed in the Fire Department future equipment fund.

Do you have an alarm system in your home or business? Just a reminder that if you have a **FALSE** alarm going off with that system such as a fire or carbon monoxide alarm, you need to call your provider immediately to properly cancel your system's code. Your alarm company will normally be calling you at the number you provided to them; this may be an out of state number so please do not ignore it if you do not recognize the number on caller ID. The 911 Dispatch Center will also be calling and their number comes up on caller ID as restricted, so please do not ignore it. Once you give the correct code to your alarm company, they will contact 911 Dispatch to properly cancel the fire department response. If you do not properly cancel the alarm, the fire department will respond, and this could lead to a service charge for a false alarm. If you need to **test** your system, please call your alarm company and have them put it in test mode to prevent the fire department from being alerted for an unnecessary response.

Just a reminder to test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors frequently to make sure they are working properly and replace the batteries if needed. If you currently do not have these in your home, it is highly recommend that you purchase and install them as soon as possible. Both of these can save your life.

Remember, carbon monoxide is odorless and cannot be seen. Please follow the instructions as to when to replace these devices.

The Town of Wausau Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for volunteers to join the team as a first responder, firefighter, or both. For more information, please contact Chief Kevin Yolitz at 715-432-3602.

ELECTION INFORMATION



Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Town of Wausau Municipal Building located at 7208 County Road Z on Tuesday, April 4. Proof of residency is required to register to vote. Visit <https://myvote.wi.gov> for a list of approved proof of residency and photo ID documents. You must have resided in the Town of Wausau for the past 10 days to be eligible to vote.

ABSENTEE VOTING

If you a registered voter and would like to vote using an absentee ballot, a form entitled "Wisconsin Application for Absentee Ballot" is available on the Town of Wausau website. It must be submitted along with a valid photo ID and received by the clerk's office no later than March 30, 2017. The request and photo may be mailed, faxed, or emailed.

In person absentee voting starts on March 24 through April 2. In person absentee voting is available from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the clerk's office by appointment only.

For more information please contact Clerk Cindy Worden at 715-297-1157, fax 715-842-2358, or email at flfarm.clw@gmail.com.

BUILDING OR WRECKING PERMIT

If you are planning to build a new home, add an addition, or erect an accessory building, a zoning permit is required. If you plan to tear down or move a building, a no cost wrecking permit is required. Please contact Zoning Administrator Larry Vesely at 715-574-9186 for both. The purpose of the wrecking permit is to make sure the building is removed from the tax roll.

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SPRING CLEAN UP SATURDAY, APRIL 29 9 A.M. TILL NOON



Do you have items you want to throw out that you can't fit into your trash can? If so, bring those items to the Town of Wausau Municipal Center between 9 a.m. and noon on Saturday, April 29. Please bring this newsletter or some other form of ID with you to show proof of town residency.

There will be no charge to drop off metal, recyclables, or trash. However, there will be a charge to dispose of the items:

ELECTRONICS:

Microwaves \$25
Computers \$25
Small Items \$5-15
TVs based on weight \$25-\$100

APPLIANCES: with gas \$35.00

TIRES:

Car \$2.50
Truck \$5.00
Tractor \$15

Fees subject to change.



TOWNSHIP WIDE RUMMAGE SALE FRIDAY, MAY 19 & SATURDAY, MAY 20 8 A.M. TILL 5 P.M. SUNDAY, MAY 21 IS OPTIONAL (Usually 11-4 most items 1/2 price)

If you are interested in selling some of your unwanted items and would like to hold a garage sale, consider holding your sale the weekend of May 19th. This will be the first year a town wide garage sale event is being held. If you have your event that weekend, there will be free advertising, posters, and signs available for intersections at Hwy 52, Hwy Z, Hwy J, Hwy N, Evergreen Rd, and 41st St. A list of all the addresses having a sale and some of their items to be sold will be distributed to help promote the event. Businesses in the township are encouraged to participate with discount

coupons, scratch 'n dent sales, drawings, etc. and will help to promote the event. Clubs are also welcome to participate. If you have questions, are interested in holding a sale, or need more information, please contact Nancy Anderson at 715-845-2699 or email her at: andnancy@gmail.com. The deadline for business sponsors to be included on posters is April 15.

