



# TOWN OF WAUSAU NEWSLETTER

March 27, 2019



## TOWN OF WAUSAU ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019 7:00 P.M.

On Tuesday, April 16, 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, be a town resident, and be eligible to vote in regular elections pursuant to Chapter 6 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Property owners who are not residents are not allowed the right to vote. The town chairperson should acknowledge non-residents and allow them to speak, but only qualified electors can vote. 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.

The minutes of the meeting must be filed in the town clerk's office within five days of the meeting. Wis. Stats. 60.80(1)(a) 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 2



**Polls are open 7 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Town of Wausau Municipal Building  
161484 County Road Z**

The spring general election for judicial, municipal, and school board districts will be held on Tuesday, April 2. A valid photo ID is required to vote. If you are not a registered voter, but have resided in the Town of Wausau for at least 10 consecutive days before April 2, you can register at the polls. A list of approved residency and photo ID documents can be found at <http://myvote.wi.gov>.

## ABSENTEE VOTING

Detailed voting by absentee ballot information is available on the Town of Wausau website at <http://www.townofwausau.com> under election information. The last day to request an absentee ballot by mail is Thursday, March 28. A valid photo ID must accompany the written request. A form is found on the town's website.

By appointment only in person absentee voting dates are from Monday, March 18 – Saturday, March 30, from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. at the office of the town clerk. Call Cindy Worden at 715/297-1157 for an appointment.



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## **OPEN BOOK – MAY 20, 4-6 P.M. BOARD OF REVIEW – MAY 28 6:30-8:30 P.M.**

The Town of Wausau open book session will be held on May 20 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Board of Review is scheduled for May 28 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Both are held at the Town Municipal Building.

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.

Please contact Kurt Moeller, the Town of Wausau Assessor, at 715/298-2061 for an appointment or to answer questions about your assessment. You may also contact Cindy Worden, Town Clerk, to schedule an appointment at 715/297-1157. This is a single annual opportunity to change an assessment if found unfairly assessed. Please refer to the Town of Wausau website for more detailed information.

## **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN INDEPENDENTLY ZONED TOWNSHIP?**

In Marathon County, townships can adopt county zoning, independent zoning or no zoning at all.

The Town of Wausau adopted independent zoning many years ago. Being independently zoned means our township operates under ordinances (rules/laws)

specifically written by and for our township. These ordinances are meant to serve as guidelines and address the issues that come about when people live together in communities. The ordinances can be updated and changed as needed. Without ordinances, our township would be an “anything goes” community with no consideration of how our actions affect others.

Zoning classifications specify what activities are allowed on various properties, with the main concerns being how the activities impact the neighborhood and environment. For example, noisy businesses shouldn’t be located in residential zoning.

The most common issues our township deals with:

- Failing to obtain proper permits:
  - Building permits are required for **every** building being erected in the township and must be obtained prior to starting any construction.
  - All businesses must be properly zoned and permitted before beginning operation. Starting a business wherever is not allowed in the Town of Wausau.
- Nuisance violations- usually generated by complaints from neighbors affected:
  - Barking dogs that disturb neighbors.
  - Dogs running at large- requiring capture and taking to the animal shelter.
  - Too much junk on yards that create an eyesore for the neighborhood and cause safety issues should emergency services be needed.
- Safety violations:
  - Plowing snow onto town roads - a violation of Wisconsin Law.
  - Driveways too narrow that prevent access by the emergency vehicles.

While your Town Board carries the responsibility of enforcing the ordinances, it is the responsibility of all residents and/or property owners in the Town of Wausau to understand and comply with the ordinances. It is important all residents observe the rules of the township and make choices that are good not only for oneself, but also for your neighbors and the rest of the community. If everyone complies with the town’s rules, it saves everyone money by eliminating fines and court costs and making for a much better community.



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## SPRING CLEAN UP SATURDAY, APRIL 27 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 of the below items:

Microwaves	\$15	Car Tires	\$6
PC Towers	\$15	Truck Tires	\$15
Small Printers	\$15	Tractor Tires	\$28
Monitors	\$15		
TV all sizes	\$20		
Appliances with Freon	\$60		

## 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL TOWN WIDE RUMMAGE SALE FRIDAY, MAY 17 & SATURDAY, MAY 18 8 A.M. TILL 5 P.M. SUNDAY, MAY 19 (OPTIONAL) (Usually 11 – 4, most items 1/2 price)

**The Township wide rummage sale weekend is always the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in May.** Interested in selling your unwanted treasures? Join fellow residents for a weekend of rummage sales, food stands, drawings, and fun! Last year there were 30 addresses to visit and a list of what each place was offering. Thanks to the generosity of 12 local businesses all advertising costs were covered. **(Businesses willing to contribute this year, please call Nancy @ 715-845-2699 by April 22 to be included on the posters, flyers, etc.)** Left over advertising money is always donated to the Town of Wausau Fire Dept. Last year \$244.23 was donated to the department. Many businesses had prize drawings, scratch & dent sales, coupons, and discount offers for customers.

New signs promoting the weekend event will be put up on the main intersections. Each address must sign their own sale at the end of their road and at their driveway. PLEASE take your signs down by the end of the day Monday, May 20.

A list of the individual's addresses having a sale and a summary of what items being sold will again be made along with a map. If you have questions and/or want to be included on the list, you must contact Nancy Anderson at 715/845-2699 or email her at [andnancy@gmail.com](mailto:andnancy@gmail.com) by 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 12. Due to the new addresses, signing up as early as possible will help us cross reference and get the lists and map in a logical order and to the printers on time. ALL BUSINESSES, CLUBS AND GROUPS are encouraged to participate.

## ROAD PROJECTS FOR 2019

The following road projects are being proposal with the 2019 road budget of \$535,800:

- Radar Road - Reconstruct 2 miles from Del Rio to Restlawn Road
- Spur Lane - Ditching and Double Chip Seal
- Forest Lawn Road - Repair and Resurface 1 mile from Hwy 52 to Farm Ridge Road
- Lori Jody - Double Chip Seal after repairing water drainage issues.

The average cost to reconstruct a road is approximately \$170,000 per mile; \$130,000 for blacktop.

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 2019 completed road projects will be included in the fall newsletter.

## 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	715/297-1157
<b>Treasurer:</b> Susan Borchardt	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



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231256 Shenandoah Ridge Road  
Wausau, WI 54403



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The Town of Wausau is looking for pictures of our beautiful township to put on our website. If you have any pictures you would like to share, please contact Sharon at 715/842-7433



**Vote  
April 2**

**Re-Elect  
Linda Glatczak**

**Town of Wausau  
Supervisor**

**Experienced, Dependable,  
Common Sense Solutions**

**Your support is appreciated!**



**ON APRIL 2  
FOR  
SHARON HUNTER  
TOWN OF WAUSAU  
SUPERVISOR**

**Committed to keeping our township  
a great place to live!**

**THANKS FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

*Sharon*

**“Let’s Keep it  
Moving Forward”**

Please Vote on April 2  
**John Prah**  
**Town of Wausau  
Chairman**



**I welcome your input:  
Phone: 715/571-6217**



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