



Farmington Town Hall Newsletter

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Fall-Winter 2019

Farmington Town News:

2020 will have 4 major Elections:

February 18 - spring primary

April 7 - spring election & presidential preference primary

August 11 - partisan primary

November 3 - general election

Elections times are 7am to 8pm at our Town Hall, E913 Prairie View Ln.

You can go to www.MyVote.wi.gov. to fill out and submit an absentee ballot request or even a new registration form.

Absentee voting will take place at the Town Hall, M-F 8am to 1pm beginning two weeks prior to election day, ending Friday before.

Summer road work: We seal coated nine roads, crack filled eighteen, filled many, many potholes and corrected several road sections regarding ditching for drainage problems.

Fall road tour: Took place in September, concentrating on shoulder and ditch areas of concern. If water does not leave the road bed properly, the road itself can be damaged.

We will tour again in the spring to analyze how the roads held up over the winter months.

Snow removal continues with Faulks Bros. Keep in mind our 3-zone plowing areas. Contact either Town Cell (715-513-0013), Caroline Murphy (715-498-9820), Craig Nelson (715-281-9051) or Mark Jensen (715-281-6085) with any concerns. The Town Board approved Ordinance 05-20-19(2019) Establishing the Banning of Snow and Water Placements on Roads (posted on town website www.farmington-waupaca.com). Please do not snow blow or shovel snow onto the roads. Once it becomes ice and solid, it makes it harder for the plows to clear. **Thank you.**

Snowmobile News: Scandinavia Vikings Snowmobile Club (Tim Dwyer 920-858--8583) and the County Line Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club (Craig Nelson 715-281-9051) were approved to run trails in the Town road right-of-ways. Waupaca County is divided into eight zones. To find out which are open or closed, please call **Waupaca Cty Parks & Recreation Dept (715-258-6243) OR visit www.waupacacountyparks.com/Snowinfo.aspx.**

- ✓ **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 2020 Budget will be held at Farmington Town Hall on **November 18, 2019 @ 7:00pm** followed by the special meeting of electors and monthly Board meeting.
- ✓ **Taxes** will be mailed out mid December. **PAID to WAUPACA COUNTY COURTHOUSE TREASURER.** 811 Harding St.
- ✓ **Dog licenses** also due January 1, 2019. Please bring along proof of rabies vaccination (M/F - \$10 N/S - \$5) **PAID AT TOWN HALL.**

The Town currently oversees three cemeteries: **Barton, Salem and Sheridan.** Sites are available for purchase at \$400.00 which includes Perpetual Care. Anyone interested can contact the Cemetery Secretary, Danielle Taggart at the Town Hall (715-258-2779).

Medication Disposal Guidelines.....Waupaca County Solid Waste & Recycling

ACCEPTED

Unwanted/Expired:

- Prescription medications
- Over the counter medications
- Pet medications

NOT ACCEPTED

SHARPS

IV BAGS

NEBULIZER MACHINES

DIABETES TEST KITS

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

QUESTIONS?



Solid Waste & Recycling
715-258-6240

**DROP – OFF
LOCATION**

Waupaca County Sheriff
1402 E. Royalton Street
7:30am-4:00pm, Monday-Friday

GUIDELINES

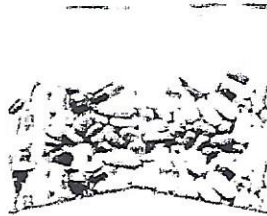


RECYCLE:

- empty pill bottles
- paper boxes

DISCARD:

- all plastic caps in the garbage



EMPTY ALL PILLS into
sandwich - sized sealable bags

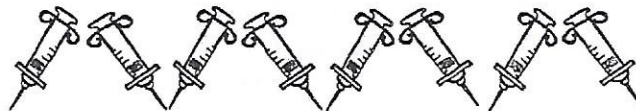
WHY RECYCLE?