WHAT DO TOWN BOARD MEMBERS DO?

Have you ever asked yourself this question? The Town Board's responsibilities and authorities are actually listed in the Wisconsin State Statutes. Each board member is responsible to familiarize themselves with town ordinances and state laws concerning town government and enforce them fairly and equally.

Town business includes, but is not limited to, managing finances, hiring and managing employees, maintaining roads and town equipment, public safety, zoning and ordinance enforcement, and maintaining town properties.

Since it takes more than the three town board members to accomplish all of these, a team of dedicated individuals work with the Town Board which include the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Fire Chief, Road Maintenance Supervisor, Zoning Administrator, and Planning Commission. Everyone plays an important role in keeping town business running smoothly.

Ultimately, the Town Board maintains the responsibility and authority to make decisions. It is important to remember all discussion and decisions between board members must be done at open town board meetings with all action requiring a 2/3 majority vote.

Despite our best efforts, not everything runs smoothly, and there is a lot of problem solving being done regularly. Updating ordinances to stay current requires hours of time. Enforcement of town ordinances or zoning laws occasionally leads to legal action. Unreasonable expectations or challenging board decisions result in unpleasant encounters.

Your Town Board members are town residents too, and everyone wants a fiscally responsible, fair, and honest government. Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call any board member.

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES

Workman comp.ins./drug testing	8,178.00
R/S wages/benefits/fica	106,941.11
Unemployment	16,280.00
Workshops	160.00
Mining permit	3,220.00
Fuel/grease/oil	12,948.92
Equip. repair	30,961.88
Road signage/address	1,684.65
Culverts	9,586.47
Supp. exp./ blacktop patch	9,069.28
Road sand/salt mix	14,413.91
Granite/cr. roadbase	38,904.24
Blacktop	147,615.23
Road base	33,097.30
Crackfill / sealcoat	125,929.94
Equip. rental	414.73
Tires	3,511.26
Bridge exp.	477.00
Town pit survey	2,309.50
Misc. equip pur.	<u>4,702.99</u>
	570,406.41

GARAGE & SHOP EXPENSES

Supp./utilities	6,501.68
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MUNICIPAL BUILDING EXP.

Repairs/utilities/cleaning	11,984.00
New windows & doors	0
Security dep. refund	<u>320.00</u>
	12,304.00

TAXES & CREDITS PAID OUT

Wausau School Dist.	892,322.54
DC Everest Dist.	328,891.83
VTAE	136,026.13
County/state	573,366.25
Co./state forest crop/yield	11,760.90
Dog license – co. share	1,734.00
Esc. accts./dog/garb. refunds	<u>1,300.19</u>
	1,945,401.84

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$2,870,622.50**

BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2016

	\$240,247.90
Reserved Funds: 2017	
R/S equip.	66,950.00
Fire dept. equip.	27,558.40
Ord. enforce. – dogs	6,542.50
*Allocated rd. main.	140,000.00
*Mechanics Ridge Rd. & Northfork Dr. repairs to be completed in 2017.	
PUBLIC SAFETY LOAN BAL.	276,271.19

TOTAL EXPENDITURES + BALANCE ON HAND

******\$3,110,870.40******

STATEMENT OF 2016 TAX ROLL

VALUATION:

Wausau School District	115,833,600
DC Everest District	<u>44,862,800</u>
TOTAL VALUE	160,696,400

LEVIES:

State	26,944.68
County	803,378.63
Town	606,910.00
Wausau School District	1,275,122.00
DC Everest District	461,630.00
NCTI	<u>200,918.41</u>
TOTAL	3,374,903.72

Garbage assessments	114,839.40
Special charges	901.00
Forest lands & crop programs	12,238.27
TOTAL TAX ROLL	3,502,882.39
Less school tax credit	-301,086.62
Less first dollar credit	-71,433.82
<u>Less lottery credit</u>	<u>-102,641.18</u>
NET TAX ROLL	3,027,720.77

