



TOWN OF WAUSAU NEWSLETTER

March 24, 2023

REMEMBER TO VOTE TUESDAY, APRIL 4



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

The final election for 2023 will be held on April 4. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Voting is held at the Town of Wausau Municipal Building.

If you are not registered to vote, you may do so on election day providing you have resided in the town a minimum of 28 days. Please bring along an approved 'proof of residency' to register. Approved forms include your WI Driver's License, real estate tax bill, paycheck, and bank statement. If unsure, contact the clerk or visit <https://myvote.wi.gov>. The website is an especially useful tool. You can request an absentee ballot, check your registration status, view the current election ballot, and see your voting history.

Voters are required to show a photo ID and state their name and address out loud for the election inspector. They must also sign the poll book. Voters will have two types of ballots to choose from for voting. Paper ballots or using the touch screen machine called an 'Express Vote' are available for all elections.

If you are interested in becoming an election inspector (poll worker), please leave your name and phone number at the voter registration table. Training is required and provided by the clerk. Questions, please contact Town of Wausau Clerk, Cindy Worden, at 715/297-1157.

**SPRING CLEAN UP
SATURDAY, APRIL 29
8:30-11:30 A.M.**

Do you have items you want to throw out that you cannot fit into your trash can? If so, bring these

items to the Town of Wausau Municipal Building between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 29. 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. Tires, electronics, microwaves, etc. **WILL NOT** be collected. You will need to find alternate ways to dispose of these items.



TOWN OF WAUSAU ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

On Tuesday, April 18, the annual town meeting will be held. The town chairperson is the presiding officer of the annual meeting. To vote at the annual 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.

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 board presents the annual financial report. New business as well as old business can be discussed.

We hope that you will attend the annual meeting and be part of our town government!



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NEWS FROM THE TOWN TREASURER

- Reminder if you made a partial tax payment, your second installment is sent to the Marathon County Treasurer not the Town of Wausau Treasurer. Please see your bill for directions.
- If you need a dog license, the dog license form can be found on the Town of Wausau website: <https://townofwausau.com>. Complete and mail the form, payment, and rabies certificate to the TOW Treasurer.
- If you have an address change or moving, please call the Marathon County Treasurer at 715/261-1150 prior to October so you will receive your 2023 tax bill in December. Thanks, Susie Borchardt TOW Treasurer

**The 7th Annual Town of Wausau
Rummage Sales Weekend
May 19, 20, and 21, 2023
Friday & Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Mark your calendar the annual town-wide rummage sale is coming up quickly. If you hold a rummage sale, you set up your sale at your residence, put up your signs by your road and driveway, and keep ALL your proceeds from your sale. Advertising is done in the local print media, on Facebook, signs, posters, printed handouts in local bars, restaurants, and grocery store bags, etc. A map and lists of participating addresses will be provided with a brief description of sale items, a list of business sponsors, and any promos at the businesses like a coupon, drawing box, or lunch special. The business sponsors' contributions cover all the advertising costs, and any remaining money goes to the Town of Wausau Fire Department. Last year \$1,636.96 was donated to the Fire Department. Any of the local scout, 4 H, snowmobile, ATV clubs are encouraged to join in. For more information and to add your address to the list, please contact Nancy Anderson at 715-845-2699 or andnancy@gmail.com or contact Susan at Sunset Store.

BUSINESS SPONSORS: please reply by April 15 to be listed on the posters and flyers.

RESIDENTS: please sign up asap (even if you don't know your sale items) to add your name to the lists/maps. The deadline to sign up is May 14. If you are willing to help organize this year's event, please contact us!

2023 PROPOSED ROAD PROJECTS



The Town of Wausau Road Committee met last November to review the 2022 completed road projects and identify potential projects for 2023.

It is projected that blacktopping costs will increase this year by 29 percent as well as gravel by 19 percent. The following road projects are being considered if funds allow:

- GSB Coating for Forest Lawn Road, Rest Lawn Road, and the first section of Evergreen Road.
- Reconstructing Wellborn Road. Culverts need to be replaced, ditching done, pulverizing, and an overlay. A federal grant will be requested.
- Blacktopping McIntosh Road from 21st to 25th Streets.
- Reconstructing Jim Moore Creek from Evergreen Road to HWY 52.
- Chip sealing Cloverbelt Road and Fire Station Road.
- Replacing seven culverts on Cloverbelt Road.

