

TOWN OF WAUSAU NEWSLETTER

October 25, 2016

2016 ELECTION NEWS



ABSENTEE VOTING

Any registered voter who prefers to vote by absentee ballot may request a ballot by mail, email, or fax from the Town Clerk. A photo ID is required with the form. For more information, please visit www.townofwausau.com/election-information. Absentee ballots can be mailed, emailed, or faxed.

In-person absentee voting will take place at the Town Clerk's home by appointment thru Sunday, November 6, till 5 p.m.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration is required in Wisconsin. Voter registration by mail, email, or fax ended October 19.

Registration can be done in person at the Town Clerk's home until Friday, November 4, at 5 p.m. or on election day.

To register to vote, you must always provide proof of residency, your Wisconsin driver's license number, or Wisconsin ID number. A voter registration application is required if you have:

1. Never voted before in Wisconsin.
2. A name change.
3. An address change.

You must have resided in the Town of Wausau for at least 10 days to be eligible to vote. *Voting* does requires a photo ID.

You may contact Clerk, Cindy Worden, for more information or ask any questions. Phone: 715 842 8098 or 715 297 1157, Fax: 715 842 2358 or email: flfarm.clw@gmail.com

Polls are open on Tuesday, November 8, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Town of Wausau Municipal Building at 7208 County Road Z.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Town of Wausau Fire Department recently received a grant of \$2,000 from the Wisconsin Public Service Foundation to be used toward the replacement of our 1998 Polaris Ranger six-wheeler UTV. The six-wheeler is used to fight wildland fires and to transport patients from remote areas inaccessible by ambulances such as a snowmobile trail accident. With an anticipated total cost of approximately \$11,500 for this project, the Fire Department is taking steps to acquire the additional funds in order to limit the use of its budget. Therefore, the Fire Department is relying on fund-raisers, additional donations, sale proceeds from the current UTV, and, if necessary, a limited amount from the Fire Department Future Equipment fund.

The Easton-Hewitt-Wausau Lions Club will be awarding a donation of \$500 to each of several area fire departments including the Town of Wausau Volunteer Fire Department. This year the money will be used towards the new UTV.

FUNDRAISING

The Fire Department will be raising funds through a **cash raffle**. The drawing will be held during half-time of the Packer vs Seahawks game on December 11, 2016, at Lucky's Eastside Pub, 1803 East Wausau Ave. At a price of \$100 per ticket, a total of one hundred tickets will be sold with 50 percent of the cash received being paid out in prizes:

- 1st prize will be \$2000,
- 2nd prize \$1000,
- 3rd prize \$700,
- 4th prize \$300,
- 5th & 6th prizes \$200 each, and
- 7th- 10th prizes \$150 each.
- You need not be present to win.

Tickets for the cash raffle are available from Fire Department members, at Lucky's Eastside Pub, or Owl Ridge General Store. Due to a limited number of tickets available, you may wish to call to confirm ticket availability. Please see the advertisement

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included in this newsletter for details on the **sale of the 1998 Polaris Ranger** by sealed bids.

The Fire Department will be conducting a **card raffle** at Lucky's during the Packers vs Seahawks game. The list of prizes is found on the last page of the newsletter. Substitutions or equivalent cash awards can be requested by winners.

THANK YOU

Thanks again to the Wisconsin Public Service Foundation, the Easton-Hewitt-Wausau Lions Club, and to all of you for your support of the Fire Department. For more information or questions, contact Chief Yolitz at 715 432 3602

IMPORTANCE OF DITCHES

Why are ditches necessary? Ditches provide drainage and are necessary for proper road maintenance. Water on roads causes erosion, softens the underlying soils resulting in shifting and sinking of the road bed, and damages asphalt when freezing in road cracks. Good ditches are essential to providing needed drainage.

It is not appropriate to:

- Fill in ditches with field crops or landscaping materials. This obstructs the drainage, resulting in road damage and property flooding.
- Have farm equipment enter fields through ditches. This damages the road edges and shoulders.
- Pull farm machinery down town roads without rubber tires. This results in scraping or tearing up the road surface.
- Rake leaves into the ditches. This causes blocked culverts, leading to flood damage to town roads and property.

It is important that Town of Wausau landowners protect the ditches and refrain from any landscaping or farming practices that change the shape and/or functionality of ditches located in the town right of way. It is appreciated when landowners mow the grass. However, ditches are Town

property, and they are not to be filled in or used as private property.

If you are responsible for filling in the ditches along your property, **please stop** and consider the costs of repairs and/or fines that could be involved.

Thank you for your cooperation.

