



Farmington Town Hall Newsletter

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Fall-Winter 2020

Farmington Town News:

2021 will have 2 major Elections:

February 16 - spring primary

April 6 - spring 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 seven roads, crack filled fifteen, 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.

Reminder: The Town trims trees in our town right-of-way. We **DO NOT** pick up leaves/brush from private property. Do not throw them in our town right-of-way.....Thank you.

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 2021 Budget will be held at Farmington Town Hall on **November 16, 2020 @ 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, 2021. 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).

Town Electronic drop-off will be held Thursday, April 22nd (EARTH DAY) at the Town shed from 8am to 12 noon. It is FREE. However, there is some expense to the Town. NO CONSOLE TV's.

Seasonal Weight Limits.....Will be placed on our Class B roads at the same time that the Waupaca County Highway Commissioner establishes theirs. Permits are available at the Town Hall by contacting the Town Clerk at 715-258-2779 or coming to the Town Hall during regular hours of 8am to 1pm.

Understanding Memorandums of Understanding...
The Town of Farmington, by Wisconsin Statutes is required to provide for the health, safety and welfare of its residents.

1. Per Sec. 60.55(101), the Town must provide for fire protection. This agreement is made with the Waupaca Area Fire District.
2. The Town must have ambulance service available. This contract was made with Gold Cross Ambulance Service starting in 2014.
3. The Town must provide for recycling services. We have an agreement with the Waupaca County Solid Waste/Recycling Department serviced at 601 Cty Rd K and the PTF at E4981 Swan Rd, Manawa

The Town also has a MOU with the Waupaca County Treasurer whereby that office will collect the Town property tax monies for disbursement to other entities.

Another MOU is with the Wisconsin Veterans Home for the mooring of the water patrol boats on Lake George.

However, the town board is not required to provide for law enforcement. And yet we do have a MOU with the Waupaca County Sheriff Department for the regulation of stopping, standing and/or parking/loitering of vehicles. Sheriff officers will issue citations for violations to the Town ordinances.

The Board is thankful for all departments cooperating and working together for residents benefit.

Importance of Safety and the Laws related to ATV/UTV operation.....Jonathan Kaiser, DNR

Emphasizing the importance of safety and the laws related to ATV/UTV operation on the roadways (routes), the DNR has provided a quick reminder about the following requirements:

- * Headlights must be activated
- * Operators must operate on the extreme right side of the roadway in a single file.
- *ATV/UTV must be publicly registered and display the related rear license plate.
- *Proof of registration and ATV Safety (when required) are required to be carried on the machine.
- *Any operators or passengers under the age of 18 must wear a DOT approved helmet.
- * All UTV occupants must wear their seatbelt while under way.
- *ATV Safety certification is required for any operators born on or after 01/01/1988.
- * In order to operate UTV's on a roadway, operators must be at least 16 or older.
- * For ATV's, any operators between the ages of 12-15 must be accompanied by an adult while on a roadway. No operation under the age of 12 is allowed.
- *The legal blood alcohol content limit for ATV/UTV operation is 0.08%, and operators who are found to be at or above the limit may be arrested for operating under the influence similar to motor vehicles.
- *ATV/UTV use is not allowed within the boundaries of Hartman Creek State Park.

A quick link to the Wisconsin DNR's ATV/UTV website is <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/atv>.

Waupaca County Public Health Take Action-Stop the Spread.....Jed Wohlt, County Health Officer

- *Stay home as much as possible.
- * Physically distance at least 6 feet from people with whom you do not live.
- *Wear a cloth face mask, unless unable to wear one for medical reasons.
- *Wash your hands frequently with soap & water or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- * Indoors, do not gather with people outside of your household.
- *Outdoors, limit gatherings, physically distance and wear face coverings.
- *Self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days after return from travel,.
- *If symptomatic, call your health care provider, **get a test** and stay home while awaiting results.
- *Cooperate with public health officials if you have tested positive or are a close contact.
- *Self-quarantine if you are notified or are aware of being a close contact.

Understanding the VA Home Loan Guaranty

WHAT IS A VA GUARANTEED HOME LOAN?

The VA Home Loan Guaranty program is a benefit for eligible Veterans looking to purchase a home as a primary residence. This includes existing homes, pre-construction homes, and the refinance of an existing home loan. You will need a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) which can be obtained via eBenefits, or through your lending institution. The VA home loan is not a one-time benefit. Once a VA home loan is satisfied, you can use the benefit again.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES TO A VA GUARANTEED HOME LOAN?

