

# Farmington Town Hall Newsletter

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Spring-Summer 2019

## Farmington Town Highlights:

**\* TUESDAY - April 16, 2019 ...Annual Town meeting of Electors.....7:00pm**

Agenda items are the audit & financial report along with any other business that may legally come before the Board.....**a regular Town Board meeting will follow.**

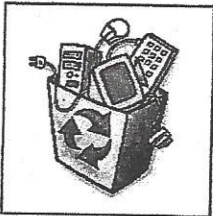
**Town Board meetings** are held every **third Monday @ 7:00pm** at the Town Hall located at the corner of State Road 54 and County Rd Q.

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**Mark Your Calendars: Town ELECTRONIC DROP-OFF..... APRIL 22, 2019.....**

**8:00am to 12 noon.**

Electronics include: TV's, computers, monitors, laptops, netbooks, tablets, keyboards/mouse, scanners, printers, fax machines, DVD players, VCR's, DVR's, USB flash drives, external hard drives.



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**Thanks to two Chain Students.....**a crosswalk will be in place on Silver Lake Rd for students to use in getting safely to school. **Drivers MUST STOP.** Thank you.

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**2nd half taxes** are due July 31st & sent to the **Waupaca County Treasurer**  
811 Harding St.  
Waupaca, WI 54981

## ROAD UPDATES:

The Town Board will be going on their road tour to determine summer road work. I am including an article from the **WDOT, Wisconsin Information Center, UW-Madison on an overview of road maintenance:**

The township is required by state statute to maintain their roads, whereby spending the majority of the town budget. The town may either reconstruct, do a seal coat application, crack fill or patch potholes. Many of our township roads are seal coated. So let's talk about that process. Seal coating is meant to maintain the ride, weather-proof the surface and eliminate dust problems. The treatment often involves patching failed areas, wedging raveled edges and improving drainage. The chip sealing operation includes 1) spraying asphalt, 2) spreading cover aggregate (small stones/pebbles), and 3) compacting aggregate. This is why, when traveling on a newly seal coated road, **SLOW DOWN**, as there will be loose stones that may "fly around". Speed and spinning tires do not help the surface. The seal coated road life is generally expected to be five years, although it may go to seven, depending on the amount of traffic. The Town **Thanks You** for helping to care for our roads.

Possible roads for seal coating are: River, Golke east and all of the Covered Bridge subdivision. Other projects are Cleghorn Rd and Cobtown hill at Cty Q both for drainage.

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**Seasonal Weight Limits.....**placed on our Class B roads, effective when the Waupaca County Hwy Dept sets their limits. Permits for single (\$25.00) /multiple (\$35.00) day use will be provided by the Town Clerk upon request and fee payment.



**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 assessments. 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 and Board of Review are held at the Town Hall. Specific dates are published in Waupaca County Post and on the Town website, www.farmington-waupaca.com**  
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**Operator licenses for bartenders** are valid July 1st thru June 30th of the following year and renewable for \$20.00 Any person not already holding a license in the Town of Farmington will need to have proof of completion of the **Responsible Beverage Service Course** when making application. Please contact Danielle Taggart, Town Clerk at 715-258-2779 or stop at the Town Hall.  
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**Springtime Gardening Tips:**

The **"Home Composter"** is available at the Waupaca County Solid Waste Dept, 811 Harding St. Waupaca for \$55.00. Bin capacity is 13cu.ft. and comes with a locking lid, dual access doors and a "How To" handbook.

**PLEASE** check your plant growth around your **fire number** that would interfere with the number being visible. You are responsible for removal of any overgrown branches/weeds that would cover the numbers. Fire numbers are required by law. If a post has been damaged, contact the Town Hall 715-258-2779.  
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The Town currently oversees three cemeteries: **Barton, Salem, Sheridan.** Sites are available for purchase at \$400.00 (By Resolution 05/21/18(2018)) which includes Perpetual Care. Anyone interested can contact the Cemetery Secretary, Danielle Taggart at the Town Hall (715-258-2779).

**ATV/UTV Travel Routes.....**were approved for all Town roads. These are NOT trails marked on public or private property. They are on the roadway portion of a road, Also **Golf Carts are NOT allowed**, only licensed ATVs/UTVs.  
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**3 Simple Steps to Responsible BURNING.....**

- 1) Obtain an annual burning permit online or by calling **1-888-WISBURN** (947-2876). Permits can also be obtained through Fire Wardens & DNR.
  - \* Wisconsin Veterans Home 11-1 & 6-8pm
  - \* K&E Builders E1022 Hwy 54
  - \* Waupaca Cty Sheriff Dept.
- 2) Check for daily authorization by calling **1-888-WISBURN** after 11am & entering the county code where you intend to burn - Waupaca - 69
- 3) Follow the restrictions for the day. Have tools & water available to extinguish your fire. Make sure your fire is completely out before leaving.