SNOW PLOWING ACROSS THE ROAD



The Town of Wausau Ordinance Sec. 58.104: Depositing Snow Removal states: *No person may push or deposit snow, or cause snow to be pushed or deposited from his/her own personal driveway or parking area into the public streets and/or alley or roadway.* Why is this prohibited? This can cause unsafe road conditions, unexpected snow in the roadway as well as slush/icy conditions. For the safety of people traveling our town roads, please refrain from pushing snow across the road.

SNOW REMOVAL

With winter just around the corner, the Town workers are getting ready to keep the town roads open for safe travel. Because tax dollars are used to purchase, maintain, and operate all town equipment, by State law, the Town is not able to provide snow plowing services to business parking lots or private yards. However, contracting for *limited* snowplowing of private roads and driveways is allowed, when it is an issue of public safety, If there is no other way to have your private road or driveway plowed, the Town can contract with you at a cost that fully reimburses the Town for providing the service. Please download and complete the ***Snow Plow Disclaimer Form*** at www.townofwausau.com/forms to contract for snow removal on your private property.

HALLOWEEN HOURS



ARE 4 P.M. TO 7 P.M. ON OCTOBER 31

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Be sure to set your clock back on Saturday night, November 5...

SMOKE/CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

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.

2016 ROAD PROJECTS COMPLETED

The Town of Wausau maintains 55 miles of roads which includes 43 miles of asphalt roads, 10 miles of gravel roads, and 2 ½ miles of roads with a seal coat surface. In order to maintain the roads the estimated cost to reconstruct one mile of asphalt road is \$190,000, \$19,000 per mile for a 4" granite lift, and \$19,626 per layer to chip seal one mile of road. The life of an asphalt road is 20-25 years if maintenance is done to extend the life of the road. Maintenance includes crack filling, seal coating, shouldering, ditching, mowing the roadsides, patching, and keeping the culverts open and in good repair. To date, the following projects have been completed at an estimated cost of:

- Crack filling on 3.94 miles of road at a cost of \$51,897.
- Slag seal on 1.96 miles of road at a cost of \$33,767.
- Chip seal on 3.59 miles at a cost of \$70,457.
- Chip seal with patching on 1.21 miles at a cost of \$25,000.
- Double chip seal on .37 miles at \$14,523.
- Reconstruction 85th Street (1.1 miles) at a cost of \$186,471.
- Granite lifts on 2.7 miles at a cost of \$27,700.
- Approximately 14.87 miles of road improvements were made in 2016.
- Total 2016 estimated cost of road projects \$409,815. All invoices have not been received.

For a detailed listing of all the 2016 completed road projects, please visit: www.townofwausau.com and click on Forms: 2016 Road Projects.



MARATHON COUNTY ADDRESSING UPDATE

You may have heard about the new addressing system coming to Marathon County. 911 dispatch services is provided to all 62 of Marathon County's cities, villages, and towns. This system was built in the 1980s when there were only landline phones. With this current system, 911 cannot utilize a cell phone to pinpoint the location of an emergency call. Over 70 percent of the 911 calls received by Marathon County Dispatch today are received from cell phones. With over 60,000 addresses county-wide using 10 different addressing grids and numbering systems with duplicate addresses and street names across the county, it can be very difficult for emergency personnel to respond to a call made from a cell phone. Therefore, a uniform addressing system is being implemented. Township participation will be required by the County.

What does this new system mean for you?

- Your address will be changing. It is unclear when this will occur. For more details visit www.MyMarathonCountyAddress.org.
- All new addresses will be six digits.
- Address signs will be uniform in color and location across the county.
- There will be no duplicate street names. For example, a duplicate now could be Merry Lane and Mary Lane. Criteria for how to determine who gets to keep street names is being developed with the help of the Municipal Advisory Group.
- The Marathon County Public Library staff will be trained to assist residents with this transition.
- In the Town of Wausau approximately 25 roads have the same name as other municipalities.

Stay tuned for more information on when this transition will occur.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 14, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Wausau Municipal Center 7208 County Road Z, a Public Hearing on the proposed 2017 budget of the Town of Wausau, Marathon County, Wi. will be held. The proposed budget summary is available at <http://www.townofwausau.com/> or a detailed version at the town clerk's office.