- Equal opportunity for all qualified Veterans to obtain a VA loan
- Reusable
- No down payment (unless required by the lender or the purchase price is more than the reasonable value of the property)
- No mortgage insurance
- One time VA funding fee that can be included in the loan 1
- Veterans receiving VA disability compensation are exempt from the VA funding fee
- VA limits certain closing costs a Veteran can pay
- Can be assumed by qualified persons
- Minimum property requirements to ensure the property is safe, sanitary, and sound
- VA staff dedicated to assisting Veterans who become delinquent on their loan

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Generally, the following people are eligible:

- Veterans who meet length of service requirements
- Servicemembers on active duty who have served a minimum period
- Certain Reservists and National Guard members
- Certain surviving spouses of deceased Veterans

Note: There are other groups of individuals who may be eligible. To determine your eligibility, check eBenefits, contact VA Eligibility Center at 1-888-768-2132, or contact our office at 715-258-6475.

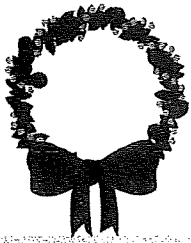
Understanding these and other VA Benefits can seem daunting, but the Waupaca County Veterans Service Office can help. If you could use a little help navigating the VA Benefit system please schedule an appointment today!

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

For more information:

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/index.asp>

<http://benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/survivors/Survivorspension.pdf>



What Do I do with...? Holiday Edition



For more information visit waupacacountyrecycling.com



Christmas Trees

Real trees and wreaths should not go in the garbage. Bring to yard waste drop off or check with municipality for curbside collection.



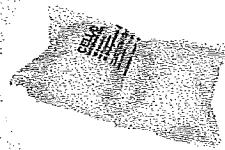
Wrapping Paper

Only recyclable if 100% paper. Metallic, or glittery wrapping paper is garbage.



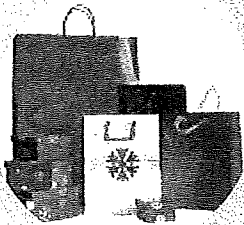
Christmas Lights

Garbage or special drop off to be recycled. Never put in curbside recycling bin.



Air Pillow/ Bubble Wrap

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Gift Bags

Do not recycle if glossy. If bags are 100% paper then they are okay to recycle. Reuse if not worn out.



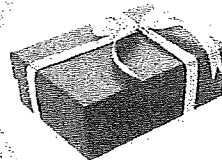
Styrofoam Packing Peanuts

Garbage.



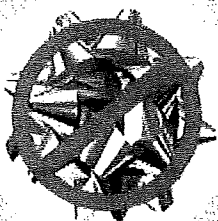
Holiday Greeting Cards

Paper cards and envelopes are recyclable. Glossy photo cards and foil envelopes are garbage.



Gift Boxes

Recycle. Empty completely and flatten. Or save and reuse until they become worn out.



Bows/Ribbon

Garbage. Save for next year if still useable.



Tissue Paper

Garbage. Save for next year if still useable.

**Town of Farmington
2021 Proposed Budget**

	Actual 2018	Actual 2019	Actual Jan-Sept 20	Dec.31,2020 Estimated	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	\$Over Budget	% of Budget
REVENUES								
Taxes	687,166	687,427	483,628	691,433	676,703	696,450	19,747	2.92%
Intergovernmental	328,890	331,483	260,969	393,068	344,631	345,462	831	0.24%
Licenses & Permits	62,367	70,741	50,411	70,145	55,940	50,529	-5,411	-9.67%
Fines, Forfeitures, Penalties	255	907	604	700	100	500	400	400.00%
Public Charges for Services	3,713	5,067	3,445	3,610	3,420	3,320	-100	-2.92%
Intergovernmental Charges for Services	2,748	2,153	3,071	3,571	3,536	3,536	-	0.00%
Miscellaneous	54,067	61,357	49,002	51,600	53,300	51,800	-1,500	-2.81%
TOTAL REVENUE	1,139,206	1,159,135	851,130	1,214,127	1,137,630	1,151,597	13,967	1.23%
EXPENDITURES								
General Government	154,752	166,293	139,511	177,341	175,085	179,414	4,329	2.47%
Public Safety	180,216	184,573	152,276	198,410	201,040	194,507	-6,533	-3.25%
Public Works	684,226	679,729	405,721	486,416	460,295	510,728	50,728	10.96%
Health & Human Services	6,625	8,934	5,995	9,325	11,575	11,575	-	0.00%
Culture, Recreation, Education	64,861	65,700	49,361	64,640	67,675	67,675	-	0.00%
Conservation/Development	1,222	2,004	960	1,500	3,000	3,000	-	0.00%
Capital Outlay	587,106	84,194		28,000	200,660	159,698	-40,962	-20.41%
Other Financing Uses					18,300	25,000	6,700	36.61%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,679,009	1,191,427	753,824	965,632	1,137,630	1,151,597	13,967	1.23%
Fund Balance - January 1	1,022,643	482,841		450,549	450,549	699,044		
Fund Balance - December 31	482,841	450,549		699,044	450,549	699,044		

OFFICIALS DIRECTORY

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Clerk-Treasurer

Danielle Taggart
715-258-2779

Public Office Hours

Monday through Friday 8am-1pm

Waupaca County Zoning

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715-258-9255 (leave message)
715-281-0080

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