

# TOWN OF WAUSAU NEWSLETTER

March 29, 2018



## TOWN OF WAUSAU ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018 7:00 P.M.

On Tuesday, April 17, the annual town meeting will occur. The town chairperson is the presiding officer of the annual meeting. The chair may allow anything to be discussed at the meeting and the electors may give advice to the town board. If the electors do not have statutory authority to act on an item, any resulting vote or 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 or clerk with assessor.
- 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 that you will attend the annual meeting and be part of our town government!

## REMEMBER TO VOTE TUESDAY, APRIL 3



Polls are open 7 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Town of Wausau Municipal Building  
7208 County Road Z

Proof of residency is required to vote. A list of approved residency and photo ID documents can be found at <https://myvote.wi.gov>. In order to vote, you must have resided in the Town of Wausau for the past 10 days.

## ABSENTEE VOTING

Registered voters that would like to vote using an absentee ballot should complete the "Wisconsin Application for Absentee Ballot" which is available on the Town of Wausau website under election information. It must be submitted along with a valid photo ID and received by the clerk's office by March 30, 2018. The request and photo may be mailed, faxed, or emailed.

In person absentee voting is on March 22, 24, 29, and 30 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the clerk's office by appointment only. Please contact Clerk Cindy Worden at 715/297-1157, fax 715/842-2358, or email [ffarmclw@gmail.com](mailto:ffarmclw@gmail.com).

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

If you have a fire or carbon monoxide **FALSE** alarm call, you must call your provider immediately to properly cancel the call with your system's code. Your alarm company will probably call you. If you do not recognize the number, please do not ignore it. The 911 Dispatch Center will also call you. This number will appear on caller ID as restricted. 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. 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.

It is highly recommended that you purchase and install a smoke and/or carbon detector if you do not have one. Both of these can save your life. Remember to test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors frequently to make sure they are working properly and replace the batteries when needed. 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.

## D.C. EVEREST SCHOOL REFERENDUM



The APRIL 3 referendum for the D.C. Everest Area School District is an opportunity to shape the future of our students, schools, and community for years to come. It aims to address the District's safety, security and space needs; and reinforce our commitment to providing equitable, high-quality education for all students. "The School Board's unanimous vote was the culmination of efforts engaging parents, community members and school staff, studying facility concerns and identifying solutions to better support the District's mission," said Jason Jablonski, Board President.

If passed, this referendum would update and add classrooms and other learning spaces; reconfigure and expand Tech Ed classrooms; secure building entrances and upgrade fire alarm systems; redesign bus and parent traffic flow; address necessary plumbing, roofing, heating and ventilation needs; and add space to support curriculum and student growth.

The cost of the referendum is \$59.875 million, which equals an estimated annual tax increase of \$24 (\$2 per month) on a \$100,000 home. While D.C. Everest's school tax is already lower than most neighboring districts, even AFTER a successful referendum it is projected to remain below the local average. Superintendent Kristine Gilmore noted, "The high quality of education here at D.C. Everest is a result of strong community support, and we need to invest in our future so we can continue providing educational excellence."

## BOARD OF REVIEW

The Town of Wausau open book is scheduled for Tuesday, May 29, from 4-6 p.m. The Board of Review will be on Tuesday, June 5, from 6:30-8:30 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.

The property owner must complete a written objection form and file it with the Town Clerk. This must be done two hours prior to the meeting. This includes giving an estimate of value and present factual evidence that supports the opinion of value stated on the objection form. For more information, please contact Assessor Kurt Moeller at 715/298-2061.

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## **BALANCE ON HAND: JANUARY 1, 2017**

*Ckg/savings/tax acct.	139,197.00
Fire Dept reserve	27,558.40
R/S equip. reserve	66,950.00
Ord. enforce.-dogs	<u>6,542.50</u>
	240,247.90
*Allocated Rd. Main.	140,000.00

## \*\*\*\*\*2017 REVENUE\*\*\*\*\*

2016 Tax roll collections	2,354,889.03
Lotto credit	18,483.24
Co. settlement	164,893.83
Delq. Tax coll.	233.87
Tax/dog/overpay.	3,062.50
Forest crop prog.	11,787.14
Special assess.	115,740.40
City-annexation pay.	<u>555.66</u>
	2,669,645.67