If you need to install or replace a driveway, please contact Jim Borelli at 715/803-8282 or Larry Vesely at 715/574-9186. They can address your questions about driveway and/or culvert specifications. Please contact Larry Vesely if you need an address or address sign. It is important that you do not remove or move your address sign. It is located on your property, so it is clearly visible for emergency personnel to easily respond to a call.



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MEET THE CANDIDATES

Following is information about the candidates running for office in the Town of Wausau. Each candidate was asked why they are running for office and to share something about themselves.

MEET MATTHEW BAER

I am running for my second term as Town Chair. As your current Chair, I feel the Town of Wausau is moving in the right direction. During my time as Chair, I have addressed many residents' concerns. If I am re-elected, I will continue to keep moving things forward! I live and run a business in the Town of Wausau. I have lived here my whole life. I feel the Town of Wausau is a great place to raise my son, Sawyer. I am very proud to live here and call this place home.

MEET JOHN PRAHL

I am running for a second term as Town Chairman so I can finish things that I started during my first term in office. Road work is a priority of mine to better our roads. Things need to be completed in a timely manner. I want to have a great community for all of us. I have lived in the Town of Wausau for 60 years. I know what we need in our township and have 35 years of experience in road work and equipment knowledge. I served on the Fire Department for 32 years and worked part-time for the Town when I was 18 years old as a snow plow driver. I love our community and want to keep it friendly for all.

MEET CYNTHIA WORDEN

I am again running for the office of town clerk because the position allows me the opportunity to serve our town residents to the best of my ability. Over the years I have gotten to know many of the people that live in our community. I have had the privilege to work closely with many fine individuals that are serving or have served as fire chief, election inspectors, on various committees, treasurer, and town board members. There are a vast number of statutory requirements of duties assigned to the office of a town clerk. It never fails to be interesting and challenging. Being assessable to answer any questions or point someone in the

right direction is very important to me. It is my hope that all my experience is an asset for the Town of Wausau residents.

I have resided in the Town of Wausau most of my life. My husband Darrell and I have five adult children and six grandchildren. We help two of our sons manage one of the few remaining dairy farms in the township. Doing paperwork for either our farming operation or town business is a continuous activity for me. I do enjoy gardening and managing our large lawn in the summer or relaxing with a good book. Faith, family, farming, and town government occupy my time.

MEET SUSIE BORCHARDT

I am running for the Town of Wausau Treasurer because I truly enjoy serving our town residents and getting to meet so many who live in the township. I have had the pleasure of serving you for the past 12 years and I look forward to serving many more. I have lived in the township since 1999. I am a Training Center Specialist at North-central Technical College. I am married to Kyle, who recently became the Town of Wausau Fire Chief. I have two daughters who are following in their father's footsteps and are also members of the Fire Department. In my free time, I love to go camping and boating, taking long walks, playing cards, going to any type of racing, and being with my family and friends.

MEET STEVEN BUNTIN

I am running for re-election for Town Supervisor to continue to be a fresh voice for the Town of Wausau and its residents. I have had the honor to serve as your Town Supervisor for the last two years and would be grateful to serve as Town Supervisor for the upcoming term. Some of my goals for the next term are to:

- Enforce the current town ordinances in a fair and consistent manner.
- Continue to assess roads and implement a long-term plan for road for paved and unpaved roads in the township.
- Continue to apply and secure funds for State and Federal aid for town roads and bridges.



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Continue to work toward improved services such as:

- Negotiate a new garbage contract that will better serve the township and its residents.
- Expanding high speed broadband.
- Maintain a good relationship with the City of Wausau for ambulance service.

I have been a resident of the township for the past 32 years with my wife, Lisa, who is a lifelong resident. Our ties to the Town of Wausau are deeply rooted. We built our home on the same property that Lisa's grandparents built their home in the 1930's. We have three adult daughters, one grandson, and one granddaughter. I am a retired auto mechanic and have many hobbies to fill my day. Being retired gives me time to devote to the needs of the Town of Wausau. I would greatly appreciate your vote on April 4th.

