



Farmington Town Hall Newsletter

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Fall-Winter 2013

Farmington Town News:

Road Updates: The past summer has been busy with road improvement projects. We chip sealed the following roads: Frost Valley, Janl , Cambria., Brittany, Hicks, Highland, Deerview & remainder of Silver Lake Dr. and Woodland. We also repaved N Foley Dr. and the entrance 54 to school on Silver Lake. We wedged/over layed Tomorrow's Ln. and S Foley Dr.

The Town Board went on their **road tour** October 14th to become vigilant about road maintenance and tree/brush over hangings that would need immediate attention or 2014 work.

We would like to **THANK** our residents who take the extra time to mow in front of their properties, especially the Town right-of-ways and ditches. This helped our Township look great!

Winter snow removal contract continues with Faulks Brothers. Contact either Chair, Dale Trinrud (715-281-4803) or Clerk, Sandy Grenlie (715-258-2779) with any concerns. We are hoping for a milder winter! Please observe safe driving rules for snow/ice conditions. We are also asking for your cooperation with not snow blowing or shoveling snow into the roads, but pushed completely into the ditch. If left on the roads, it becomes iced and solid and makes it harder for the plows to clear. **THANKS!**

Snowmobilers will again be using the Towns right-of-ways for their rides. Please be careful and courteous while driving at night for the snowmobilers.

Getting Ready for Winter . . . Eric Halverson, Deputy Director Waupaca County Emergency Management

Early fall is a good time to take care of some preventive maintenance items:

- 1) Call and have your heating system inspected. Things you can do yourself: install a new furnace filter, vacuum the cold air returns, move furniture so that it is not blocking vents. If you heat with wood, have your chimney cleaned and inspected. Trim trees and plants away from chimneys and outside vents. If you heat with propane or fuel oil, fill it now before you need it.

- 2) Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors twice a year. Both should have their batteries replaced yearly and be vacuumed. Smoke detectors need to be replaced if over 10 years; CO detectors replaced every 7-10 years. Have you tested your home escape plan? Fall is a good time to have a family fire drill.

- 3) Inspect your NOAA Weather Alert Radio for fresh batteries and being properly programmed and functioning. This is probably the best source of weather information available.

- 4) Check your fire number sign. Make sure it is visible from the street. You may need to trim back some trees or brush that may have grown up over the summer. You should consider what they will look like after we receive several feet of snow.

- 5) Don't forget to put up marker stakes for the edge of your driveway, electrical power boxes, well, and the tank cover of your septic system. Keep in mind that as snow starts to pile up, could a fire truck or an ambulance get down your driveway?

It is also a good idea to check on your neighbors. Try to make contact with them at least weekly. If your neighbor is gone for the winter, ask them if they would like you to check on their property once a week. Vacant houses may attract unwanted visitors to your home also.

Wish Someone a Warm Holiday.....

Consider giving the gift of warmth this holiday season to an area family in need. The *Keep Wisconsin Warm/Cool Fund* is a non-profit program that helps the elderly, disabled and others with limited incomes pay their heating bills.

Visit the website at wisconsinpublicservice.com or call 800-891-9276.

Your donation provides:

- Immediate financial assistance
- Budget counseling
- Weatherization assistance
- Connections to other community resources.

Waupaca County Recycling & Solid Waste Program Update....byDebbie Krogwold, Recycling Coordinator

*** Unwanted Medications.** Permanent medication collection boxes for the disposal of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications, including pet medications, are available year-round at the Clintonville, New London, Weyauwega Police Departments, and the Waupaca County Sheriff Department. Keep medications in their original containers with the name of the medication visible. Place liquid medication bottles in a sealed clear plastic bag.

***Used Sharps/Needles.** Riverside Medical Center accepts used sharps and provides collection containers at no cost. Call 715-258-1000 for additional information.

***TV, Computers, other Electronics** can be recycled at the Waupaca County PTF, E4981 Swan Rd., Manawa. Cost: \$5 per residential TV computer Less than 32-inch screen; \$10 for screens 32 inches or larger; and \$3 for printers, scanners, copiers, VCRs, DVRs. Business electronics cost \$0.30 per pound.

