

TOWN OF WAUSAU NEWSLETTER

November 2, 2017

**BE SURE TO ATTEND THE
TOWN OF WAUSAU BUDGET MEETING
7208 COUNTY HIGHWAY Z
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017
7 P.M.**



FROM TOWN CHAIRMAN

Have you noticed some changes in the township over these past 6 months? By taking advantage of dropping oil prices we were able to blacktop a full two miles of roads this summer. Chip sealing, culvert replacements and ditching projects were also completed, utilizing our road budget to its fullest. The Board is working on an equally good road plan for next year. A new snowplow truck is scheduled to be delivered in November. Fewer breakdowns will mean improved snow plowing service this winter. As your new Town Chair I've been busy learning the job and appreciate the support I've received. If you have concerns, I can be reached at 715-571-6217. John Prah, Town Chairman

2017 ROAD PROJECTS COMPLETED

The Town of Wausau maintains 56.5 miles of roads which includes 43 miles of asphalt roads, 10 miles of gravel roads, and 3 ½ miles of roads with a seal coat surface. In order to maintain the roads it costs about \$110,000 to pave one mile of asphalt road, \$20,600 per mile to do a 4" granite lift on a gravel road, and \$19,832 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. The projects completed in 2017 included:

- Numerous roads had crack filling completed and portions of 69th Street, Mechanics Ridge Road, Gilbert Street, E. Hamilton Street, Evergreen Road, 25th Street, 93rd Street, North Fork Drive, and East Jefferson Street were chip sealed at a cost of \$102,000.
- Reconstruction of 2 1/3 miles including Sandy Drive, Meadow Lane, and 41st Street for a cost of \$269,134.32 for blacktop and \$51,863.22 for road base.

- Granite lifts on Highland Avenue, Fulton Street, and Pasture Lane for a cost of \$20,600.
- Ditching on Fulton Street, E. Jefferson Street, 69th Street, Evergreen Road, 73rd Street, and Mathie Road.
- Culverts were reset or replaced on Meadow Lane, 41st Street, 25th Street, Mechanics Ridge, 69th Street, Sandy Drive, Sell Street, and North Fork Drive. Culverts were purchased at a cost of \$17,524.93.
- Bridge work was done on Colonial Road and Tower Road for \$8,363.54.

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.

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.* Pushing snow across the road can cause unsafe road conditions as well as slush/icy conditions. For the safety of people traveling our town roads, please refrain from pushing snow across the road.

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IMPORTANCE OF DITCHES

Why are ditches necessary? Ditches provide drainage and are necessary for proper road maintenance. Water on roads causes erosion and softens the underlying soils. This results 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. Ditches are Town property and should not 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.

DRIVEWAY RECOMMENDATIONS



Did you know that the Town has driveway specifications to meet certain standards? These standards state your driveway should support weight up to 50,000 pounds, including the culvert, so that emergency vehicles can access your residence or buildings. The driveway should have a minimum clearance of 16' width and 16' in height along its entire length, completely free of any branches or other obstructions. This will allow emergency vehicles (including an ambulance) to enter your driveway to access you property in case of an emergency.

TOWNWIDE RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE

The weekend of May 19-21 was amazing with 38 listed sales and several more joining in at the last minute. Even without contacting everyone, total sales were well over \$20,000.00! A few items like an ATV and a boat were not included, so WOW, that's a LOT of stuff recycled. A lot was learned for the first attempt to hold a town wide sale. The Cub Scouts had about \$600 in profit from their food stand in the parking lot of Sunset Country Store. Business sponsors helped make it all possible. A very special "THANK YOU" to Jeff and Re Vi Design and Susan and Sunset Country Store. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** The rummage sale next year will be May 18-20, 2018. Details will be in the Spring Newsletter.

SMOKE/CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS



Remember to test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors frequently to make sure they are working properly and replace the batteries if needed. If you currently do not have these in your home, it is highly recommended that you purchase and install these items as soon as possible. Both of these items can save your life. Remember, carbon monoxide is odorless and cannot be seen. Please follow the instructions when to replace these items.

NEW ADDRESSING SYSTEM

The Marathon County Uniform Addressing project is moving forward. On September 19, 2017, the Marathon County Board voted to commit \$1.2 million for the purpose of paying for the project which includes the cost of manufacturing all street name and address number signs. In addition, Marathon County is negotiating with a vendor to install all the street name signs and the "flag" style address number signs. It is anticipated that there will be no cost to municipalities or residents for the cost or the installation of the signs. Implementation is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2018. The County Library System will provide a public education campaign to inform residents regarding the means for updating their personal information regarding their new addresses.