- Help the environment by keeping drugs out of our water supply
- Help prevent accidental poisoning, especially in young children and pets
- Help prevent illegal diversion
- Medications are taken to an EPA regulated incinerator that specializes in medication disposal

FOR RESIDENTS ONLY!
NO clinic, hospital, or business disposal

**SHARPS
DISPOSAL**



Sharps include:

Needles, syringes, lancets

(A sharps container is required for all of the above. They are available to purchase at most pharmacies, and may be available at **WAUPACA**

ThedaCare Medical Center

800 Riverside Drive - 715-258-1000

Understanding VA Death Benefits

VA DEATH BENEFITS

Like most things in life, dealing with the death of a loved one is best handled by the prepared. It's a topic no one wants to talk about, but everyone will have to work through at some point. Being prepared and arming your loved ones with your final wishes, rather than leaving them to sort it out in the wake of your passing, is the responsible handoff of a life well lived. In order to receive benefits applicants must meet eligibility requirements, provide necessary evidence, and make application. Benefits include Burial Flags, Burial Reimbursement (partial), Survivor Pension, Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, Presidential Memorial Certificate, Grave Marker, Accrued Benefits, Funeral Honors (State / VSO), War Period Flag Holder (CVSO), and other survivor benefits. Since every situation is unique, our office can assist in linking you with the appropriate benefits.

Note: To determine your eligibility, check eBenefits, contact VA Eligibility Center at 1-888-768-2132, or contact our office at 715-258-6475.

WHOS ELLIGIBLE? – Here are two common benefits, other benefits are available

Burial Benefits	Survivor Pension
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •You paid for a Veteran's burial or funeral, AND •You have not been reimbursed by another government agency or some other source, such as the deceased Veteran's employer, AND •The Veteran was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, AND •The Veteran died because of a service-related disability, OR •The Veteran was receiving VA pension or compensation at the time of death, OR •The Veteran was entitled to receive VA pension or compensation, but decided not to reduce his/her military retirement or disability pay, OR •The Veteran died while hospitalized by VA, or while receiving care under VA contract at a non-VA facility, OR •The Veteran died while traveling under proper authorization and at VA expense to or from a specified place for the purpose of examination, treatment, or care, OR •The Veteran had an original or reopened claim pending at the time of death and has been found entitled to compensation or pension from a date prior to the date or death, OR •The Veteran died on or after October 9, 1996, while a patient at a VA-approved state nursing home. 	<p>The deceased Veteran must have met the following service requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •For service on or before September 7, 1980, the Veteran must have served at least 90 days of active military service, with at least one day during a war time period. •If he or she entered active duty after September 7, 1980, generally he or she must have served at least 24 months or the full period for which called or ordered to active duty with at least one day during a war time period. •Was discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions. <p>Survivors Pension is also based on your yearly family income, which must be less than the amount set by Congress to qualify.</p> <p>While an un-remarried spouse is eligible at any age, a child of a deceased wartime Veteran must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Under 18, OR •Under age 23 if attending a VA-approved school, OR •Permanently incapable of self-support due to a disability before age 18 <p>Your yearly family income must be less than the amount set by Congress to qualify for the Survivors Pension benefit. Learn more about income and net worth limitation, and see an example of how VA calculates the Survivors Pension benefit.</p>

Understanding these and other VA Benefits can seem daunting, but the Waupaca County Veterans Service Office can help. If you could use a little help navigating the VA Benefit system please schedule an appointment today!

Jesse P. Cuff
 Waupaca County Veterans Service Officer
 Courthouse, 811 Harding Street
 Waupaca, WI 54981
 715-258-6475
www.facebook.com/WaupacaVeteransOffice
 Hours: Monday – Friday 8a-4p

Source / for more information:

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/claims-special-burial.asp>
http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/factsheets/fs_survivor_benefits.pdf
http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/factsheets/fs_military_honors.pdf
<http://benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/general/Accrued.pdf>
<http://benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/survivors/dic.pdf>
<http://benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/survivors/Survivorspension.pdf>
<http://benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/survivors/CH35.pdf>
<http://benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/survivors/parentsdic.pdf>
<http://benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/burials/Burial.pdf>
<http://benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/burials/flag.pdf>

Town Electronic drop-off will be held **April 22nd** (EARTH DAY) at the town garage from **8am to 12 noon**. It is **FREE**. However, last year it did cost the township approx. \$3,845.29 which we considered well worth it. **NO CONSOLE TV'S**

Seasonal Weight Limits.....Will be placed on their Class B roads at the same time that the Waupaca County Highway Commissioner establishes theirs. Seasonal weight limits are necessary to protect roads because during the thaw period, road beds are weak due to excess moisture. A weaker road bed means the pavement is more easily damaged. Limits pertain to vehicles that are six tons per single axle and ten tons per tandem axle.