ASSESSMENT RATIO: 1.012210416

TAX RATE PER \$1,000 VALUATION

LISTED ACCORDING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Wausau: \$21.20 Less school credit - \$1.87 = \$19.33
DC Everest: \$20.48 Less school credit - \$1.87 = \$18.61

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND: JANUARY 1, 2016

Ckg./savings/tax acct.	68,901.75
Fire Dept reserve	18,900.21
R/S equip. reserve	66,950.00
Ord. enforce.-dogs	4,862.50
Allocated rd. main.	<u>18,000.00</u>
	177,614.46

*****2016 REVENUE*****

2015 Tax roll collections	2,344,109.45
Lotto credit	15,762.61
Co. settlement	168,158.69
Tax/dog/ overpay.	1,070.19
Forest crop prog.	11,971.60
Special assess.	114,141.00
City-annexation pay.	<u>494.94</u>
	2,655,708.48

INTERGOVERNMENTAL

State shared revenue	56,051.37
State fire ins. dues	6,705.70
State hwy aids	124,567.14
State MFL/forest crop	1,234.13
State-exempt computer aid	412.00
State-recycling grant	718.21
County – recycle aid	40.27
Co. culvert aid	2,137.50
Sever. / yield tax	<u>9,466.27</u>
	201,332.59

LICENSES & PERMITS

Bus. Licenses/publish costs	2,333.67
Building/driveway	3,005.00
Dog license	3,580.00
Utility policy permit	<u>725.00</u>
	9,643.67

PUBLIC CHRGS. FOR SERVICES

Direct billed garbage	257.52
Zoning permits/fees	3,255.00
Grade/sand/plow	990.00
Fire service calls	<u>3,900.00</u>
	8,402.52

MISCELLANEOUS

Building rent/dep.	1,290.00
Int. income	1,881.47
Granite pit lease/log rec.	32,866.47
Dividend –WC audit	1,410.00
Fire dept donations	10,972.62
Recycle material	170.90
Misc. / window donation	362.16
Lemke St. repair	3,214.81
Fire dept. 6 wheeler sold	5,261.00
Ins. po. cancelled	356.20
Reimburse. supp. pur.	<u>383.05</u>
	58,168.68

TOTAL REVENUES: **\$3,110,870.40******

*****2016 EXPENSES*****

TOWN GOVERNMENT

Bd.salary/mileage/fica	27,155.49
WTA mtgs./dues	1,841.82
Treas.salary /mileage/fica	11,393.24
Treas. supplies/tax prog.	1,460.38
Clerk salary/mileage/fica	21,117.03
Clerk supplies	1,703.88
Election exp.	4,586.74
Plan Comm.	872.02
Legal exp.	16,244.88
Assessor/Bd. Review	17,321.00
Town pub./website	2,354.01
Zoning admin. Salary/fica	<u>7,925.38</u>
	113,975.87

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire dept. exp.	12,293.50
Wages/fica/edu./Inspector	32,686.23
Equip. (JD Gator)	19,628.89
City ambulance contract	4,498.00
Loan prin/int. pay.	<u>27,324.00</u>
	96,430.62

TOWN INSURANCE POLICY

	11,972.00
GARBAGE CONTRACT /CLN. UP	113,630.08

This report is available online at
<http://www.townofwausau.com>
 Click on Budget to view annual report 2016

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On April 1, the following notice will be posted:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Wausau Annual Meeting will be held at the Town of Wausau Municipal Building at 7208 County Road Z, on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 7 p.m. to transact any business over which a town meeting has jurisdiction (s.60.11)
Cynthia L Worden, Town of Wausau Clerk

NOTE: Please bring this report with you to the annual meeting. Detail transaction by transaction reports will be available to view at the meeting. You may purchase a copy for a cost of \$5.00.

SNOW ISSUES



Despite best efforts, the Town Board has had many complaints concerning snow plowing this winter. The Town does have a Snow Removal Operations Policy and Procedures which is followed by the road workers. Its purpose is to help town residents understand the many aspects of maintaining roads and provide safe travel during winter months. While it would be great to have every road free of snow at all times, that is not possible. On average it takes one eight hour day to clear all the roads with two snow plows. Your patience and understanding is needed when dealing with snow or ice storms. To better understand snow removal policies, the Snow Removal document can be found on the Town of Wausau website

Another issue that must be addressed is the practice of pushing snow across roads from driveways and private property. **Did you know that this is prohibited by Wisconsin law, and you can be fined \$50 every time you do so?** There are several State Statutes that address the issue and the sheriff's department has authority to cite people for violations of state laws.