**Outdoor Burning Laws for Waupaca Cty:**

- \* Burning permits are required January 1 through May 31 for residential burning when the ground is not completely snow-covered.
- \* 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.



**Wisconsin Veterans Home NEWS.....**

During the month of January, Miron Construction began building the new John R. Moses Skilled Nursing facility in King, replacing Ove Hall, Burns-Clemons and the nurse's residence. This project will continue for approximately two years. The Town of Farmington has given permission for their use of approximately 235ft. section of Grandview Rd at the corner with Cty QQ for their truck access. **Please be advised** of this truck traffic.

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**Understanding VA: Non-Service Connected PENSION.....** by Jesse P. Cuff, Waupaca Cty Veterans Service Officer

If you're a Veteran who served on active duty under honorable conditions, you might be eligible for VA Pension. For Veterans who qualify, VA pension is a needs based benefit which pays a monthly benefit.

**Who is ELIGIBLE?**

\* You were discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions, **AND**

\* You served 90 days or more of active duty with at least 1 day during a period of war time\*, **AND**

\* Your countable income is below the amount listed in the chart below, **AND**

\* You are age 65 or older, **OR** you have a permanent and total non-service connected disability, **OR** you are a patient in a nursing home, **OR** you are receiving Social Security disability benefits.

\* Veterans who entered active duty after September 7, 1980 must also serve at least 24 months of active duty service. If the total length of service is less than 24 months, the Veteran must have completed their entire tour of active duty.

**How much does VA PAY?**

This benefit is income and asset tested by VA. This means the VA must confirm your total net worth is under \$127,061, and your income for VA purposes is under the Maximum Annual Pension Rate (MAPR). The VA calculates your annual pension payment by first determining, for your particular circumstances, the MAPR - an annual payment amount set by Congress. There are three MAPR categories known as Basic, Housebound, and Aid and Attendance. For example, if you are a Veteran with no dependents, the Basic MAPR is \$13,535, the Housebound MAPR is \$16,540, and the

Aid and Attendance MAPR is \$22,577. As you might have guessed, the MAPR categories correspond to your medical condition and level of care required. For Basic think completely independent; for Aid and Attendance think skilled nursing care, and Housebound falls in the middle. Next, VA determines your countable income. VA determines countable income by subtracting from your total income, received in a particular 12-month period, the amount of those exclusions provided by law.\* VA then subtracts your countable income from the MAPR; the difference is your annual pension entitlement. VA divides this amount by 12 and rounds down to the nearest dollar, this is the approximate amount of your monthly pension payment.

\*VA deducts certain expenses paid by you, e.g. unreimbursed medical expenses, from your annual household income, which will decrease your countable income and increase your monthly pension payment. A complete list of these exclusion is provided in section 3.272 of title 38, Code of Federal Regulations. These regulations are available at the Government Printing Offices website.

**Note:** 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 can use a little help navigating the VA Benefit system please schedule an appointment today!**

**Waupaca County Veterans Service Office is located at the Courthouse, 811 Harding St., Waupaca.**

**For more information:**

<http://benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/limitedincome/livepension.pdf>

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/pension/>

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/PENSION/wartimeperiod.asp>

[http://www.benefits.va.gov/pension/current\\_rates\\_veteran\\_pen.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/pension/current_rates_veteran_pen.asp)

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The Farmington Town Hall is a "point-of-sale" location for the orange trash tags used with the "Pay-By-The-Bag" garbage service by the Recycling Center at 602 Parkside Pkwy (Cty Rd K) Tags are available in sheets of 5 at a cost of \$15.00 per sheet or \$3.00 for one tag.



**Solid Waste & Recycling Updates - 2019..** by Taylor Sorenson, Recycling Coordinator

\* **Recycle More & Pay Less for Garbage!** The Waupaca Regional Recycling & Composting Center, 601 Lakeside Pkwy in Waupaca offers a pay-by-the-bag program that rewards you for recycling. The more you recycle, the less garbage you have and, therefore, the less money you have to pay for the disposal of that garbage. A WIN WIN situation! Stop at the site during hours of operation (Mon 12-6, Fri 7-4, Sat 7-3) for additional information, or visit [www.waupacacountyrecycling.com](http://www.waupacacountyrecycling.com).

Large bulky items such as furniture, carpet and construction/demolition materials are not accepted at this sit but ARE accepted at the Waupaca County PTF in Manawa. Minimum charge of \$15 up to 400 pounds or \$75 per ton.

