



# Farmington Town Hall Newsletter

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**The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT)** is improving 4.65 miles of **WIS 54** between the Portage County line and Foxfire Drive.

The proposed improvements include replacing the pavement by milling off four inches of the existing asphalt pavement, strengthening the existing road base by pulverizing the remaining pavement, and repaving with six inches of new asphalt. Beam guard will be replaced and a six-foot-wide paved shoulder will be placed along both sides of the road for bike accommodation.

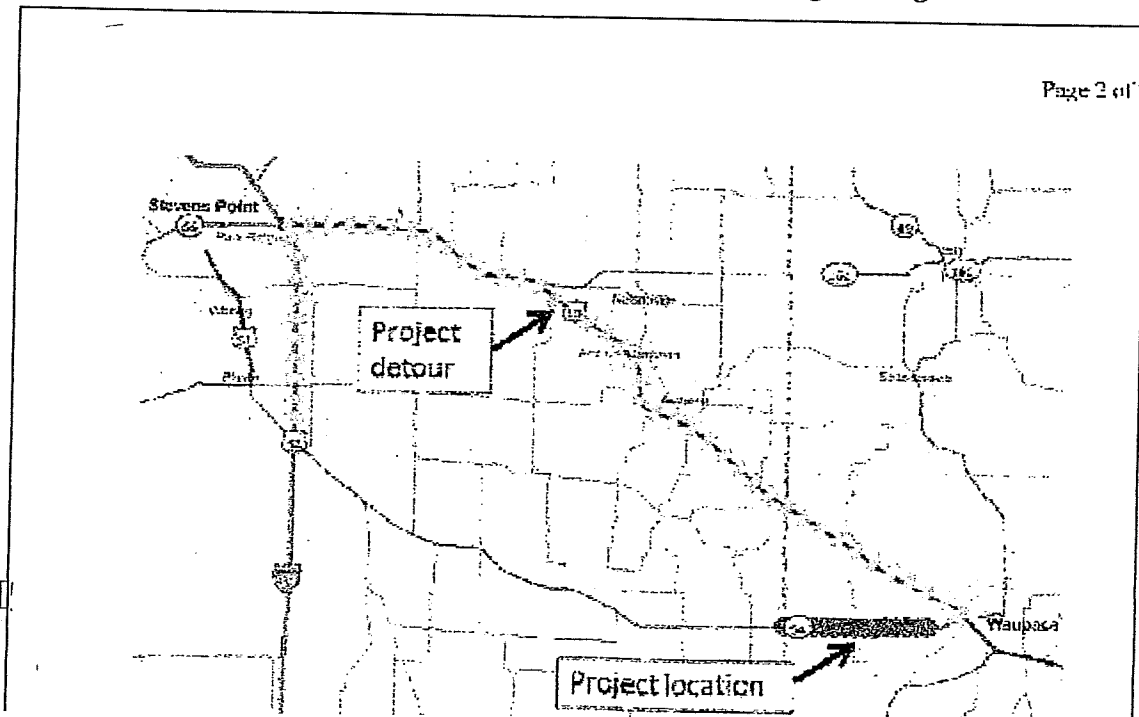
Construction is scheduled to begin during summer 2012; most likely late June. Once construction begins WIS 54 will be closed to through traffic and detoured via I-39 and US10. (see map) The highway will remain open to local traffic for residents and businesses located within the project limits; however the surface may not be paved. Temporary driveway closures will be necessary at times during construction. Homeowners and businesses will be notified in advance before closing a driveway.

Tourists with a destination within the project limits will be able to use the highway. There will be a signed route for people traveling to Hartman Creek State Park.

Construction is expected to last approximately two months.

WisDOT met with local officials, EMS, law enforcements and the DNR in November 2011 to discuss the project and how to minimize traffic impacts. A public information meeting also took place in November. Another meeting will be conducted approximately two weeks prior to construction beginning. Notifications will be mailed to adjacent property owners and businesses.

If you have any questions regarding the project please contact the WisDOT Project Manager Wendy Arneson at 715-421-7391 or [wendy.arneson@dot.wi.gov](mailto:wendy.arneson@dot.wi.gov).