BOARD OF REVIEW

The Town of Wausau open book is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, from 3-5 p.m. and Thursday, July 20, from 5-7 p.m. The Board of Review hearing will be on Wednesday, July 26, from 5-7 p.m. at the Town of

Wausau Municipal Center. If you have concerns regarding your property tax assessment, this is your chance to ask questions. The Board of Review can:

1. Adjust any assessments when they have been proven incorrect by sworn oral testimony.
2. Correct any errors or omissions in the descriptions or computations found on the assessment roll.
3. Check the assessment roll for omitted property and double assessments.

For Wisconsin property owners who want to appeal their property assessments, the first formal step in the appeal process starts at the Board of Review. The property owner must provide written or oral notice of intent to file an objection to the Town Clerk at least 48 hours before the Board of Review meeting. If the owner is requesting that a Board of Review member be removed, that must also be stated at this time along with an estimate of the length of the hearing.

At least two hours prior to the meeting, the property owner must complete a written objection form and file it with the Town Clerk. This includes giving an estimate of value and present factual evidence that supports the opinion of value stated on the objection form. Questions, please contact Assessor Carl Moeller at 715-687-2447.

ROAD NAMES

You may have heard that Marathon County is implementing a Uniform Addressing Plan across the county. All townships are required to participate. This means that every address in every township will see changes to their road name, house number, or both.

The "Road Naming Phase" is moving forward. All roads with duplicate names must be changed. In the township, over 60 road segments need to be renamed. A committee of local residents met to rename these roads. The committee, Marathon County, and neighboring townships must work together to rename roads that cross into other municipalities. Because this is a county-wide mandate, it is necessary to submit the selected road names as quickly as possible. The Marathon County Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department will review the submitted names and make the final decision on accepting or rejecting the chosen names. It is expected that the changes will be put into effect in 2018. This is a huge project that affects all of us. Everyone will be working hard to make the changes as easy as possible for the Town of Wausau.

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Sharon Hunter

Town of Wausau Supervisor

Dedicated and committed to making
the Town of Wausau a great place
to live!

Thanks for your continued support!

"Let's Keep It Moving Forward"
Please Vote Tuesday, April 4

John Prahl

Town of Wausau Chairman



I welcome your input:
Phone 715-571-6217

'Learn from the Past' –

'Work for the Future'

Please vote on Tuesday, April 4

Re-elect **Linda Glatczak**

Town of Wausau Supervisor



Your Support is Appreciated!



APRIL 4TH

RE-ELECT JIM

RIEHLE

AS YOUR TOWN CHAIRMAN

"YEARS OF EXPERIENCE"

2017 ROAD PROJECTS

In April, the Town Board will be determining which road projects will be accomplished this year. Priority roads for 2017 include:

- Northfork Road – Patching and sealcoat
- Mechanics Ridge Road – Patching and sealcoat
- 41st Street- Reconstruct
- Meadow Road- Preparation and blacktopping with 1 1/2" layer in 2017 and 1 1/2" in 2018

Many roads can use crack filling, sealcoating, and/ or additional granite. The Town Board and Road Committee continue to work on accomplishing the 5-year maintenance and repair plan and have been upgrading as many roads as the budget allows. A full list of completed 2017 road projects will be included in the fall newsletter. Please take a moment to review the road map on page 8 showing all the roads that have received some type of maintenance in 2015 and 2016. Roads that received maintenance are dotted. A list of what work was accomplished can be found on the town website.

VOTE ON APRIL 4, 2017

TOWN OF WAUSAU SPRING ELECTION



RON SCHEFFLER,
SUPERVISOR

**"If elected, I promise to do my best for
the Town every day? I would appreciate
your vote!" Ron 715-675-3730**

Ads are paid for by the candidates.

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1006 Shenandoah Ridge Road
Wausau, WI 54403



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2015 and 2016 Completed Road Projects