\* **May Appliance Round-Up** During the first two weeks of May, residents can dispose of appliances at a reduced rate at the Waupaca County PTF. Freon appliances will cost \$10.00 per appliance, regularly \$15.00. Non-Freon appliances will cost \$8.00 per appliance, regularly \$10.00

\* **Household Hazardous Waste.** This program begins May 1st and runs through October at the Waupaca County PTF and is by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** Call 715-258-6249 for an appointment to dispose of items such as old gas, paint thinner, varnish, oil paints, pesticides, and other poisonous or flammable substances.

\***Medication Disposal.** Medication drip-boxes for the disposal of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications, including pet medications, are available year-round at the Waupaca County Sheriff Department and the Clintonville, Manawa, Marion, New London and Weyauwega Police Departments. Please dump pills into a sandwich-size sealable bag. Keep liquids, ointments and powders in their original containers. The empty pill bottles can be recycled with your other plastic containers. Place the bottle caps in the garbage.

**Emergency Communications Plan...**by Eric Halverson, Deputy Director Waupaca Cty Emergency Management

Today we have more ways to speak with one another than ever before. We are used to staying in touch with land-line phones, cell phones, internet, and email, but disasters can change things. These devices may not be available. Cell phone towers quickly become overloaded with people trying to reach friends and family. Try using text messaging if you are having trouble making a cell phone call. If the power is out at your home, cordless phones, internet, and email will not work either. Many of us don't know important phone numbers anymore.

Before a disaster strikes, have places identified where your family can meet. This could be locally near your home or in a neighboring community. Keep a list of important phone numbers in your car and also in your emergency kit. Work out your plan with family members outside of your local area in the event of a wide area disaster.

During a major disaster there may be several programs available such as the **United Way "211"** and **The American Red Cross "Safe and Well"** programs. These programs are designed as a collection point of information for those people involved in a disaster and others trying to contact them.

Immediately after a disaster, 911 centers are overloaded with phone calls. Do not call 911 unless you truly have a life-threatening emergency. Try to make contact with your family members first and then get to your designated meeting place. There may also be shelter locations set up after a disaster that will typically have emergency communications available.

A little advanced planning can reduce some of the stress following a disaster. Be sure to review and test your communications plan often and update your plan as needed.

A great source to help you with all of your emergency preparedness is **"Do1Thing"** You can find more information about this at [www.do1thing.com](http://www.do1thing.com).

# Town of Farmington Waupaca County, Wisconsin

**GENERAL FUND  
DETAILED COMPARISON OF BUDGETED AND ACTUAL REVENUES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018  
WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

	Budget		Actual	Variance Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	2017 Actual
	Original	Final			
Public charges for services					
Clerk's fees	250	250	370	120	415
Liquor license advertising fees	100	100	90	(10)	90
Culverts and snowplowing	350	350	825	475	550
Cemetery lot and maintenance fees	900	900	1,200	300	3,000
Fire sign fees	400	400	500	100	650
Recycling tag fee	270	270	228	(42)	300
Fireworks application fees	500	500	500	-	1,000
Total public charges for services	<u>2,770</u>	<u>2,770</u>	<u>3,713</u>	<u>943</u>	<u>6,005</u>
Intergovernmental charges for services					
Water patrol reimbursement	3,000	3,000	2,748	(252)	3,067
WVH street light reimbursement	536	536	-	(536)	387
Total intergovernmental charges for services	<u>3,536</u>	<u>3,536</u>	<u>2,748</u>	<u>(788)</u>	<u>3,454</u>
Miscellaneous					
Interest on investments	3,000	3,000	4,367	1,367	3,749
Rent of Town property	100	100	900	800	380
Insurance refund - landfill	48,000	48,000	48,000	-	48,000
Insurance proceeds - highway	-	-	-	-	1,661
Building inspector fund	-	-	-	-	1,225
Other	-	-	325	325	56
Total miscellaneous	<u>51,100</u>	<u>51,100</u>	<u>53,592</u>	<u>2,492</u>	<u>55,071</u>
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>\$ 1,050,842</u>	<u>\$ 1,050,842</u>	<u>\$ 1,139,206</u>	<u>\$ 88,364</u>	<u>\$ 1,072,039</u>