**Chemical Safety in the Home.....by Andrew Carlin, Director, Waupaca County Emergency Management**

**Chemicals Are an Important Part of Life**

Chemicals are a natural and important part of our environment. Even though we often don't think about it, we use chemicals every day. Chemicals help keep our food and our bodies clean. They help our plants grow and fuel our cars. And chemicals make it possible for us to live longer, healthier lives.

Under certain conditions, chemicals can be poisonous or have a harmful effect on your health. Some chemicals which are safe, and even helpful in small amounts, can be harmful in larger quantities or under certain conditions. Chemical accidents do happen...at home and in the community.

**How You May Be Exposed to a Chemical**

You may be exposed to a chemical in three ways:

1. Breathing the chemical.
2. Swallowing contaminated food, water or medication.
3. Touching the chemical, or coming into contact with clothing or things that have touched the chemical.

Remember, you may be exposed to chemicals even though you may not be able to see or smell anything unusual.

**Chemical Accidents Can Be Prevented**

Many people think of chemicals as only those substances used in manufacturing processes. But chemicals are found everywhere – in our kitchens, medicine cabinets, basements and garages. In fact, most chemical accidents occur in our own homes. And they can be prevented.

**Children and Poisoning**

The most common home chemical emergencies involve small children eating medicines. Experts in the field of chemical manufacturing suggest taking hazardous materials out of sight could eliminate up to 75% of all poisoning of small children.

Keep all medicines, cosmetics, cleaning products and other household chemicals out of sight and out of reach of children. If your child should eat or drink a non-food substance, find any containers immediately and take them to the phone. Call the Poison Control Center or Emergency Medical Services(EMS), or 911. Follow their instructions carefully. Often the first aid advice found on containers may not be

appropriate. So, do not give anything by mouth until you have been advised by medical professionals.

**Home Product Precautions**

1) Avoid mixing common household chemical products. Some combinations, such as ammonia and bleach, can create toxic gases.

2) Always read the directions before using a new product. Products used in small confined spaces can create dangerous vapors. Other products should be used with gloves and eye protection. Read and follow the directions.

3) Store chemical products properly: tightly closed in their original container so you can identify the contents and how to properly use the product.

4) Never smoke while using household chemicals. Keep products away from an open flame. Although you may not be able to see or smell them, vapor particles in the air could catch fire or explode.

5) If you should spill a chemical, clean it up immediately with some rags, being careful to protect your eyes and skin. Allow the fumes in the rags to evaporate outdoors in a safe place, then wrap them in a newspaper and place in a sealed plastic bag before throwing away in your trash. Buy a fire extinguisher that is labeled for A,B and C class fires and keep it handy.

6) Buy only as much of a chemical as you think you will use. Take care to dispose of properly to preserve our environment and protect wildlife. Improper disposal can accidentally contaminate our local water supply or harm other people. Many household chemicals can be taken to our local hazardous waste collection facility where they accept pesticides, fertilizers, oil-based paints, drain and pool cleaners, antifreeze and brake fluid. If you have questions about how to dispose of a chemical, call the Waupaca County Solid Waste/Recycling Center (715)258-6240.



**Farmington News**

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

\* **Our website** has lots of information – check it out at [www.farmington-waupaca.com](http://www.farmington-waupaca.com)

\* **Winter** was mild. Our Town expenses for the 2011-2012 winter maintenance (snow removal, sand/salt) was a little over \$46,500.

\* **Road work plans** include work on Alm, Woodridge, Stonefield, Meadow Valley, and Woodfield. We will also be doing crackfilling throughout the Township. Residents will be notified via postcard when work will begin.

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**Open Book/Board of Review:**

Each year residents are given the opportunity to meet at the Town Hall with the assessor during Open Book to discuss their current property assessment. If you choose after that meeting to appear before the Board of Review to contest your assessment, you will need to submit the necessary objection form in advance and receive an assigned appearance time from the Town Clerk. The burden of proof lies with the property holder to provide their case for change in assessment.

**Open Book** is April 26, 2012 from 10-12noon. **Board of Review** is May 15, 2012 from 10-12noon. Both held at the Town Hall.