MEET SHARON HUNTER

I am running for re-election for Town of Wausau Supervisor. I have had the privilege of serving as Supervisor for several years and before that Town Treasurer. If I am re-elected, I will:

- Not raise the town tax levy without just cause.
- Fight to protect the rights of property owners.
- Maintain current services and explore ways to reduce costs.
- Ensure our 55 miles of roads are maintained, repaired, and reconstructed as needed.
- Listen and address residents' concerns.
- Enforce and keep up to date the Town of Wausau Code of Ordinances.
- Promote the rural atmosphere of our township so that the Town of Wausau is a great place to live.

I have been a resident of the Town of Wausau for 40 years. My immediate family includes my husband-Bill, my daughter and her fiancé, my son and daughter-in-law, and two grand-dogs. I believe in serving my community by volunteering at organizations that support youth and higher education. I love spending time with family and friends, playing pickleball, going for long walks, golfing, and working on Town business. Feel free to call me at 715/212-1672 if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support.

MEET LINDA GLATCZYK

I served as a Town Supervisor from 2013 - 2021. During that time, we saw tremendous improvements. Road maintenance and reconstruction was addressed by developing and following a long-range plan. Employee management procedures were implemented. Town equipment needs were addressed. Residents' concerns, including a long-term noise issue that disrupted a neighborhood were resolved. Town ordinances were being enforced uniformly. All of this was accomplished with careful budgeting and following a spending plan that gave residents the greatest return for their tax dollars. Our town budget is healthy; I see no need to increase our tax levy. Our Town Ordinances were last reviewed 10 years ago. I would propose having them independently evaluated to make sure they reflect the needs of the township. Careful consideration needs to be made before rewriting or adding to the ordinances. Town residents don't need to be micromanaged or burdened with unnecessary or over written ordinances. Respect for property owners' rights could improve. Our township is a unique blend of residents and businesses. They are all essential to the Town of Wausau.

I am a lifelong resident of the Town of Wausau. I grew up on a farm on Hwy Z. My husband, Jim, and I built our home here in 1976. Our family has grown from our 3 kids, Adam, Jennifer, and Deanna, to include their spouses, and 4 beautiful grandchildren. In 2002 we opened Owl Ridge General Store. I also issued burning permits. My family has been committed to serving this township for many years. My dad Norman Prah, my brother Roger, and I have served as Town Supervisors. My brother, John Prah, served as Town Chairman for 4 years. Roger was our town's first Fire Chief. My husband and 3 brothers all served on the Fire Department. I am not a politician; I am a lifelong resident that cares about this township. I will bring conservative values and common sense to the Town Board. I want to see everyone thrive in our township, whether they are working folks looking to build their dream home, retired adults looking for a peaceful place to enjoy their retirement, or



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entrepreneurs who want to start or operate their businesses. The Town of Wausau is a place for all.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

THINKING ABOUT BURNING? If so, please visit the town website at <https://townofwausau.com> for the burning ordinance. It could cost you up to \$500 if the Fire Department is called to your property for not following the ordinance. Legal burning permits are issued by the Town only, not by the DNR. For more information or a permit contact Kyle Borchardt at 715/340-3561 or Ben Schlund at 715/297-3396.

FALSE ALARMS: Just a reminder to properly cancel a FALSE alarm with your alarm system such as a fire or carbon monoxide alarm. The alarm company will need the code that you gave them. Your alarm company will call you at the number you provided. This may be an out of state number so please do not ignore it. Once you give the correct code, they will contact 911 to properly cancel the call. If you do not provide the correct code, the Fire Department will show up. If you need to test your system, please call your alarm company to put the system in test mode to avoid the fire department from responding.

VOLUNTEER: The Town of Wausau Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for volunteer first responders, firefighters, or both. Please contact Chief Kyle Borchardt 715/340-3561 for more information.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Department. We appreciate your backing and support.

CONGRATULATIONS CHIEF BORCHARDT!



Chairman Baer is congratulating Kyle Borchardt on his appointment as the new Town of Wausau Fire Chief.

A huge thank you to Chief Borchardt for replacing Retired Chief Kevin Yolitz. They both deserve special recognition for their many years of service on the Town of Wausau Fire Department!