Dated this 25th day of October, 2016, Cynthia L. Worden, Town of Wausau Clerk

TOWN OF WAUSAU NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

	2016 Budget	Proposed 2017 Budget	% Change
General Fund			
Balance January 1			
Res. Future Equip. Fund	\$66,950.00	\$66,950.00	
Res. Fire Dept. Equipment Fund	\$18,650.00	\$20,650.00	
Revenues:			
Taxes			
General Property Taxes	\$507,424.00	\$606,910.00	1.6
Other Taxes	\$6,495.00	\$5,305.00	
Special Assessments	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00	
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$187,720.00	\$368,023.00	
Licenses & Permits	\$7,425.00	\$7,425.00	
Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Public Charges for Services	\$6,300.00	\$5,300.00	
Misc. Revenues	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	
Granite Contract Royalty	\$38,300.00	\$20,000.00	
Proceeds from Borrowing**	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	
Total Revenues	\$1,064,664.00	\$1,233,963.00	
Cash Balance Applied	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Revenue & Cash Balance	\$1,064,664.00	\$1,233,963.00	15.9
Expenditures:			
General Government	\$110,254.00	\$116,054.00	
Public Safety	\$54,280.00	\$56,278.00	
Public Works	\$756,807.00	\$987,258.00	
Debt. Service	\$27,323.00	\$27,323.00	
Garbage Contract/Recycle	\$114,000.00	\$115,000.00	
Other Financing Uses	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Expenditures	\$1,062,664.00	\$1,301,913.00	22.5
Balance December 31			
Reserve Future Equip. Fund	\$66,950.00	\$0.00	
Reserve Fire Dept. Equip. Fund	\$20,650.00	\$19,650.00	

**Loan was not taken out/*did not buy new equipment

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING of the electors of the TOWN OF WAUSAU, Marathon County

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, Nov. 14, 2016, immediately following the completion of the Public Hearing on proposed year 2017 budget, which begins at 7:00 p.m. a Special Town Meeting of the electors, called pursuant to Sec. 60.12(1)(c) of the WI. Stats. will be held for the following purposes:

1. To approve the total 2017 highway expenditures pursuant to Sec. 82.03 of the WI. Stats.
2. To approve the 2016 town tax levy to be collected in 2017 pursuant to Sec. 60.10(1) (a) of the WI. Stats.

Dated this 25th day of October, 2016, Cynthia L. Worden, Town of Wausau Clerk

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Town of Wausau
1006 Shenandoah Ridge Road
Wausau, WI 54403

TOWN OF WAUSAU CONTACTS

Chair: Jim Riehle	715 551 9826
Supervisors:	
Linda Glatczak	715 848 2855
Sharon Hunter	715 842 7433
Clerk: Cynthia Worden	715 842 8098
Treasurer: Susan Borchardt	715 551 2868
Fire Chief: Kevin Yolitz	715 432 3602
Assessor: Carl Moeller	715 687 2447
Zoning Permits: Larry Vesely	715 574 9186
Municipal Center:	715 845 8458

**BE SURE TO ATTEND THE
TOWN OF WAUSAU
BUDGET MEETING ON
MONDAY, NOVEMBER
14, 2016
7 P.M.**



**REMINDER
PLEASE BE SURE TO
PLACE YOUR GARBAGE/
RECYCLING
CONTAINERS AT THE
END OF YOUR DRIVE
WAY (NOT ON THE
ROAD) AND REMOVE IT
FROM THE CURB ON
NON-PICK UP DAYS!**

TOWN OF WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT PLAYING CARD RAFFLE



Held at Lucky's Pub during the Packer vs. Seahawks game December 11, 2016

1. Mossberg 4x4, 300 WSM Bolt Action Rifle w/ Bushnell Banner 3x9-40 Scope & Rings
 2. Smith & Wesson SD40 Semi-Automatic Handgun, .40 S&W Cal. ****
 3. Parker Enforcer Crossbow Package, includes lighted scope, quiver, (4) arrows
- ****Winner responsible for all costs associated with registration and background checks
 - Prize listed, cash value, or trade in available on all prizes
 - At the discretion of the raffle coordinator, all raffles may become a 50/50 cash raffles if the full deck of cards is not sold
 - All items will be on display for inspection on the day of the raffle

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FOR SALE by Town of Wausau Volunteer Fire Department



Details:

Engine 68.0 hrs. 499cc liquid-cooled 4 valve 4 stroke
Fuel Capacity 9.5 gallons Electric start with recoil backup
Roof and windshield included Stored indoors
Well-maintained

Used to fight grass/brush fires and for patient transport from areas inaccessible by ambulance. Note: Winch, fire skid and fire extinguisher not included.

To view or for more information, contact Chief Kevin Yolitz at 715 432 3602

Minimum bid of \$2200 required.

Available through sealed bids directed to: Town of Wausau F.D. **Polaris Ranger Bid**, 7208
County Road Z, Wausau, WI 54403

The Town of Wausau Board reserves the right to reject any/all bids. Bids must be received by November 7, 2016 and will be opened at the Town Board meeting on Monday, November 7, 2016 @7:00 PM.