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**Waupaca County Recycling & Solid Waste Program Update.....by Debbie Krogwold, Recycling Coordinator**

\***New this Year!** 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.

\* **TV, Computers, other Electronics.** can be recycled at the Waupaca County PTF, E4981 Swan Rd., Manawa. Cost: \$5 per residential TV and computer monitor; and \$2 each for printers, scanners, copiers, VCRs, DVRs. Business electronics cost \$.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 of Hwy 10 on Hwy K (601 Lakeside Pkwy). The less garbage you have (by recycling all you can), the less you pay to get rid of that garbage! Stop in during hours of operation (Mon. 12-6, Fri. 7-4, Sat. 7-5). Large bulky items, such as furniture, carpet, drywall, can be brought to the PTF. Minimum charge of \$10 up to 320 pounds or \$62 per ton. Brochure available online, [www.waupacacountyrecycling.com](http://www.waupacacountyrecycling.com).

\***Household Hazardous Waste** collection program begins May 1 and runs through October 31 at the Waupaca County PTF. **Due to staffing shortage, this program is now BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.** For more information, contact the Waupaca County Solid Waste Dept. 715-258-6240.

\***Outdoor Burning.** Burning of household garbage, furniture, treated wood, construction debris, etc. is **illegal** and carries a hefty fine. Residential households can burn only leaves, brush, clean untreated wood and small amounts of confidential papers. Although burning permits are required through June 1, the above burning restrictions apply year-round. For a permit, go online to <http://new.dnr.wi.gov/environment/> fire or visit the DNR office at Hartman Creek State Park.

**Burning News....** by Tim Banaszak, Forestry Technician, DNR

### 3 Simple Steps to Responsible Burning!

1. Obtain an annual burning permit online or by calling **1-888-WISBURN (947-2876)** to have a permit mailed or instantly emailed to you. Permits can also be obtained through Emergency Fire Wardens and DNR offices:

- \* Wisconsin Vets Home  
11-1 & 6-8pm
- \* Jill & Ken Vergauwen  
E1022 Hwy 54
- \* Waupaca Cty Sheriff Dept.  
1402 E. Royalton, Waupaca

2. Check for daily authorization to burn by calling **1-888 WISBURN** after 11a.m. and entering the county code where you intend to burn:

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Check the DNR website at [dnr.wi.gov/wisburn](http://dnr.wi.gov/wisburn) and click on the county you wish to burn in.

3. Follow the restrictions for the day. Have tools and water available to extinguish your fire. Make sure your fire is completely out before leaving.

### Outdoor Burning Laws for Waupaca County:

\* **Burning permits are required January 1 through May 31.** for residential burning when the ground is not completely snow-covered. This applies to properties outside incorporated cities and villages.

\* **Burning permits are valid** for the entire calendar year, but require daily authorization.

\* **A special burning permit** needs to be obtained from a DNR office for brush piles larger than 6'x6'x6' and for broadcast burns greater than 10 acres in size.

\* **Residential burning is restricted** to pine needles, leaves, grass, brush, unpainted/untreated wood, and confidential papers. Restrictions apply all year.

\* **Campfires, for warming or cooking purposes** do not require a burning

permit and are allowed anytime except during Emergency Burning Restrictions. **\* Your fire must be attended at all times until completely extinguished and cold to the touch.** Should your fire escape, you can be held liable for all resulting suppression costs & damages.

### What You Need to Know About Burn Barrels.....

In Wisconsin, burning of trash and garbage has long been a common practice. Over 500,000 burn barrels dot the State's rural setting. According to the DNR, open burning is the largest source of air pollution, the largest uncontrolled source of dioxin emissions and the #1 cause of wildfires.

Burning of trash should be a thing of the past. Curbside collection, drop-off centers, recycling and composting are all available as economical & convenient options for disposal of waste.

Burning of trash, whether in an open pit, burn barrel, or household incinerator is unhealthy, un-neighborly, unnecessary, and illegal. **It's time to scrap the burn barrel!**

### Burning of the following items is prohibited:

Cardboard, container board, newspaper, magazines, junk mail, mixed paper.

Aluminum cans, tin cans, plastic bottles (#1 & #2), glass bottles & jars.

