



Farmington Town Hall Newsletter

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News from Town Clerk/Treasurer:

Farmington's 2010 equalized value is \$477,490,900, down 2% (\$10,366,200).

State Shared Revenue increased by \$265.00 to \$75,816. for 2011.

Waupaca Fire District Assessment for 2011 is \$90,639, down \$982.00.

General Transportation Aids estimated to increase by \$4,793 to \$136,686 in 2011.

Waupaca Area Ambulance increased to \$46,970.

Taxes will be mailed mid-December with the 1st installment due by January 31, 2011.

Dog licenses are also due January 1, 2011. Please bring along proof of rabies vaccination (male/female \$10; spayed/neutered \$5.)

Your Tax Bill:

As your tax assessor, I will try to explain the tax bill that you get every December. There are many factors that make up the bill you receive. Many of the amounts you pay are out of the Town Board's control. I have included two **sample bills** from the town to try & show what I am speaking about. One bill is from the lake property and one from a property that is off the lake.

When you look at item "**A**" on the tax bill you will notice that if your property is on the lake or not, the percent of change is the same. Unless you made an improvement in that year, or removed a structure, that will be the same for every property in the Township. The only additional tax amount in the two bills is if you are in the Lake Sanitary District. Items "**B**" through "**E**" are the items that your Town Board has no control over the

amount you pay. All of those amounts are determined by their budget & are based on the equalization formula that State of Wisconsin arrives at. That ratio is made up of the past years sales & the assessed value of the sold properties. Being I have used a 2007 bill for reference, you will note, that the ratio is .759220. What that means is the properties that sold are selling at 25% above what they are assessed at. Once the ratio amount drops below 80%, we must reassess within the next four years.

The last item that we receive many questions on is the assessed value & fair market value. The taxes you pay are based on assessed value, not fair market value. The fair market amount is what the State uses to adjust the taxes between taxing bodies in a given School District, County, State & Fox Valley Tech. Your tax bill is a total of all budgets that all of the above government units have. Once they arrive at a budget for the year, it is divided by the total value of each taxing entity. Using this figure, your Town Board then must arrive at a mill rate. A mill rate is the amount per thousand of value you have to pay in taxes. This is found as item "**F**".

I do realize this is not a very easy system to understand. However, this is the system we work with. I do hope that this gives you some idea as to why we must do a revalue every few years & what makes up your tax bill.

Whenever you have a question regarding anything about your taxes, please feel free to call me & I will try & answer your questions. I do believe the largest part of my position is to answer taxpayer's questions. Even though I am not always in my office, if you leave a message I will return your call.

James Stephens, Central Assessors
715-258-9255

Sample tax bill:

TOWN OF FARMINGTON STATE OF WISCONSIN - WAUPACA COUNTY BILL NO. 005125
 COUNTY CLERK: JANE STRICKLAND
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Parcel No.	Area	2016	2017	2018	2019	Area	2016	2017	2018	2019	Area	2016	2017	2018	2019
123456789	1.23	1234	1234	1234	1234	1.23	1234	1234	1234	1234	1.23	1234	1234	1234	1234
TAXES: STATE 1234.56, COUNTY 1234.56, TOWN 1234.56, TOTAL 3703.68 PAY TO: JANE STRICKLAND, COUNTY CLERK, WAUPACA COUNTY, 123456789															

TOWN OF FARMINGTON STATE OF WISCONSIN - WAUPACA COUNTY BILL NO. 005088
 COUNTY CLERK: JANE STRICKLAND
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Parcel No.	Area	2016	2017	2018	2019	Area	2016	2017	2018	2019	Area	2016	2017	2018	2019
123456789	1.23	1234	1234	1234	1234	1.23	1234	1234	1234	1234	1.23	1234	1234	1234	1234
TAXES: STATE 1234.56, COUNTY 1234.56, TOWN 1234.56, TOTAL 3703.68 PAY TO: JANE STRICKLAND, COUNTY CLERK, WAUPACA COUNTY, 123456789															

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WISCONSIN
YEAR 2011 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Farmington, a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET of the Town of Farmington in Waupaca County will be held. The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The following is a summary of the proposed 2011 budget.

	Year 2010 Adopted Budget	Year 2011 Proposed Budget	% Change
General Fund			
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
General Property Taxes	\$ 632,858	\$ 651,844	3.00%
Intergovernmental Revenues	281,472	284,126	0.94%
Licenses and Permits	52,375	46,410	-11.39%
Fines & Forfeits	250	200	-20.00%
Public Charges For Services	5,570	4,878	-12.42%
Commercial Revenues	17,000	19,800	16.47%
Other Financing Sources:			
Fund Balance Applied	-	-	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 989,525	\$ 1,007,258	1.79%
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	\$ 163,029	\$ 155,388	-4.69%
Public Safety	173,402	177,508	2.37%
Public Works and Transportation	446,020	447,550	0.34%
Sanitation	119,168	121,376	1.85%
Health and Human Services	10,140	9,694	-4.40%
Culture and Recreation	58,766	58,766	0.00%
Conservation and Development	9,000	-	-100.00%
Capital Outlay	4,000	7,000	75.00%
Other Financial Uses	6,000	29,976	399.60%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 989,525	\$ 1,007,258	1.79%