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	Budget		Actual	Variance Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	2017 Actual
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<b>General government</b>					
Legislative	\$ 29,207	\$ 29,207	\$ 31,202	\$ (1,995)	\$ 33,558
Elections	15,400	15,400	15,727	(327)	8,140
Legal	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	700
General administration	13,634	13,634	17,735	(4,101)	17,760
Clerk/treasurer	46,137	46,137	35,115	11,022	44,283
Accounting and auditing	6,725	6,725	6,940	(215)	5,280
Assessment of property	23,405	23,405	18,556	4,849	25,979
Town hall maintenance	20,000	20,000	21,265	(1,265)	22,467
Employee life and disability insurance	7,439	7,439	1,439	6,000	13,138
Insurance and bonds	6,800	6,800	6,754	46	6,272
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	70
<b>Total general government</b>	<b>171,747</b>	<b>171,747</b>	<b>154,733</b>	<b>17,014</b>	<b>177,647</b>
<b>Public safety</b>					
Law enforcement	7,000	7,000	6,777	223	7,478
Fire protection	113,464	113,464	112,514	950	108,728
Ambulance	41,307	41,307	41,307	-	43,800
Emergency medical responders	3,254	3,254	3,254	-	-
Inspection	18,971	18,971	16,365	2,606	22,734
Emergency government	-	-	-	-	706
<b>Total public safety</b>	<b>183,996</b>	<b>183,996</b>	<b>180,217</b>	<b>3,779</b>	<b>183,446</b>
<b>Public works</b>					
Highway and street maintenance	528,251	528,251	620,237	(91,986)	327,265
Highway marking and signing	30,050	30,050	7,062	22,988	30,409
Street lighting	25,550	25,550	28,625	(3,075)	22,132
Sanitary landfill	21,727	21,727	21,620	107	21,163
Recycling	4,902	4,902	6,680	(1,778)	4,223
<b>Total public works</b>	<b>610,480</b>	<b>610,480</b>	<b>684,224</b>	<b>(73,744)</b>	<b>405,192</b>
<b>Health and human services</b>					
Animal and insect control	3,008	3,008	200	2,808	1,209
Cemetery	12,765	12,765	6,425	6,340	10,362
<b>Total health and human services</b>	<b>15,773</b>	<b>15,773</b>	<b>6,625</b>	<b>9,148</b>	<b>11,571</b>

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<b>Culture and recreation</b>					
Parks - general	62,771	62,771	62,771	-	61,578
Fireworks display	1,675	1,675	1,675	-	1,675
Senior center	1,000	1,000	415	585	-
Other culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	5,000
<b>Total culture and recreation</b>	<b>65,446</b>	<b>65,446</b>	<b>64,861</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>68,253</b>
<b>Conservation and development</b>					
Comprehensive planning	1,900	1,900	1,222	678	2,942
Zoning and land use planning	-	-	-	-	45
<b>Total conservation and development</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>1,222</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>2,987</b>
<b>Capital outlay</b>					
Election outlay	-	-	-	-	225
Town hall	1,500	1,500	970	530	-
Street improvements	-	600,000	586,137	13,863	166,958
Cemetery	-	-	-	-	8,900
<b>Total capital outlay</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>601,500</b>	<b>587,107</b>	<b>14,393</b>	<b>176,083</b>
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,050,842</b>	<b>\$ 1,650,842</b>	<b>\$ 1,678,989</b>	<b>\$ (28,147)</b>	<b>\$ 1,025,179</b>

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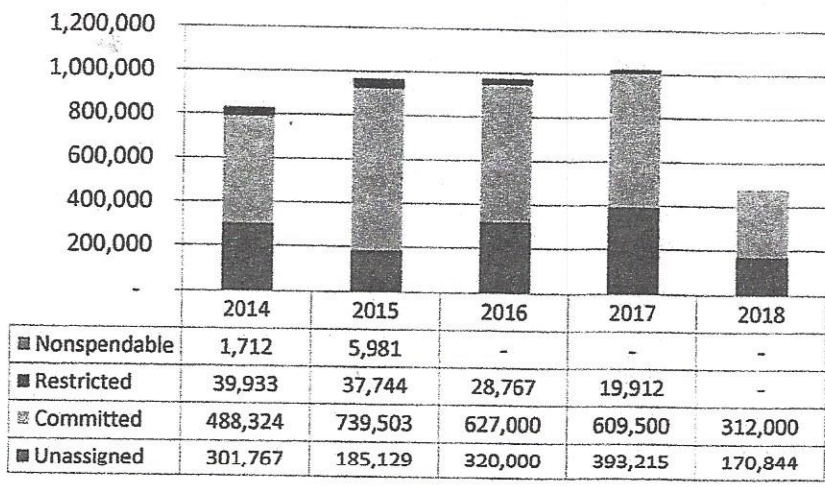
# Summary Financial Information

## GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES

Presented below is a summary of the Town's governmental fund balances on December 31, 2018 and 2017. This information is provided for assessing financial results for 2018 and for indicating financial resources available at the start of the 2019 budget year.

	<u>12/31/18</u>	<u>12/31/17</u>
General Fund		
Restricted for		
Cemetery perpetual care	\$ -	\$ 19,912
Committed		
Landfill costs	312,000	312,000
Future road project	-	297,500
Unassigned	170,844	393,215
Total general fund balance	<u>\$ 482,844</u>	<u>\$ 1,022,627</u>

Presented below is a fund balance analysis of the General Fund for fiscal years 2014 - 2018. This information is presented to assist Town management in assessing fund balance levels at the end of fiscal year 2018 and the trend over the past five years.



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