TOWN OF WAUSAU CONTACTS



Chair: Matt Baer	715/581-3205
Supervisors:	
Steve Buntin	715/551-9134
Sharon Hunter	715/842-7433
Clerk: Cynthia Worden	715/297-1157
Treasurer: Susan Borchardt	715/551-2868
Fire Chief: Kyle Borchardt	715/340-3561
Assessor: Kurt Moeller	715/298-2061
Zoning Permits: Larry Vesely	715/574-9186
Municipal Center:	715/845-8458

TENTATIVE DATES FOR OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW

Due to the Town of Wausau re-evaluation that is required by the State of Wisconsin this year, Board of Review and Open Book will be delayed. Tentative dates for Open Book are October 3 and October 5 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Board of Review is tentatively scheduled for October 12 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Both are held at the Town Municipal Building. Please contact Kurt Moeller, Town of Wausau Assessor, at 715/298-2061 if you have questions about your assessment or the re-evaluation.

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BALANCE ON HAND: JANUARY 1, 2022

Ckg./savings/tax acct./res.	259,117.42
Fire Dept reserve	55,765.75
Ord. enforce.-dogs	<u>3,355.81</u>
	318,238.98

2022 REVENUE

YR 2021 Tax collections	2,749,546.43
Del. p.p. tax & int.	803.25
Special assess./garbage	133,696.25
Lotto credit	37,576.49
Co. settlement	163,477.70
Property tax overpay.	10,123.63
Forest crop prog.	13,371.54
State - personal prop. aid	6,316.81
City-annexation pay.	<u>502.69</u>
	3,115,414.79

INTERGOVERNMENTAL

State shared revenue	55,857.38
State hwy aids	151,610.55
State fire ins. dues/DNR fire dept. gran	9,264.88
Co. culvert aid (2021 project)	17,245.74
State-MFL + county ag land conversion	713.36
State-exempt computer aid	484.29
State-recycling grant + election grant	2,563.51
Fed -ARPA/state routes to recovery	<u>115,606.42</u>
	353,346.13

LICENSES & PERMITS

Bus. licenses/publish costs	3,142.09
Building/driveway	5,797.56
Dog license	2,790.00
Utility policy permit	<u>1,600.00</u>
	13,329.65

PUBLIC CHRGS. FOR SERVICES

Direct billed garbage	974.04
Zoning permits/fees	6,500.00
Sand/plow/culverts	1,976.73
Fire service calls	<u>1,725.00</u>
	11,175.77

MISCELLANEOUS

Municipal building rent/dep.	1,925.00
Int. income	5695.09
2022 land rent	500.00
Granite pit lease	28,725.52
Dividend -WC audit	1,213.00
Co.signage reimburse.	72.00
Fire dept donations	17881.96

Ins. claim -wind damage	2502.44
Meverden-cost share pit	775.00
Tn. Easton -equip.	<u>80.00</u>
	59,370.01

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

\$3,870,875.33

2022 EXPENSES

TOWN GOVERNMENT

Bd.salary/mileage/fica	30,451.66
Treas.salary /mileage/fica	12,757.83
Treas. supplies/tax prog.	4,268.25
Clerk salary/mileage/fica	28,546.47
Clerk supplies	4,013.72
Express vote machine - ARPA funding	3,585.00
Election exp.	4,818.50
Plan com/bd appeals/exp.	1,956.43
Assessor/Bd. Review	19,635.00
Town pub./website	3,067.77
Zoning admin. salary/fica	7,750.80
Legal exp.	7,333.49
WTA mtgs./dues/other	<u>3,275.81</u>
	131,460.73

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire dept. exp.	9,729.05
Wages/fica/edu/inspect/ser.prg.	42,215.10
Equip.	8,034.31
Radio project complete/ARPA funded	28,857.08
Standby ambulance fee	14,405.86
Loan prin/int. pay.	<u>27,323.62</u>
	130,565.02