<u>All Governmental and Proprietary Funds Combined</u>	FUND BALANCE JANUARY 1	TOTAL REVENUES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	FUND BALANCE DECEMBER 31	PROPERTY TAX CONTRIBUTION
General Fund	\$905,667	\$1,007,258	\$1,007,258	\$905,667	\$651,844

Given under my hand and official seal at the Town Hall of Farmington in Wisconsin this 22nd day of October, 2010

s / Sandy Grenlie CMC,WCMC Clerk

Following this Public Meeting on the 2011 Proposed Budget we will hold Special Meeting of the Electors

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WISCONSIN

YEAR 2011

PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

	2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2010 Estimated	2010 Budget	2011 Proposed Budget
REVENUES					
Taxes:					
General Property Taxes	\$ 602,315	\$ 614,408	\$ 632,858	\$ 632,858	\$ 651,844
Other Taxes	2,827	2,656	2,839	-	-
Intergovernmental Revenues	315,989	299,984	286,570	281,472	284,126
Licenses and Permits	62,722	49,648	46,079	52,375	46,410
Fines and Forfeits	271	540	214	250	200
Public Charges For Services	4,458	7,938	4,521	5,570	4,878
Commercial Revenues	233,438	67,708	22,395	17,000	19,800
Total Revenues	1,222,020	1,042,882	995,476	989,525	1,007,258
EXPENDITURES					
General Government	166,316	159,884	141,035	163,029	155,388
Public Safety	166,429	164,449	171,003	173,402	177,508
Public Works and Transportation	585,168	536,610	434,516	446,020	447,550
Sanitation	108,158	99,141	109,349	119,168	121,376
Health and Human Services	9,108	7,019	10,085	10,140	9,694
Culture and Recreation	58,766	58,766	58,766	58,766	58,766
Conservation and Development	8,781	3,867	2,085	9,000	-
Capital Outlay	9,016	1,800	1,707	4,000	7,000
Other Financial Uses				6,000	29,976
Total Expenditures	1,111,742	1,031,536	928,546	989,525	1,007,258
Net Change in Fund Balances	110,278	11,346	66,930	-	-
Fund Balances - Beginning	717,113	827,391	838,737	838,717	905,667
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 827,391	\$ 838,737	\$ 905,667	\$ 838,717	\$ 905,667

Road Updates:

Amy and Morey were repaved and **part of Oakland** was reclaimed and repaved and, except for the rain playing havoc to the shoulders, will provide safer driving condition Tomahawk and Arrowhead had a slurry seal application which has extended wearability.

The Town Board took their **road tour** throughout the township on October 14,15, 2010 which enabled us to concentrate on projects for 2011.

As a reminder: Emergency fire numbers are provided for your protection. **Fire numbers are required, not optional!** Numbers must be visible at eye level for the ambulance and fire department. If a post has been lowered or damaged, please contact Town Hall at 715-258-2779. Residents are also responsible for checking their numbers to see if branches or weeds need to be removed to make the number visible from the road. Also, vandals have been busy damaging not only the fire #'s, but also road signs and mailboxes. Please contact Sandy Grenlie at 715-258-2779 to report any damage or missing signs. **THANK YOU!**

Winter snow removal is in the 2nd year contract with Faulks Brothers. Contact either Dale Trinrud (715-281-4803) or Sandy Grenlie (715-258-2779) with any concerns.

Spring Elections:

We ask your attendance at our January 17, 2011 Town Caucus meeting, 7pm at the Town Hall followed by our Monthly Board Meeting.

**NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
TOWN OF FARMINGTON
APRIL 5, 2011**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the Town of Farmington, on the first Tuesday in April 2011, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. All terms are for two years beginning on the second Tuesday in April 2011.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
<u>Town Board Chairperson</u>	<u>Dale Trinrud</u>
<u>Town Board Supervisor #1</u>	<u>Joel Bartel</u>
<u>Town Board Supervisor #2</u>	<u>Caroline Murphy</u>

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a town caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the spring election ballot for the above listed offices will be scheduled during the month of January. The caucus will be held on a date not sooner than January 4, 2011 and not later than January 31, 2011. Notice of the caucus will be decided at the December 20, 2010 regular town board meeting.

**Done in the Town of Farmington
On November 12, 2010**

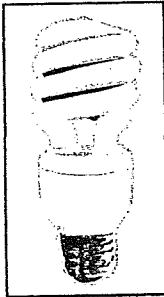
Sandy Grenlie CMC, WCMC

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Waupaca Recycling Compost Commission – Caroline Murphy, Supervisor II

Their meeting was held October 6, 2010. "Pay by the Bag" garbage program has been very accepted by the citizens. Farmington is a "point of sale" location for the trash tags: \$2.00 for one, \$10.00 for a sheet of five, **effective January 1, 2011**. Town Hall hours are M-F 8am-1pm. The five member **Municipality Cooperation Agreement** has been agreed to and the Town of Farmington has been assessed at \$11,375.75.