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL**

State shared revenue	55,936.81
State fire ins. dues	7,138.42
State hwy aids	124,523.10
State MFL/forest crop	4,267.05
State-exempt computer aid	466.00
State-recycling grant	756.72
Sever./yield tax	<u>2,438.90</u>
	195,527.00

## **LICENSES & PERMITS**

Bus. Licenses/publish costs	2,629.59
Building/driveway	4,960.00
Dog license	3,145.00
Utility policy permit	<u>1,000.00</u>
	11,734.59

## **PUBLIC CHRGS. FOR SERVICES**

Direct billed garbage	789.35
Zoning permits/fees	3,335.00
Sand/plow/culverts	2,431.44
Fire service calls	<u>1,500.00</u>
	8,055.79

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Building rent/dep.	800.00
Land rent - 2 years	1,000.00
Int. income	4,526.47
Granite pit lease	34,116.21
Dividend -WC audit	2,474.00
Ins. Claims	5,467.36
Signage reimburse.	494.51

Fire dept donations	6,351.17
Recycle material	86.80
Newsletter ads	125.00
Mara. Co. recount reimb.	40.00
Uncashed cks/+misc. cents refunds	170.31
Michels Corp. - payment error	<u>32,968.63</u>
	88,620.46

## **TOTAL BAL.+RECEIPTED**

**3,213,831.41**

PROCEEDS FROM BORROWING	108,867.50
(PORTION OF COST OF 2018	
Western Star Snowplow Truck paid	
directly from the bank)	

Co. Bridge Aid (sub. from bill)	9,213.54
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## \*\*\*\*\*2017 EXPENSES\*\*\*\*\*

### **TOWN GOVERNMENT**

Bd.salary/mileage/fica	27,175.38
WTA mtgs./dues	2,409.43
Treas.salary /mileage/fica	11,371.16
Treas. supplies/tax prog.	3,007.78
Clerk salary/mileage/fica	21,117.03
Clerk supplies	1,657.93
Election exp.	4,223.30
Plan Comm.	985.96
Legal exp.	10,145.58
Assessor/Bd. Review	27,767.00
Town pub./website	2,553.02
Zoning admin. Salary/fica	<u>7,763.15</u>
	120,176.72

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Fire dept. exp.	8,190.78
Wages/fica/edu./Inspector	32,648.60
Equip.	20,651.48
City ambulance contract	4,678.00
Loan prin/int. pay.	<u>27,324.00</u>
	93,492.86

### **TOWN INSURANCE POLICY**

	20,389.00
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### **GARBAGE CONTRACT /CLN. UP**

### **HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES**

R/S wages/benefits/fica	130,983.99
Employee uniform allow.	1,200.00
Unemployment	4,484.61
Workshops/drug test.	180.00
Mining permit	2,560.00