Permits, \$25.00 for single day use and \$35.00 for multiple day use will be provided by the town clerk upon request and fee payment at the town hall. There are exceptions whereby permits are NOT required: 1) implements of husbandry (farmers) 2) any business that has an entrance on town roads 3) a public utility, telecommunications provider, or a cooperative association providing heat, light, power or water if responding to a service interruption and 4) equipment operated for logging purposes during the day AND operated unladen for less than a half mile.

Understanding Zoning.....

The Town of Farmington has worked cooperatively with the Waupaca County Planning & Zoning Department since 2007 under their Comprehensive Plan as defined in Sec 66.1001(1)(a) and 66.1001(2) of the Wis Stats. On August 7, 2007, the Town Board adopted the *Town of Farmington Year 2030 Comprehensive Plan* which meets requirements of Wisconsin's Comprehensive Planning law to guide the Town Board in community decision making.

You may wonder why I am talking about this now. The town is "**defined by the people who live and work there, the houses and businesses, the parks and natural features, its past, its present and its future. No matter the location, change is the one certainty that visits all places. No community is immune to its effects. How a community changes, how that change is perceived, and how change is managed are the subjects of community comprehensive planning.**

The Town has received resident requests for changes to the Comprehensive Plan preferred land use designations, for changes to amend zoning map designations and for requests for conditional use permits for their property. We process these requests through our Town Plan Commission, made up of two board members, five residents and town clerk as secretary, who then forward their recommendation to the Town Board for their approval. If approved, these requests then travel to the County for final approval. The Town must make their zoning, land division, shoreland and floodplain zoning, and official mapping decisions in a manner that is consistent with the community's comprehensive plan. Paramount in the plan is the careful placement of residential development with regard to community's agricultural, natural and cultural resources. The town's plan preserves development rights throughout the township, with the goal of achieving desirable future by directing the most intensive development to areas that are suitable for such development. The best agricultural lands, natural resource rich areas, and areas that support outdoor recreation opportunities will be preserved as such for future generations, but will still allow development at lower densities.

The Waupaca Cty Planning & Zoning Office at the courthouse, serves as the facilitator for applications for amendments, conditional use permits, and land use permits. If you are considering a project on your property that involves the placement, construction, reconstruction, structural alteration or addition to a building or structure or the change in the use of a property, you will need to be in contact with the Planning & Zoning Office well in advance of your project. A land use permit is required for all projects involving structures including sheds, carports, decks, patios, etc, as well as placing impervious surfaces in shoreland areas. Proposals involving the use of the property may be more involved and can take time to obtain the necessary approvals. If projects are started prior to obtaining approval, the permit fees are doubled and the possibility exists that any structures placed or constructed without permits may need to be moved or removed from the property at the property owner's expense. Please make sure to take the time to be in contact with the Planning & Zoning Office before starting any project. Call 715-258-6255.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WAUPACA COUNTY, WISCONSIN

YEAR 2020 PROPOSED BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 18th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Farmington, a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2020 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 through Friday. The following is a summary of the proposed 2020 budget.

	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	% Change
<u>REVENUE</u>			
TAXES	673,719	676,703	0.44%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	322,585	344,631	6.83%
LICENSES & PERMITS	61,250	55,940	(8.67%)
FINES, FORFEITURES & PENALTIES	100	100	0.00%
PUBLIC CHARGES FOR SERVICES	3,420	3,420	0.00%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES	3,536	3,536	0.00%
MISCELLANEOUS	53,300	53,300	0.00%
TOTAL REVENUE	1,117,910	1,137,630	1.76%
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	164,727	168,385	2.22%
PUBLIC SAFETY	185,333	201,040	8.48%
PUBLIC WORKS	468,101	460,295	(1.67%)
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	14,074	11,575	(17.76%)
CULTURE, RECREATION & EDUCATION	67,675	67,675	0.00%
CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT	3,000	3,000	0.00%
CAPITAL OUTLAY	190,000	200,660	-5.61%
OTHER FINANCING USES	25,000	25,000	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,117,910	1,137,630	1.76%
TOTAL REVENUES OVER(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	-	

	Fund Balance January 1	Total Revenues	Total Expenditures	Fund Balance December 31	Property Tax Contribution	Equalized Tax Rate
All Governmental Funds Combined	482,844	1,137,630	1,137,630	482,844	672,903	\$1.27/M

Following this Public Meeting on the 2020 Proposed Budget we will hold Special Meeting of Electors Follow by Monthly Board Meeting.

Given under my hand and official seal at the Town Hall of Farmington in Wisconsin this 28th day of October 2019.

Danielle Taggart, Clerk-Treasurer