



TOWN OF WAUSAU NEWSLETTER

March 30, 2020

REMEMBER TO VOTE TUESDAY, APRIL 7



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

Everything you need to know about voting!

- April 7 is the Spring Election and Preference Primary.
- Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Town of Wausau residents vote at the Town of Wausau Municipal Building at 161484 County Rd. Z.
- You will need to bring a photo ID to be able to vote.
- A registration application may be submitted for someone that is 17 and will turn 18 by election day.
- New residents of the town that have resided for at least 10 days may register to vote.
- Residents that have moved within the town or have changed their last name must reregister.
- Approved "proof of residency" must be provided at registration.
- Registration by mail, email, (clerk@townofwausau.com) or online at <https://myvote.wi.gov> is acceptable with the required documents until 20 days prior to the election date.
- Registration can be done at the polls on election day or in person at the clerk's office.
- "Early voting" in WI means to vote by absentee either by mail or in person at the clerk's office (by appointment only).
- A Wisconsin application for absentee ballot form must be filled out and submitted to the clerk along with a copy of a photo ID OR a ballot can be requested online: <https://myvote.wi.gov>.
- In person absentee voting information is located at the town's website: <http://www.townofwausau.com>
- In person absentee voting is never allowed on the day prior to an election.

- An absentee ballot must be received back by the closing of the polls on election day in order to be counted.
- Please contact Cindy Worden if you have any questions at 715/297-1157 or clerk@townofwausau.com



TOWN OF WAUSAU ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020 7:00 P.M.

On Tuesday, April 21, 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 a subject at the meeting, an agenda should be posted or published to inform the people of the topic.

At the annual meeting, the residents will be asked to approve the minutes of last year's meeting. The town



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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!

SPRING CLEAN UP SATURDAY, APRIL 25 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 25. 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-\$20	Car Tires	\$ 6
PC Towers	\$15-\$20	Truck Tires	\$15
Small Printers	\$15-\$20	Tractor Tires	\$28
Monitors	\$15-\$20	TV all sizes	\$15-\$25
Appliances with Freon	\$60		

4th ANNUAL TOWNWIDE RUMMAGE SALE WEEKEND FRIDAY, MAY 15 & SATURDAY, MAY 16 8 A.M. TILL 5 P.M. SUNDAY, MAY 17 (OPTIONAL) (Usually 11 – 4, most items ½ price)

The Township wide rummage sale weekend is always the 3rd 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 \$397.43 was donated to the department. Many businesses had prize drawings, scratch & dent sales, coupons, and discount offers for customers.

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 18.

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 by 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 10. 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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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.

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2019 ANNUAL REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND: JANUARY 1, 2019

Ckg./savings/tax acct.	\$93,712.14
Fire Dept reserve	\$39,242.86
Ord. enforce.-dogs	<u>\$9,454.50</u>
	\$142,409.50

*******2019 REVENUE*******

YR 2018 Tax collections	\$2,402,647.19
Del. P.P. tax & int.	\$7.95
Special assess./garbage	\$122,015.00
Lotto credit	\$26,176.11
Co. settlement	\$174,733.78
Tax/dog license overpay.	\$1,965.11
Forest crop prog.	\$12,616.53
State - personal prop. aid	\$6,316.81
City-annexation pay.	<u>\$762.85</u>
	\$2,747,241.33

INTERGOVERNMENTAL

State shared revenue	\$55,974.32
State hwy aids	\$135,097.95
State fire ins. dues	\$7,702.43
LRIP Aid - 2018	\$27,888.40
State MFL/forest crop	\$356.70
State-exempt computer aid	\$484.29
State-recycling grant	\$757.60
State - computer/equip grant	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
	\$229,461.69

LICENSES & PERMITS

Bus. licenses/publish costs	\$2,666.54
Building/driveway	\$4,415.00
Dog license	\$3,230.00
Utility policy permit	<u>\$250.00</u>
	\$10,561.54

