



Farmington Town Hall Newsletter

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Farmington Town News:

Back in 2009, the Town Board began discussion to improve safety and working conditions at the present Town Hall. On November 15, 2009 at the public hearing of the 2010 Proposed Budget which the residents approved, funds were set aside to buy land and construct a new town hall. The resolution was passed to set aside funds each year at our annual meetings.

On July 31, 2012, the Town Board and the Town Planning Commission met with Dr. David Poeschl, Superintendent, and Steve Shambeau, President, of the Waupaca School District to tour the Chain Elementary School for the purpose of determining the appropriateness for future Town Hall use. Since the school will be housing students for at least the next two years, they suggested the availability of second floor rooms for Town business. At the follow-up discussion meeting of individual opinions, it was the decision of the Board and Planning Commission not to pursue this arrangement for the following reasons:

- 1) the front door and bathrooms are not handicap accessible to meet current ADA requirements.
- 2) the hard-to-determine cost factor of sharing monthly utility bills along with the cost of maintenance
- 3) student movement and noise distraction
- 4) lack of security and fire-proof room for Town files
- 5) undetermined remodeling costs
- 6) size of the building, plus twenty-nine acres it sits on, is more than what the Town would actually need
- 7) the long-term uncertainty by the School District of increased enrollment/use whereby the Town would need to move

The Board and Planning Commission were appreciative of the opportunity to view this location and concluded that it would be more beneficial to pursue the investigation into the land purchase option.

It was approved unanimously at the August 20, 2012 special meeting of the electors to authorize the Town Board to purchase land for the purpose of constructing a new town hall. This land is located at the intersection of State Rd 54 and Cty Hwy Q. On September 17, 2012 at our regular Town Board meeting, a resolution was passed to purchase this land. It was also approved to hire Martenson & Eisele, Inc. to be the design firm for the new town hall.

Tax Assessor News.....by James Stephens

While fulfilling State revenue requirements of taking photos of every home in the township, it was noted that several fire numbers needed to be cleared of brush, branches, and weeds. Just a reminder that fire numbers are required and must be visible at eye level for the ambulance and fire department. This is for your own safety and protection. Please clear signage for visibility.

Town request to contact Sandy Grenlie at 715-258-2779 if you note any damaged or missing fire number and road signs. **Thank you!**



WPS Energy Assistance..... by Andrew Carlin, Director, Waupaca County Emergency Management

Call for Help with Energy Bills...

If you're concerned about keeping up with energy bills, a call to Wisconsin Public Service can be the answer. Working with WPS upfront can prevent you from falling behind. WPS can help you with billing options, assistance programs, special payment arrangements and more. Additionally, you are encouraged to apply for financial assistance. WPS can provide information on energy assistance programs that will pay a portion of your winter heating costs if you qualify. Call 24-Hour Customer Service at 800-450-7260.

Wish Someone a Warm Holiday..

Consider giving the gift of warmth this holiday season to an area family in need. Energy Gift Certificates from Wisconsin Public Service are unique, practical and welcomed by people of all ages. They're perfect for the coming holidays or any occasion for that matter. Your family, friends and neighbors will remember you warmly, every month.

To order yours, visit our website at wisconsinpublicservice.com or call 24-Hour Customer Service at 800-450-7260. If you'd like your Energy Gift Certificates to arrive in time for Christmas, be sure to order no later than December 14,2012

Wisconsin Recycles....byDebbie Krogwold, Recycling Coordinator

The following items are **banned** from landfills and incinerators statewide and should be reused, recycled or composted:

Containers: #1 and #2 plastic bottles and jars, aluminum containers, bi-metal cans, glass containers, steel (tin) cans

Paper and Cardboard: corrugated cardboard, magazines, catalogs, and other materials on similar paper,

newspaper and newsprint materials, office paper

Yard materials: grass clippings, debris and brush under 6" in diameter, leaves.

Vehicle items: lead-acid vehicle batteries, tires, used oil filters, waste oils.

Appliances: air conditioners, boilers, clothes washers and dryers, dehumidifiers, freezers, furnaces, microwaves, ovens, refrigerators, stoves, water heaters.

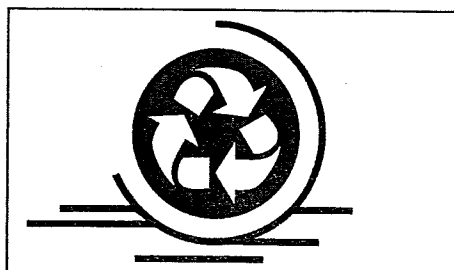
Electronics: cell phones, all computers - desktop, laptop, netbook, tablet, monitors, keyboards and mice, scanners, speakers, desktop printers, DVD players, VCRS, DVRs and all other video players, external hard drives, fax machines, flash drives/USBs, other items that plug into a computer, televisions.