***Recycle More & Pay Less for Garbage!** Don't forget about this very popular program at the Waupaca Regional Recycling & Composting Center, just off Hwy 10 on Hwy K next to the Waupaca Cemetery. The less garbage you have (by recycling all you can), the less you pay to get rid of the garbage! Stop in during hours of operation (Mon 12-6, Fri 7-4, Sat 7-5) for more detailed information, or visit www.waupacacountyrecycling.com and click on the *Waupaca Pay-As-You-Throw Program* on the left side of the screen. Large bulky items, such as furniture, carpet, drywall, can be brought to the PTF. Minimum charge of \$10 up to 300 pounds or \$64 per ton. Brochure available online, www.waupacacountyrecycling.com

***Green Tips for the Holiday Season!** Avoid the gift-wrap trap! Reduce waste and save money with these gift-wrap alternatives:

- + Cake pan, basket, wooden box
- + Old sheet music
- + Scarves, handkerchiefs, bandanas
- + Old posters and maps
- + Newspapers, Sunday comic pages
- + Wallpaper scraps; fabric scraps
- + Home-sewn cloth bags
- + Reusable decorative bags

+ Fabric scraps (especially for the quilters on the list)

+ A present in a present (a hat in a matching scarf; cookies in a reusable tin or jar; kitchen gifts in towels; barbeque utensils in a tablecloth)

***Green Gift Ideas for the Holiday Season!**

- + Seasons tickets to a sporting event
- + Membership to a museum or non-profit organization
- + Theater tickets
- + Refillable pens
- + Stainless steel coffee mug or water bottle
- + Compost bin
- + Reusable food storage containers (Tupperware)
- + Cloth napkins, along with a gourmet dinner
- + Reusable razor

For more ideas, log onto the internet and goggle 'Green Holiday Giving'.

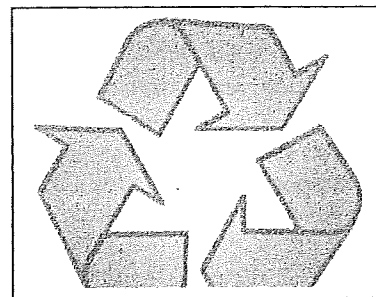
Call the Waupaca County Solid Waste and Recycling Department at 715-258-6240 for Information on all of their programs.

Thank you for recycling!

Waupaca Recycling Compost Commission

Their meeting was held September 12th and have budgeted \$11,634.15 for the Town of Farmington's share as party of the five municipalities that support the Recycling Center, Waupaca. We are also a **'point of sale'** location for the **orange trash tags** used with the "Pay-By-the-Bag" garbage service. Cost for tags: \$2.00 for one; \$10.00 for a sheet of five.

The Town of Farmington also helps to support the PTF at Manawa at a cost of \$9,571. We would never be able to provide these services on our own.



Wisconsin's Managed Forest Law.....

by Tim Banaszak, Forestry Technician DNR

Wisconsin's Managed Forest Law (MFL) is a landowner incentive program that encourages sustainable forestry on private woodlands in Wisconsin. Together with landowner objectives, the law incorporates timber harvesting, wildlife management, water quality and recreation to maintain a healthy and productive forest. Sustainable forest management benefits Wisconsin's economy, hunting, fishing, wildlife, recreation, soils, waterways, and air quality, and renews our beautiful forests for everyone to enjoy.

To participate in the MFL program, landowners designate property as "Open" or "Closed" to public access for recreation, and commit to a 25 or 50 year sustainable forest management plan. The plan sets the schedule for specific forestry practices which landowners must complete. In return, MFL participants make a payment in lieu of regular property taxes plus a yield tax on harvested trees. Yield taxes go to the local municipality to help offset the annual property taxes that are deferred while properties are enrolled in the MFL.

Each new MFL application must include a forest management plan, map of the property, forest stand data, tax statements and other documents as requested. The applications must be prepared by a Certified Plan Writer (CPW). A CPW is a DNR certified, private consulting forester hired by landowners to prepare their MFL management plan. A current CPW list is available through DNR offices or you can find the listing by visiting <http://dnr.wi.gov> and searching keyword "CPW".

The online Forestry Assistance Locator offers a convenient way to solicit competitive CPW proposals for plan preparation and other forestry services. To use the Forestry Assistance Locator, go to <http://dnr.wi.gov> and search 'Forestry Assistance Locator'. Local DNR Foresters are also able to help applicants contact CPWs. In a rare circumstance, a DNR Forester may be permitted to write a management plan if CPW services prove unavailable to a landowner. Landowners will be billed for this service.