PUBLIC CHRGS. FOR SERVICES

Direct billed garbage	\$205.71
Zoning permits/fees	\$2,835.00
Sand/plow/culverts	\$2,035.02
Fire service calls	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
	\$6,575.73

MISCELLANEOUS

Building rent/dep.	\$1,360.00
Int. income	\$13,745.29
2018/2019 land rent	\$1,000.00
Granite pit lease	\$48,351.97
Dividend -WC audit	\$1,338.00
Ins. claim/court costs reimb.	\$2,002.81
Recycle material/address posts	\$637.13

Fire dept donations	\$12,069.78
ETA meeting meal donation	\$50.00
newsletter ads/redep. cks.,etc.	<u>\$506.72</u>
	\$81,061.70

PROCEEDS FROM BORROWING

\$147,518.50

******TOTAL REVENUE******

\$3,364,829.99

*******2019 EXPENSES*******

TOWN GOVERNMENT

Bd.salary/mileage/fica	\$29,138.13
Treas.salary /mileage/fica	\$12,939.62
Treas. supplies/tax prog.	\$3,448.38
Clerk salary/mileage/fica	\$22,481.59
Clerk supplies	\$3,098.32
Plan com./bd. appeals wages	\$985.68
Election exp.	\$1,401.08
Assessor/Bd. Review	\$18,094.00
Town pub./website	\$2,292.45
Zoning admin. salary/fica	\$7,750.80
Legal exp.	\$11,646.42
WTA mtgs./dues	<u>\$2,285.15</u>
	\$115,561.62

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire dept. exp.	\$8,477.41
Wages/fica/edu./bus. inspect.	\$29,754.11
Equip.	\$8,672.60
Standby ambulance fee	\$12,826.00
Loan prin/int. pay.	<u>\$27,324.00</u>
	\$87,054.12

TOWN INSURANCE POLICY

\$16,254.00

GARBAGE CONTRACT /CLN. UP

\$121,298.52

HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES

Workman comp.ins./drug testing	\$7,895.75
R/S wages/benefits/fica	\$134,451.40
Equip. repair/tires	\$22,900.64
Road signage/address	\$1,365.25
Culverts	\$7,472.49
Fuel/grease/oil	\$26,647.83
Supp. exp./ blacktop patch	\$14,148.69
Road sand/salt mix	\$14,211.87
Granite/base rd. main.	\$11,938.49
Blacktop	\$321,187.79
Road base - RC	\$57,500.24

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Equip. hire/rent	\$5,856.75
Surveyor	\$450.00
Mining permit	\$3,910.00
Truck prin/int pay.	<u>\$24,843.70</u>
	\$654,780.89

EQUIPMENT OUTLAY \$147,518.50

GARAGE & SHOP EXPENSES

Supp./utilities	\$4,428.18
Architect-wash bay	<u>\$900.00</u>
	\$5,328.18

MUNICIPAL BUILDING EXP.

Repairs/utilities/cleaning	\$20,151.09
Sec. dep.refund	<u>\$310.00</u>
	\$20,461.09

TAXES & CREDITS PAID OUT

Wausau School Dist.	\$918,987.53
DC Everest Dist.	\$333,412.66
VTAE	\$147,421.05
County	\$562,925.99
Co. forest crop/+ 2018	\$2,546.57
Co. share dog license	\$1,582.00
Escrow/dog/garb overpay	<u>\$2,243.11</u>
	\$1,969,118.91

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$3,137,375.83**

BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2019

Ckg./savings/tax acct.	\$23,983.11
Fire dept. equip. reserve	\$42,107.74
Ord. enforce. – dogs	\$863.31
Res. Shop outlay/road const.	<u>\$160,500.00</u>
	\$227,454.16

******TOTAL BAL. & EXPEND.***** **\$3,364,829.99**

Public Safety Loan Bal.	\$210,163.83
2019 International Truck Bal.	\$147,518.47
2017 Western Star Truck Bal.	<u>\$102,391.14</u>
	\$460,073.44