Why ban items? Items are made of materials that can be reused in new products. Some also have toxic components. Recycling and composting allow landfills to last longer, provide markets with valuable reusable materials, create jobs, and prevent pollution.

Waupaca County offers a comprehensive recycling program for residents and businesses to handle all items listed as banned from disposal in landfills along with other items such as fluorescent bulbs and hazardous waste. Visit

www.waupacacountyrecycling.com or call the Waupaca County Solid Waste and Recycling Department at 715-258-6240 for information on the various programs available.

Thank you for Recycling!



Legal vs. Illegal burning information for property owners and renters.....

by Tim Banaszak, Forestry Technician DNR

Brush, leaves and other vegetative yard debris -Where not prohibited by local ordinance, leaf burning and burning of plant clippings and brush is allowed anywhere in the state, as long as weather conditions do not pose a fire hazard. However, leaf burning is discouraged because of the air pollution it causes and because of the benefits of composting and mulching with these materials.

Clean, unrecyclable and clean, unpainted, untreated wood -

Individual homeowners may burn **small quantities** of these materials. Local ordinances can override this allowance. Paper and cardboard can now be recycled in all communities, and recycling is the best disposal for these items.

Road Updates:

There were four major roads reconstructed this past summer: Alm Ln. Stonefield Ct., Meadow Valley Ct., Woodridge Dr. and Woodfield Ct.. Fifteen other roads were either cracked sealed, wedged or patched. We also had one major road culvert repair work done by the Waupaca County Highway Department on Foley Dr.

The Town Board took their **road tour** throughout the township on September 10,2012 which gave us some ideas for projects for 2013. Maintaining roads is a major concern for the safety of our residents.

Simpson Tree Service will again be trimming and cleaning up the Town roads right of way. School buses have

called in areas where trees are actually hanging too low and should be cut back.

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

When you clean your drive, please do not push snow across the road or into the road right of way. Snow and ice left on the road and the shoulder which has already been cleared, freezes hard and creates a real hazard.

* **Town Board meetings** are held every **third Monday @7:00pm** at the Town Hall located at the corner of State Road 54 and County Road Q.

* **Public Hearing** on the 2013 Budget will be held at Farmington Town Hall on **November 19,2012 @7:00pm** followed by the special meeting of electors and monthly Board Meeting.

***Taxes** will be mailed out **mid December** with 1st installment due **January 31,2013.** Dog licenses also due January 1,2013. Please bring along proof of rabies vaccination. (M/F - \$10 N/S - \$5)

***Scandinavia Vikings Snowmobile Club** was approved to run trails in the road right of way for the following locations: Oakland- Smokey Valley roads, Nelson Rd, Ware Rd, Olson Rd, and River Rd. **Please be vigilant and courteous while driving at night for the snowmobilers.**

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WISCONSIN

YEAR 2013

PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 Estimated	2012 Budget	2013 Budget
REVENUES					
Taxes:					
General Property Taxes	\$ 632,834	\$ 651,834	\$ 651,317	\$ 651,317	\$ 651,317
Other Taxes	3,010	3,449	2,831	-	-
Intergovernmental Revenues	288,933	284,053	266,254	263,481	261,886
Licenses and Permits	45,897	48,702	51,746	49,775	49,575
Fines and Forfeits	19	645	100	100	100
Public Charges For Services	5,306	9,391	7,943	6,170	5,060
Commercial Revenues	22,437	333,258	56,394	58,500	51,000
Total Revenues	998,436	1,331,332	1,036,585	1,029,343	1,018,938
EXPENDITURES					
General Government	143,037	143,350	156,385	161,331	167,142
Public Safety	171,965	172,891	168,736	173,044	174,763
Public Works and Transportation	437,805	498,892	456,128	452,550	452,550
Sanitation	102,563	69,361	104,676	139,603	109,603
Health and Human Services	9,891	10,623	8,714	11,166	11,170
Culture and Recreation	58,766	58,766	59,526	59,766	59,266
Conservation and-Development	2,137	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	4,070	-	52,700	3,000	4,000
Other Financial Uses	-	-	-	28,883	40,444
Total Expenditures	930,234	953,883	1,006,865	1,029,343	1,018,938
Net Change in Fund Balances	68,202	377,449	29,720	-	-
Fund Balances - Beginning	838,737	906,939	1,284,388	1,284,388	1,314,108
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 906,939	\$ 1,284,388	\$ 1,314,108	\$ 1,284,388	\$ 1,314,108