A non-refundable application fee of \$30 per application is used to record the entry of land at the county register of deeds office. Applications must be made per municipality. In rare situations MFL lands may cross municipal, and sometimes county, lines. If the application crosses county lines, the application fee must include \$30 per county. Applications are submitted by the certified plan writer directly to the DNR Forester responsible for the county in which the land is located.

If postmarked by June 1, eligible parcels are enrolled the following January 1. Once submitted, an application may become void if the property's ownership changes before the January 1 enrollment date.

The MFL tax rate is reflected on property tax bills in December of the first year of MFL entry.

For a complete description of the Managed Forest Law program, go to <http://dnr.wi.gov> and search 'MFL'.

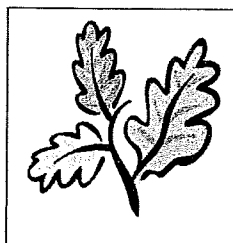
* **Town Board meetings** are held every **third Monday @7:00pm** at the Town Hall located at the corner of State Road 54 and County Road Q.

* **Public Hearing** on the 2014 Budget will be held at Farmington Town Hall on **November 18, 2013 @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, 2014**.

Dog licenses also due January 1, 2014. Please bring along proof of rabies vaccination. (M/F - \$10 N/S - \$5)

* **Enjoy** the beauty of Fall and Winter months.



TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WISCONSIN

YEAR 2014

PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

	2011 Actual	2012 Actual	2013 Estimated	2013 Budget	2014 Budget
REVENUES					
Taxes:					
General Property Taxes	\$ 651,834	\$ 651,291	\$ 651,355	\$ 651,317	\$ 651,317
Other Taxes	3,449	2,831	2,868	-	-
Intergovernmental Revenues	284,053	267,474	276,161	261,886	258,091
Licenses and Permits	48,702	52,033	56,596	49,575	53,200
Fines and Forfeits	645	89	120	100	100
Public Charges For Services	9,391	8,074	7,502	5,060	5,284
Commercial Revenues	333,258	56,582	53,170	51,000	50,500
Total Revenues	1,331,332	1,038,374	1,047,772	1,018,938	1,018,492
EXPENDITURES					
General Government	143,350	155,868	149,852	167,142	179,026
Public Safety	172,891	170,121	177,825	174,763	175,645
Public Works and Transportation	498,892	452,402	515,895	452,550	502,550
Sanitation	69,361	56,928	47,403	109,603	61,205
Health and Human Services	10,623	8,713	9,670	11,170	11,170
Culture and Recreation	58,766	59,526	59,066	59,266	59,266
Conservation and Development	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	783	4,000	20,000
Other Financial Uses	-	-	-	40,444	9,630
Total Expenditures	953,883	903,558	960,494	1,018,938	1,018,492
Net Change in Fund Balances	377,449	134,816	87,278	-	-
Fund Balances - Beginning	906,939	1,284,388	1,419,204	1,419,204	1,506,482
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 1,284,388	\$ 1,419,204	\$ 1,506,482	\$ 1,419,204	\$ 1,506,482

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WISCONSIN
YEAR 2014 PROPOSED BUDGET