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Fuel/grease/oil	20,214.68	<b>TOTAL BAL. &amp; EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>3,213,831.41</u></b>
Equip. repair	32,942.02	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY LOAN BAL.</b>	<b>254,699.44</b>
Road signage/address	2,376.52	<b>SNOWPLOW TRUCK LOAN</b>	<b>108,867.50</b>
Culverts	17,524.93	<b>VALUATION</b>	
Supp. exp./ blacktop patch	7,330.66	Wausau School District	115,212,500.00
Road sand/salt mix	23,925.02	DC Everest District	<u>44,873,500.00</u>
Granite	21,523.48	<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>	<b>160,086,000.00</b>
Blacktop	263,768.77	<b>LEVIES:</b>	
Road base	90,422.84	State	0.00
Crackfill/sealcoat	81,066.93	County	826,603.03
Equip. rental	2,960.50	Town	638,848.00
Tires	7,113.63	Wausau School District	1,329,642.55
Bridge exp.	<u>8,363.54</u>	DC Everest District	485,019.00
	718,942.12	NCTI	210,744.24
<b>GARAGE &amp; SHOP EXPENSES</b>		Overrun	<u>(0.12)</u>
Supp./utilities	7,158.97	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,490,856.82</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT - SNOW PLOW TRUCK</b>		Garbage assessments	118,631.25
(Total cost of truck-\$195,452.50)	86,585.00	Special charges	13.75
<b>MUNICIPAL BUILDING EXP.</b>		Forest lands & crop programs	13,091.88
Repairs/utilities/cleaning	7,901.83	<b>TOTAL TAX ROLL</b>	<b>3,622,593.82</b>
Security dep. refund	250.00	Less school tax credit	(333,686.34)
Misc. refund	<u>534.02</u>	Less first dollar credit	(72,788.78)
	8,685.85	Less lottery credit	(97,697.76)
<b>TAXES &amp; CREDITS PAID OUT</b>		<b>NET TAX ROLL</b>	<b>3,118,420.94</b>
Wausau School Dist.	889,845.52	<b>ASSESSMENT RATIO:</b>	<b>0.963621173</b>
DC Everest Dist.	322,149.09	Town of Wausau Levy rate	\$3.99
VTAE	140,211.17	<b>TAX RATE PER \$1,000 VALUATION</b>	
County/state/lotto audit	579,722.51	<b>LISTED ACCORDING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT:</b>	
Co./state forest crop/yield	10,845.99	<b>Wausau:</b>	
Dog license – co. share	1,527.00	\$22.01 Less school credit-\$2.08 =	\$19.93
Escrow accts./dog/garb. refunds	<u>3,458.00</u>	<b>DC Everest:</b>	
	1,947,759.28	\$21.28 Less school credit-\$2.08 =	\$19.20
<b>TOTAL CHECKS:</b>	<b>3,117,200.17</b>		
<b><u>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</u></b>			
Ckg./savings/tax acct.	63,259.87		
Fire dept. equip. reserve	25,356.37		
Ord. enforce. – dogs	8,015.00		
	96,631.24		

*The following notice will be posted on April 2, 2018:*

**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 17, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. to transact any business over which a town meeting has jurisdiction. (s60.11) Cynthia Worden, Town of Wausau Clerk**

This report is available online at <http://www.townofwausau.com/budget>  
Click on 2017 annual report to view.

## 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.

Contact Cindy Worden at 715/297-1157 by April 16 to order a copy of the report.

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The Marathon County Uniform Addressing system will be implemented this spring with the county installing new address and road name signs starting with the eastern municipalities and moving west sequentially across the county. The new flag address sign will be just like those you currently see in the town.

**Notifying Others of Your Address Change:** The following is a sample (though not exhaustive) list of some accounts you may need to contact to notify of your address change:

Banks	Lenders	Health Providers
Government Offices	Investment Companies	Insurance Companies
Utilities	Employers	Cable/Dish Providers
Family	Cell Phone	Tenants/Renters
Veterinarians	Update Pet Tags	Subscriptions Services

There are a number of methods you can use to notify entities of your address change:

- **Billing statements** usually have a [ ] box to check and print address changes on the reverse side of the bill.
- **Online accounts** will need you to log onto your account and update your contact information electronically with your new address.
- **Telephone companies** usually require you to call your account provider to update your contact information.

Marathon County will take care of notifying the following entities:

- Marathon County E911 Communication Center
- United States Postal Service
- Municipal Officials
- Marathon County Clerk/Elections
- Marathon County Treasurer
- Local Fire and Police Departments
- Marathon County Departments

**Mail /Post Office:** Marathon County will be working directly with the United States Postal Service (USPS). You will **NOT** have to file a Change of Address form with the USPS. The United States Postal Service will forward your mail for 1 year from the official effective date.

**Driver's License / DMV:** Please note that you will **NOT** need to get a new driver's license. The change of address can be updated online through the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV's) website at no charge. The Department of Transportation does **NOT** require the new address to be printed on the actual Driver's License. If you want your new address printed on your Driver's License, you will need to pay \$14 for a duplicate license, which can be done online for all U.S. citizens. You can update your address directly with the DMV online at the following website:  
<http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/online-srvcs/change-addy/default.aspx>

**Passports:** You do **NOT** need to update your current passport with your new address. However, if you have a passport application that is currently in process and you would like to change your mailing address, visit:  
<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports/services/correction.html>

**Where to Turn for Assistance:** The Marathon County Public Library System can assist you through the address change process. You can visit one of the Marathon County Public Library locations, call 715/ 261-7230, or visit [MyMarathonCountyAddress.org](http://MyMarathonCountyAddress.org). In addition you can contact the Marathon County CPZ Department by email [cpz@co.marathon.wi.us](mailto:cpz@co.marathon.wi.us) or call 715/261-6000.