What You Should Know About CFLs..... by Debbie Krogwold, Recycling Coordinator



CFLs or compact fluorescent lights, those "curly" bulbs, have become the standard when it comes energy-efficient lighting in a home. CFLs use up to 75 percent less energy than a traditional incandescent bulb, costing perhaps a little more up front but more than making up for that difference in the long run due to the energy saved.

Unfortunately, some of the properties that make these bulbs every-efficient can also cause concerns in other areas.

CFLs contain mercury, an essential element allowing the bulb to be an efficient light source. No mercury is released when the bulbs are intact (not broken) or in use. However, should a bulb break, certain clean-up procedures should be followed to minimize mercury vapor exposure (see below).

Burnt-out CFLs should be recycled to insure the mercury does not end up in a landfill. The following locations in Waupaca accept CFLs at no charge: JRs True Value and Noffke Lumber. The Waupaca County PTF also accepts CFLs for a small fee of \$0.50 per bulb.

Questions regarding CFLs or other solid waste or recycling issue should be directed to the Waupaca County Solid Waste & Recycling Department at 715-258-6240 or www.waupacacountyrecycling.com. And as always, thank you for recycling!

U.S.EPAs Guidelines for Cleaning Up a Broken CFL

1. Before Clean-Up: Air Out the Room.

- * Open a window and leave the room for 15 minutes or more. If you have fans, place fans in the windows and blow air out of the room.
- * Shut off the central forced-air heating/air conditioning system, if you have one.

2. Remove all materials you can without using a vacuum cleaner.

- *Wear disposal rubber gloves, if available (do not use your bare hands).
- *Carefully scoop up the fragments and powder with stiff paper or cardboard.
- *Wipe the area clean with a damp paper towel or disposable wet wipe.
- * Sticky tape can be used to pick up small glass pieces and powder.

3. Place all cleanup materials in a plastic bag and seal it, and then place in a second sealed bag. Take CFL remnants to one of the locations listed above for recycling.

4. The first time you vacuum the area where the bulb was broken, remove the vacuum bag once done cleaning the area (or empty and wipe the canister) and put the bag and/or vacuum debris, as well as the cleaning materials, in two sealed plastic bags in the outdoor trash.

Planning Commission News:

The Town of Farmington held a public informational meeting this past April 27, 2010 to draft changes to the Waupaca County Zoning Ordinance and review our zoning map. The town approved this ordinance at their September 20, 2010 meeting. Residents will need to contact the Waupaca County Zoning office for land use permits at 715-258-6255. Bob Underberg remains our building inspector

Waupaca Park & Recreation.....by Joel Bartel, Supervisor I

Fall is finally here, and there have been some changes at the Waupaca Cities Park and Recreation department. Russ Montgomery is the new interim park and recreation director taking over from Jim Ash. Recently, the Town of Farmington met with Mayor Brian Smith, city finance director Henry Voelker, and Russ Montgomery to update the Park and Recreation contract between the Township of Farmington and the city of Waupaca. The goal is to maintain our current agreement with the city, with no increase costs to the taxpayers of Farmington. Once the agreement is signed, Farmington residents will continue to pay the same amount the city residents pay for Park and Recreation Programs. (The Town of Farmington agreed to cost of \$57,091).

The Park and Recreation board usually meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:15pm at the Waupaca Cities Park and Recreation building, but watch the *Waupaca County Post* for the posted meetings, because meeting times can change.

The Town Board encourages all Farmington residents to take advantage of the Park and Recreation programs.



Winter Snowmobile News.....

Waupaca County has over 400 miles of well-groomed trails for your enjoyment, being divided into 7 zones. To find out which of the 7 zones are open or closed, call the following numbers:

- Parks & Recreation Dept 715-258-6243**
 - Zone 1 – B.J. Schmidt’s Corners 715-445-2577**
 - Zone 2 – Bubba’s Bar 754-5652**
 - Zone 3 – Point Lube – 823-5322**
 - Zone 4 – Sandbur Corners 920-244-7525**
 - Zone 5 – Bear Creek Citgo 715-752-3504**
 - Zone 6 – Country Inn – 715-258-2901**
 - Zone 7 –Northport Convenience Center 920-982-2905 or Pup’s Irish Pub 920-982-3891**
- OR visit www.co.waupaca.wi.us/parks

The Town of Farmington currently oversees three cemeteries: **Barton, Salem, and Sheridan.** Sites are available for purchase at \$300.00 which includes Perpetual Care. Anyone interested can contact Cemetery Secretary, Sandy Grenlie at the Town Hall, 715-258-2779.

This past summer there was heavy boating activity on the **Chain O’ Lakes** and we were spared any serious accidents through the courtesy and judgment of the boaters.

With winter come many activities on the ice such as icefishing, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, iceskating and walkers.

Please show the same consideration to the use of the lakes in winter as was shown in summer so that all may enjoy.

Happy Winter!



Town Board meetings are held every third Monday at 7:00pm at the Town Hall located at the corner of State Rd 54 and Hwy Q.

See you there!