NOTICE TOWN OF WAUSAU, MARATHON COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that a special town meeting of the electors Town of Wausau, Marathon County, Wisconsin, will be held at the Town of Wausau Municipal Building, 7208 County Road Z, Wausau, WI 54403 on the 20th day of November, 2017 immediately following the completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed 2018 town budget which begins at 7:00 p.m. For the following purposes:

1. To approve the construction of an additional bay on the town garage pursuant to s. 60.10(1)(f) of WI. Stats.
2. To approve the 2017 total town tax levy to be collected in 2018 pursuant to s. 60.10(1)(a) of WI. Stats.

Dated this 2nd day of November 2017

By: Cynthia L. Worden, Town of Wausau Clerk

TOWN OF WAUSAU NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

	2017	2018	
	Budget	Proposed Budget	% Change
General Fund			
Balance January 1			
Res. Future Equip. Fund	\$66,950.00	\$0.00	
Res. Fire Dept. Equip.Fund	\$20,650.00	\$19,650.00	
Revenues:			
Taxes			
General Property Taxes	\$606910.00	\$638,848.00	5.2
Other Taxes	\$5,305.00	\$13,058.00	
Special Assessments	\$115,000.00	\$118,000.00	
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$368,023.00	\$224,309.00	
Licenses & Permits	\$7,425.00	\$7,925.00	
Fines,Forfeitures & Penalties	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Public Chrgs. for Services	\$5,300.00	\$5,800.00	
Misc. Revenues	\$6,000.00	\$6,058.00	
Granite Contract Royalty	\$20,000.00	\$25,000.00	
Proceeds from Borrowing	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	
Total Revenues	\$1,233,963.00	\$1,038,998.00	
Cash Balance Applied	\$0.00	\$55,000.00	
<u>Total Revenue & Cash</u>			
<u>Balance</u>	<u>\$1,233,963.00</u>	<u>\$1,093,998.00</u>	(11.3)
Expenditures:			
General Government	\$116,054.00	\$102,554.00	
Public Safety	\$56,278.00	\$59,784.00	
Public Works	\$987,258.00	\$763,252.00	
Debt. Service	\$27,323.00	\$49,408.00	
Garbage Contract/Recycle	\$115,000.00	\$117,000.00	
Other Financing Uses	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$1,301,913.00</u>	<u>\$1,091,998.00</u>	(16.1)
Balance December 31			
Reserve Future Equip. Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Reserve Fire Dept. Equip. Fund	\$19,650.00	\$21,650.00	

NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING FOR TOWN OF WAUSAU MARATHON COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 20, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Wausau Municipal Center, 7208 County Road Z, a Public Hearing on the proposed 2018 budget of the Town of Wausau, Marathon County, WI will be held. The proposed budget summary is available online at <http://www.townofwausau.com> or detailed version at the town clerk's office.

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Wausau, WI 54403

TOWN OF WAUSAU CONTACTS

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Sharon Hunter 715 842 7433

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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

RECYCLING NEWS



Do you have questions about recycling plastic bags and film? You can recycle colored plastic, plastic bags that stretch. Paper labels, tape, and adhesive strips on plastic should be removed before placing the plastic in recycling. Thicker plastic bags like cat/dog food bags or frozen vegetable bags are not recyclable. If the bag makes a crinkling noise like a chip bag or candy bar wrapper it is not the right type of plastic to recycle. Generally recyclable plastic bags should not be put into your curbside recycling bin. They should be taken to stores who have a drop off location. You can visit plasticfilmrecycling.org for more information.

Here are a few reasons why burning your garbage is not a good idea:

- The pollutants from burning today's garbage can cause health problems.
- It can lead to wildfires, property damage, and sometimes loss of life.
- The smoke and ash smell can irritate eyes and lungs especially for people with asthma or heart disease.
- Remember you can recycle paper, cardboard, bottles, and cans. Compost leaves, grass clippings, small brush and vegetable food scraps. Donate or reuse old clothes, furniture and other household items. Be sure to send waste that can't be used, recycled, or composted to the landfill.

Remember it is illegal to dump electronics in the landfill, on the side of the road, in the woods, or on an empty lot. If found, you could be charged for costs of clean up and proper recycling in addition to a littering fine. For more information about recycling electronics, please contact dnr.wi.gov/ecyclewisconsin