2019 TAX ROLL STATEMENT

VALUATION:

Wausau School District	\$115,926,200.00
DC Everest District	<u>\$46,318,500.00</u>
TOTAL VALUE	\$162,244,700.00

LEVIES:

State	\$0.00
County	\$821,802.88
Town	\$676,580.00
Wausau School District	\$1,340,763.16
DC Everest District	\$499,660.00
NCTI	\$220,851.40
Overrun	<u>\$0.47</u>

GROSS TAX ROLL **\$3,559,657.91**

Less school tax credit	\$340,890.13
Less first dollar credit	\$74,491.56
Less lottery & gaming credit	\$162,341.20

NET TAX ROLL **\$2,981,935.02**

Garbage assessments	\$127,165.25
Special charges	\$354.75
Managed forest lands	\$12,994.16

TOTAL TAX ROLL **\$3,122,449.18**

ASSESSMENT RATIO: \$0.93

TAX RATE PER \$1,000 VALUATION

LISTED ACCORDING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Wausau: gross rate \$22.16	
Less school credit-\$2.10 =	\$20.06
DC Everest: gross rate \$21.38	
Less school credit-\$2.10 =	\$19.28

The following notice will be posted on 4/2/2020 : **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Town of Wausau Annual Town Meeting will be held at the Town of Wausau Municipal Building at 161484 County Road Z, on Tuesday, April 21, 20 at 7:00 p.m. to transact any business over which a town meeting has jurisdiction. (s.60.11) Cynthia L Worden Town Wausau Clerk

This report is available online at <http://www.townofwausau.com/>

Click on documents to view annual report 2019

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 19th to order a copy of the report.



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OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW

The Town of Wausau open book session will be held on May 26 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Board of Review is scheduled for June 2 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, 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.

BE SURE TO TEST YOUR SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR

It is important to test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors frequently to make sure they are working and replace the batteries when needed. If you do not have these in your home, it is recommended purchasing and installing them as soon as possible. Please follow the instructions as to when to replace these devices. The rule of thumb is anything over 10 years old should be replaced. Both items could save your life!

DRIVEWAY REQUIREMENTS



Below are the private driveway requirements needed when installing or maintaining a driveway in the Town of Wausau. These are established so that emergency vehicles can safely access your property.

- Road width at the intersection of the driveway no less than twenty (20) feet.
- Minimum width of 12 feet.
- Clearance width at the intersection of no less than twenty-four (24) feet.
- Steel or plastic culvert, if necessary, no less than thirty (30) feet.
- Width clearance of sixteen (16) feet free of trees, brush, wires or other potential obstructions for access of emergency equipment.
- Height clearance of sixteen (16) feet free of trees, brush, wires or other potential obstructions necessary for access by emergency equipment.
- Slope away from the public road at a minimum of one percent (1%) and a maximum of five percent (5%) to prevent erosion onto the public road.
- Angle of any intersection of a town road and driveway of ninety (90) degrees.
- Construction to withstand the weight of emergency vehicles.
- At the end of the driveway a turn-around or some other method for emergency vehicles to exit the property shall be established prior to the permit approval.
- Curves in the driveway shall have an inside radius of not less than thirty-six (36) feet.
- Ditch to provide proper elevation to provide adequate drainage.
- No vertical retaining walls of any type of construction is allowed.
- Minimum standards are required for entry for agricultural purposes into a field or woods that border a town road.



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TOWN OF WAUSAU CONTACTS



Chair: John Prah	715/571-6217
Supervisors:	
Linda Glatczak	715/848-2855
Sharon Hunter	715/842-7433
Clerk: Cynthia Worden	715/297-1157
Treasurer: Susan Borchardt	715/551-2868
Fire Chief: Kevin Yolitz	715/432-3602
Assessor: Kurt Moeller	715/298-2061
Zoning Permits: Larry Vesely	715/574-9186
Municipal Center:	715/845-8458

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