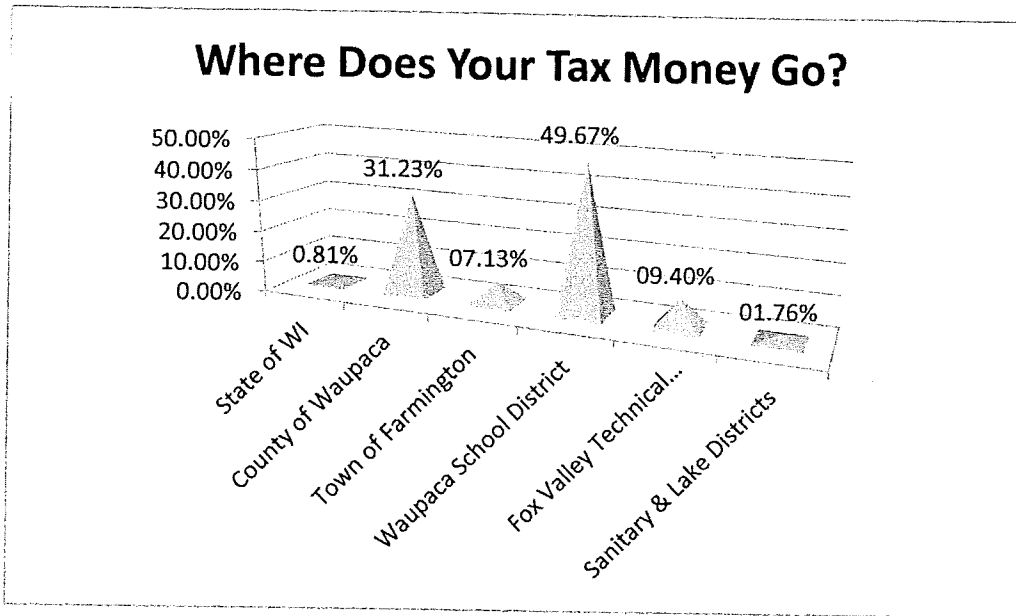
Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Farmington, a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2013 BUDGET of the Town of Farmington in Waupaca County will be held. The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The following is a summary of the proposed 2014 budget.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Year 2013 Adopted Budget</u>	<u>Year 2014 Proposed Budget</u>	<u>% Change</u>		
REVENUES					
Taxes:					
General Property Taxes	\$ 651,317	\$ 651,317	0.00%		
Intergovernmental Revenues	261,886	258,091	-1.45%		
Licenses and Permits	49,575	53,200	7.31%		
Fines & Forfeits	100	100	0.00%		
Public Charges For Services	5,060	5,284	4.43%		
Commercial Revenues	51,000	50,500	-0.98%		
Other Financing Sources:					
Fund Balance Applied					
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,018,938	\$ 1,018,492	-0.04%		
EXPENDITURES					
General Government	\$ 167,142	\$ 179,026	7.11%		
Public Safety	174,763	175,645	0.50%		
Public Works and Transportation	452,550	502,550	11.05%		
Sanitation	109,603	61,205	-44.16%		
Health and Human Services	11,170	11,170	0.00%		
Culture and Recreation	59,266	59,266	0.00%		
Capital Outlay	4,000	20,000	400.00%		
Other Financial Uses	40,444	9,630	-76.19%		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,018,938	\$ 1,018,492	-0.04%		
<u>All Governmental and Proprietary Funds Combined</u>	<u>FUND BALANCE JANUARY 1</u>	<u>TOTAL REVENUES</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>FUND BALANCE DECEMBER 31</u>	<u>PROPERTY TAX CONTRIBUTION</u>
	\$1,507,482	\$1,018,492	\$1,018,492	\$1,507,482	\$651,317
Restricted Fund - Cemetery		\$39,909			
Unassigned Funds -		\$167,294			
Committed Funds - Landfill		\$312,000			
Committed Funds - Town Hall		\$800,000			
Committed Funds - Roads		\$100,000			

Given under my hand and official seal at the Town Hall of Farmington in Wisconsin this 18th day of October, 2013

s / Sandy Grenlie CMC,WCMC Clerk

Following this Public Meeting on the 2014 Proposed Budget we will hold Special Meeting of the Electors
 Followed by Monthly Board Meeting



From 2012 Statement of Taxes

Sanitary & Lake District	\$161,215.03
Fox Valley Technical college	\$858,766.12
Waupaca School District	\$4,536,571.84
Town of Farmington	\$651,317.00
County of Waupaca	\$2,853,151.12
State of Wisconsin	\$74,000.78
Total Levy	\$9,135,021.89

2013 Transportation Expenditures

Road Projects	\$182,299.52
Road Maintenance – Chip Seal	\$75,156.00
Sweeping Roads	\$11,428.50
Shouldering various Roads	\$11,324.71
Crack filling/sealing	\$28,060.00
Snowplowing (2012-2013)	\$87,402.20
Roadside Cutting	\$9,280.00
Tree Trimming r/w & Storm Damage	\$18,825.00

Transportation Aids are \$2,117 per mile of town road \$163,813.

Shared Revenue for 2014 payment will be \$57,481.

Levy limits under Act 32, a municipality is allowed to increase its levy over the previous year by the percentage increase in equalized value from "new construction" or zero.