Waste oil, oil filters, vehicle batteries, appliances, tires, electronics.

### WI DNR Forestry Office

Hartman Creek State Park  
N2480 Hartman Creek Rd.  
Waupaca, WI 54981

715-258-4780

[www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/forestry/fire](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/forestry/fire)

## TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WISCONSIN

Balance Sheet

General Fund

December 31, 2011

(With summarized financial information as of December 31, 2010)

	2011	2010
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Investments	\$ 4,314,027	\$ 3,902,779
Receivables		
Property taxes	651,326	651,939
Accounts	135	132
Prepaid Items	-	510
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 4,965,488</b>	<b>\$ 4,555,360</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 10,387	\$ 23,445
Accrued and other current liabilities	488	-
Due to other governments	3,018,908	2,973,132
Deferred revenues - property taxes	651,317	651,844
Total Liabilities	<u>3,681,100</u>	<u>3,648,421</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>		
Nonspendable		
Prepaid items	-	510
Restricted for:		
Cemetery perpetual care	38,307	38,220
Committed for:		
Landfill costs	312,000	192,000
Future town hall building	400,000	200,000
Unassigned, reported in		
General fund	534,081	476,209
Total Fund Balances	<u>1,284,388</u>	<u>906,939</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 4,965,488</b>	<b>\$ 4,555,360</b>
<b>Reconciliation to the Statement of Net Assets</b>		
Total Fund Balances as shown above	\$ 1,284,388	\$ 906,939
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	<u>5,026,304</u>	<u>5,054,478</u>
<b>Net Assets of Governmental Activities as Reported on the Statement of Net Assets (see page 3)</b>	<b>\$ 6,310,692</b>	<b>\$ 5,961,417</b>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WISCONSIN**  
**General Fund**  
**Detailed Comparison of Budgeted and Actual Revenues**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2011**  
 (With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended December 31, 2010)

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	Actual Prior Year Amount
<b>Taxes</b>					
General property taxes	\$ 651,844	\$ 651,844	\$ 651,834	\$ (10)	\$ 632,834
Woodland/forest crop/managed forest crop	-	-	2,828	2,828	2,828
Interest on taxes	-	-	38	38	15
Omitted taxes	-	-	585	585	-
Other taxes	-	-	-	-	169
<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b>651,844</b>	<b>651,844</b>	<b>655,283</b>	<b>3,439</b>	<b>636,844</b>
<b>Intergovernmental</b>					
State shared taxes	75,816	75,816	75,660	(156)	76,023
State aids					
Exempt computer aid	140	140	-	(140)	140
Fire insurance dues	12,600	12,600	13,182	582	12,599
Water patrol	3,500	3,500	2,664	(836)	3,972
Other public safety	-	-	-	-	2,363
Transportation	163,686	163,686	163,686	-	158,893
Managed forest lands	-	-	562	562	2,950
Municipal service aid	27,222	27,222	27,128	(94)	30,775
Managed forest lands	568	568	568	-	568
PILT - State conservation aid	-	-	289	289	289
PILT - Equiv. to property tax	594	594	314	(280)	305
Other state aids	-	-	-	-	56
<b>Total Intergovernmental</b>	<b>284,126</b>	<b>284,126</b>	<b>284,053</b>	<b>(73)</b>	<b>288,933</b>
<b>Licenses and Permits</b>					
Business and occupational licenses					
Liquor and malt beverages	5,675	5,675	5,675	-	5,675
Cigarette license fees	1,150	1,150	1,300	150	1,190
Dog licenses	2,600	2,600	2,326	(274)	2,705
Building permits	17,400	17,400	11,895	(5,505)	13,880
Land use and zoning permits	-	-	-	-	2,769
Cable franchise fees	24,285	24,285	26,466	2,181	24,443
<b>Total Licenses and Permits</b>	<b>51,110</b>	<b>51,110</b>	<b>47,662</b>	<b>(3,448)</b>	<b>50,662</b>
<b>Fines and Forfeits</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Public Charges for Services</b>					
Clerk/treasurer fees	500	500	270	(230)	290
Liquor license advertising fees	120	120	110	(10)	110
Culverts and snowplowing	100	100	150	50	100
Cemetery lot and maintenance fees	600	600	4,800	4,200	900
W.V.H. street light reimbursement	658	658	538	(120)	658
Water patrol reimbursement	3,000	3,000	3,673	673	3,348
Fire sign fees	200	200	200	-	150
<b>Total Public Charges for Services</b>	<b>5,178</b>	<b>5,178</b>	<b>9,741</b>	<b>4,563</b>	<b>5,556</b>
<b>Interest on Investments</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>13,258</b>	<b>(742)</b>	<b>16,622</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>					
Insurance refund - landfill	-	-	320,000	320,000	-
Building Inspector Ed. Fund	800	800	690	(110)	800
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>320,690</b>	<b>319,890</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,007,258</b>	<b>\$ 1,007,258</b>	<b>\$ 1,331,332</b>	<b>\$ 324,074</b>	<b>\$ 998,436</b>