TOWN INSURANCE POLICY

26,586.00

GARBAGE CONTRACT /CLN. UP

133,927.43

HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES

R/S wages/benefits/fica	137,281.45
Equip. repair/tires	34,565.69
Road signage/address/culverts	8080.66
Survey granite pit	4,950.00
Fuel/grease/oil	34,732.23
Supp. exp./ blacktop patch/bridge ins	12,193.73
Road sand/salt mix	29,032.71
Granite/base rd. main.	18,138.66
Blacktop/seal coat/crackfill	504,072.82
Road base - RC	67,527.87

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Equip. hire/rent	11,810.38
Mining permit	3,750.00
2 truck prin/int pay.	<u>70,335.01</u>
	936,471.21

EQUIPMENT OUTLAY

2015 Dodge pickup/backhoe thumb t	31,400.00
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GARAGE & SHOP EXPENSES

Utilities/supp./furnace	20,631.68
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MUNICIPAL BUILDING EXP.

Repairs/utilities/cleaning	13,373.54
Sec. dep.refund	<u>575.00</u>
	13,948.54

TAXES & CREDITS PAID OUT

Wausau School Dist.	1,055,290.89
DC Everest Dist.	377,551.61
VTAE	173,143.62
County/forest programs	656,626.45
Co.share DNR	71.57
Co. share dog license	1,361.50
Escrow/county del.garbage reimburse	10,769.79
DOR - muni. mfg. property fee	<u>55.51</u>
	2,274,870.94

TOTAL EXPENSES	3,699,861.55
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BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2022

Total available funds	*171,013.78
****TOTAL BAL. & EXPEND.****	<u>3,870,875.33</u>

*Note: July 2022 a state road project grant was approved for Evergreen Rd. in the amount of \$308,830.00 - waiting for reimbursement

Public Safety Loan Bal.	139,363.67
2019 International Truck Bal.	45,658.00
2017 Western Star Truck Bal.	<u>42,485.17</u>
	227,506.84

2022 TAX ROLL STATEMENT

VALUATION:

Wausau School District	121,158,800.00
DC Everest District	<u>48,379,300.00</u>
TOTAL VALUE	169,538,100.00

LEVIES:

State	-
County	952,329.17
Town	702,435.00
Wausau School District	1,511,680.96
DC Everest District	577,861.88
NCTI	264,384.07
Overrun/Underrun	<u>(0.22)</u>

GROSS TAX ROLL	4,008,690.86
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Less school tax credit	337,018.44
Less first dollar credit	79,596.72
Less lottery & gaming credit	204,229.04

NET TAX ROLL	3,387,846.66
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Garbage assessments	170,121.12
Special charges-co. ag. land conversio	722.00
Managed forest lands	14,063.22

TOTAL TAX ROLL	3,572,753.00
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ASSESSMENT RATIO:	0.750188505
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TAX RATE PER \$1,000 VALUATION

LISTED ACCORDING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Wausau: gross rate \$23.79	
Less school credit-\$1.98 =	21.81
DC Everest: gross rate \$23.26	
Less school credit-\$1.98 =	21.28

The following notice will be posted on 4/1/2023 : **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 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to transact any business over which a town meeting has jurisdiction. (s.60.11) Cynthia L Worden Town of Wausau Clerk

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

Click on documents to view [annual report 2022](#)

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.



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Wausau, WI 54403

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**RE-ELECT
MATTHEW BAER
FOR TOWN CHAIR
LET'S KEEP THINGS
MOVING FORWARD!**

**BE SURE TO VOTE
APRIL 4, 2023
POLLS ARE OPEN
7 A.M. TO 8 P.M.
TOWN OF WAUSAU
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VOTE FOR LEADERSHIP

APRIL 4, 2023

JOHN PRAHL FOR CHAIRMAN

RE-ELECT

**SHARON
HUNTER**



**TOWN OF WAUSAU
SUPERVISOR**

**LET MY EXPERIENCE
WORK FOR YOU!**

**RE-ELECT
STEVEN
BUNTIN
TOWN OF
WAUSAU
SUPERVISOR**



A FRESH VOICE

**DECISIONS YOU
CAN TRUST**

**YOUR SUPPORT
IS APPRECIATED**



**Please vote on April 4 for
Linda Glatczak
Town of Wausau Supervisor**

**Willing to serve with Integrity,
Hard Work, Honesty and
Common Sense
Thank you for your support**