## ROAD PROJECTS FOR 2018

With an annual road budget of \$414,800, the Town Board is proposing the following road projects in 2018:

Reconstruct: N 69th St-from Mathie Rd to State Hwy 52  
Reconstruct: Tower Rd (chip sealed section only)  
Reconstruct: Sell St  
Mill and overlay: 20th St-from E Hamilton St to Stark St  
Grind and Double Chip Seal: Lori Jody-N 88th St-Alice Ln  
Grind and Double Chip Seal (or reconstruct if budget allows): Spur Lane  
Single Sealcoat: 57th St - from Hwy Z to Hwy N  
Additional roads will be crack filled or seal coated as the budget allows.

The Town Board and Road Committee continue to work on achieving its 5-year maintenance and repair plan and have been upgrading as many roads as the budget allows. A full list of 2018 completed road projects will be included in the fall newsletter.

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1006 Shenandoah Ridge Road  
Wausau, WI 54403

## TOWN OF WAUSAU CONTACTS

<b>Chair:</b> John Prah	715/571-6217
<b>Supervisors:</b>	
Linda Glatczak	715/848-2855
Sharon Hunter	715/842-7433
<b>Clerk:</b> Cynthia Worden	715/842-8098
<b>Treasurer:</b> Susan Borchart	715/551-2868
<b>Fire Chief:</b> Kevin Yolitz	715/432-3602
<b>Assessor:</b> Kurt Moeller	715/298-2061
<b>Zoning Permits:</b> Larry Vesely	715/574-9186
<b>Municipal Center:</b>	715/845-8458

**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL TOWN WIDE RUMMAGE SALE**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 18 & SATURDAY, MAY 19**  
**8 A.M. TILL 5 P.M.**

**SUNDAY, MAY 20 IS OPTIONAL**

(Usually 11-4, most items ½ price)

Interested in selling your unwanted treasures? Join fellow residents for a weekend of rummage sales, food stands, drawings, and fun! Last year there were 39 addresses to visit and a list of what each place was offering. Thanks to the generosity of nine local businesses there were drawings, scratch & dent sales, and specials for shoppers so all advertising costs were covered! Left over money was donated to our fire department. Several businesses have contributed already to this year's event! **Businesses interested in being part of this event, please contact Nancy Anderson by April 15.**

Clubs and groups are encouraged to join in. Cub Scout Pack 400 will be returning to the Sunset Store's parking lot with their brat and bakery stand and a rummage sale tent. The C.O.W. cheese curd truck is joining them.

**Residents that would like to be included on the maps and address lists, please contact Nancy Anderson by May 13.** Signs promoting the sale will be available for the main road intersections. Residents can put up their own signs. You'll be able to pick up maps/address lists at Sunset Country Store to hand out to customers a few days before the sales start. 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](mailto:andnancy@gmail.com)

**SPRING CLEAN UP, SATURDAY, APRIL 28**  
**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 these items to the Town of Wausau Municipal Center between 9 a.m. and noon on Saturday, April 28. Please bring this newsletter or some other form of ID to show proof of town residency.

There will be no charge to drop off metal, recyclables, or trash. There is a charge to dispose the certain items such as:

Microwaves	\$15	Car Tires	\$6
PC Towers	\$15	Truck Tires	\$15
Small Printers	\$15	Tractor Tires	\$28
Monitors	\$15		
TV all sizes	\$15		

Appliances with Freon \$60

**For a full list of charges visit**

<http://www.townofwausau.com/garbage-and-recycling>

If you would like to donate any of your items to the Cub Scouts instead of throwing it in the dumpster, please stop at their signs as you pull into the Municipal Center. They will sell these items as a fund raiser at their May Rummage Sale. They will accept items like small furniture, lawn and garden tools decorations, toys.... not clothing!