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WISCONSIN**  
**General Fund**  
**Detailed Comparison of Budgeted and Actual Expenditures**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2011**  
 (With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended December 31, 2010)

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	Actual Prior Year Amount
<b>General Government</b>					
Town Board	\$ 28,900	\$ 28,900	\$ 25,915	\$ 2,985	\$ 23,928
Legal	2,000	2,000	790	1,210	1,241
General administration	15,856	15,856	12,432	3,424	10,192
Elections	4,500	4,500	5,482	(982)	5,225
Accounting	5,600	5,600	5,625	(25)	5,465
Town clerk/treasurer	51,877	51,877	51,112	765	49,858
Assessor	16,800	16,800	16,240	560	16,833
Town hall maintenance	8,800	8,600	7,223	1,377	6,943
Employee life and disability insurance	7,605	7,605	7,673	(68)	7,605
Liability, property and worker's compensation insurance	10,000	10,000	8,936	1,064	8,828
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>151,738</b>	<b>151,738</b>	<b>141,428</b>	<b>10,310</b>	<b>135,918</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>					
Law enforcement	10,850	10,850	9,638	1,212	9,318
Fire protection	104,238	104,238	104,022	216	104,886
Ambulance	46,970	46,970	46,970	-	43,603
Building inspector	16,400	16,400	12,919	3,481	14,970
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>178,458</b>	<b>178,458</b>	<b>173,549</b>	<b>4,909</b>	<b>172,777</b>
<b>Public Works</b>					
Highway maintenance	432,476	552,476	453,101	99,375	399,598
Highway marking and signing	15,000	15,000	21,312	(6,312)	14,162
Street lighting	30,550	30,550	24,961	5,589	24,500
Sanitary landfill	110,000	110,000	57,939	52,061	93,214
Recycling	11,376	11,376	11,422	(46)	9,349
<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>599,402</b>	<b>719,402</b>	<b>568,735</b>	<b>150,667</b>	<b>540,823</b>
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>					
Parks and recreation	57,091	57,091	57,091	-	57,091
Fire works display	1,675	1,675	1,675	-	1,675
<b>Total Culture and Recreation</b>	<b>58,766</b>	<b>58,766</b>	<b>58,766</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58,766</b>
<b>Health and Human Services</b>					
Cemetery	8,700	8,700	9,820	(1,120)	9,415
Humane shelter/dog pound	1,694	1,694	1,448	246	1,142
<b>Total Health and Human Services</b>	<b>10,394</b>	<b>10,394</b>	<b>11,268</b>	<b>(874)</b>	<b>10,557</b>
<b>Conservation and Development</b>					
Zoning and land use planning	-	-	-	-	2,295
Comprehensive planning	1,500	1,500	137	1,363	5,028
<b>Total Conservation and Development</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>1,363</b>	<b>7,323</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>					
Office equipment	2,000	2,000	-	2,000	-
Town hall	2,000	2,000	-	2,000	-
Water patrol	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	4,070
Election	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	-
Cemetery	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	-
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>4,070</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,007,258</b>	<b>\$ 1,127,258</b>	<b>\$ 953,883</b>	<b>\$ 173,375</b>	<b>\$ 930,234</b>