



Farmington Town Hall Newsletter

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Spring-Summer 2020

Farmington Town News:

Summer road work: We are thinking of seal coating all of Covered Bridge subdivision, Riverbend Ln, Hicks Ln and Highland Ln., There will also be repairs to potholes throughout the township. We will also do a pavement replacement on Tomahawk Trl.

* **WPS construction notification was received for an electric rebuild project on Golke Rd** Contact # 920-272-8799 and refer to Work Request 2897352 for more information.

* **WI Dept of Transportation notification of work on State Rd 22 from county line to the US 10 ramps with construction in summer/fall 2020. Letter and map are available at town hall.**

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.

TUESDAY, April 21, 2020 - Annual Town meeting of Electors...at 7:00pm.

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

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 is April 22 from 8:00am to 12:00 noon.

NO CONSOLE TVs

Please only bring **YOUR** items and not from friends living outside of the Town of Farmington There is a cost to the township for disposal.

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

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 the Waupaca County Post and on the Town website: www.farmington-waupaca.com**

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.

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.

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.

Outage Safety and Preparation.....East Central Electric Cooperative resource

Severe storms, unfortunately, do happen and are devastating to homes, properties, and lives. These storms can also take down power lines - creating a dangerous situation for all . How long it takes to get your power restored depends on the extent of the storm's destruction, the number of outages, and when it becomes safe for utility personnel to get to the damaged areas. There are many steps in the assessment and restoration process - clearing downed power lines; ensuring public health and safety facilities are operational; checking power stations and transformers; repairing transmission lines, substations, and distribution lines; and getting power restored to members within the various damaged areas.

Please follow these safety precautions:

- Just because power lines are damaged does not mean they are dead. Every downed power line is potentially energized and dangerous until crews arrive on the scene to ensure power has been cut off. Downed power lines, stray wires, and debris in contact with them all have the potential to deliver a fatal shock. Stay far away and keep others away from downed power lines.
- Never enter a flooded basement if electrical outlets are submerged. The water could be energized.
- Do not turn power off if you must stand in water to do so. Call the service and have them turn off power at the meter.
- Do not use water-damaged electronics before properly restoring them. Electric motors in appliances should be cleaned and reconditioned before use. It may be necessary to replace some of your appliances and electronics. Have your water-damaged items inspected and approved by a professional before using them.
- If you clean-up outdoors after a storm, do not use electronic equipment when it is wet out.
- If you are driving and come along a downed power line, stay away and keep others away. Contact emergency personnel to report a downed power line.
- If you do come in contact with a downed power line, do not leave the car. Wait for utility and emergency professionals to make sure the power line is de-energized before exiting the car.

During an outage, turn off electrical appliances and unplug major electronics, including computers and televisions. Power sometimes comes back in surges, which can damage electronics. Your circuits could overload when power returns if all your electronics are still plugged in and on. Leave one light on to indicate that power has been restored. Wait a few minutes and then turn on other appliances and equipment - one at a time.

Chain O'Lakes...

Enjoying the Chain O'Lakes means friends, family and fun! It also means consideration of the environment and your neighbor. We all need to take responsibility and keep the lakes clean to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, zebra mussels and VHS fish. For more information go to www.LakeDistrict.com.

The Chain O'Lakes also provides opportunity for everyone to enjoy the Chain Skiers performances on Rainbow Lake at the Wisconsin Veterans Home site.

Reminder of skiing hours: Rainbow, Round, Columbia and Long Lakes - Monday through Friday 10am-4pm; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am-7pm; Saturday, Sunday, Holidays 10am-2:30pm.

We want you to enjoy and support Farmington's surrounding businesses: King shops, restaurants, marinas, farm markets and Waupaca Smore Fun Campground. There are also several parks for your recreational use: Oakwood Park and the Indian Crossing Park located on County Road Q. Hartman's Creek State Park, located off State Hwy 54 west, is packed full of activities for the whole family.

Protect Your Home from Flooding..... Eric Halverson, Deputy Director Waupaca Cty Emergency Management

Recent years have brought near record water levels to the state. Areas that normally do not hold water have become a problem. The lowland and marsh areas that take the spring runoff are full going into early 2020.

The spring of 2019 presented high water and flooding in locations that are not prone to typical flooding. A quick warm-up caused ponding and some residential flooding that was not in a flood hazard zone.

So who is at risk? Anyone can be. There are some steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of flood damage:

1) Take a look around the outside of your home. Are your gutters and downspouts clean? Do they drain away from the foundation? Are your basement window wells covered? Does your sump pump discharge far enough away from the foundation? Is it clogged or frozen?

2) Check your basement next. Move items from the floor. Elevate your water heater, furnace and other appliances if possible. Check your sump pump to be sure it is operating properly. If your sump pump runs often, you may want to have a spare on hand.

3) Consider flood insurance. Most homeowner's policies do not cover "flood" damage. Separate flood and sewer back-up policies may need to be purchased. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is a flood insurance policy offered through FEMA. It is available to homeowners as well as renters. It can cover losses to structures and personal property depending on the coverage that you chose. NFIP flood insurance is sold through many local insurance agents. If you are unsure of where to begin, or would like more information, we strongly recommend talking to your insurance provider about your coverage options. Please be aware the NFIP requires a 30-day waiting period for flood policies, unless it is required for a loan closing. So, the sooner you start the conversation, the better.

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. Drivers must follow all State of Wisconsin ATV/UTV regulations.

Greater Waupaca Area Parks and Trails organization is asking if any citizen resident from the Town of Farmington is interested in being a member participant. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 10am at the Dayton Town Hall on State Rd 22. The organization main focus is to identify on and off road biking and walking routes, river routes, and parks both linear and neighborhood throughout the Townships of Dayton, Farmington, Lind, Waupaca and the City of Waupaca. Contact by text Jane Haasch at 715-258-5664.

The Great Neighbor Shout-Out is an opportunity for greater Waupaca area residents to acknowledge the kind things they see neighbors doing for one another, and to celebrate those kindnesses as a community. All residents will be encouraged to nominate one or more neighbors (adults or kids) for kind things they do. **The Living the Waupaca Way Great Neighbor Shout-Out** is part of a larger initiative to strengthen neighborhood social connections across greater Waupaca. Launched by ThedaCare and its Community Health Action Team, the initiative is supported by a growing collaboration of public and private organizations including Living the Waupaca Way, UW-Extension, the Waupaca Public Library, the Waupaca Public Schools, Waupaca County DHHS, and local businesses, with support from the Neighborhood Partners program of Goodwill NCW. **Nomination papers are at the Town Hall and** will be accepted by mail, at drop off boxes located throughout the community, and online March-May 2020. Contact: Julie Filapek (920-217-8744 or jilapek@goodwillncw.org for more information.

Solid Waste & Recycling Program Updates - 2020

Provided by Taylor Sorenson, Recycling Coordinator

www.waupacacountyrecycling.com

715-258-6240



- **Recycle More & Pay Less for Garbage!** The Waupaca Regional Recycling & Composting Center, 601 Lakeside Parkway in Waupaca offers a pay-by-the-bag garbage 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. Large bulky items, such as furniture, carpet, and construction/demolition materials are not accepted at this site but are accepted at the Waupaca County PTF. Minimum charge of \$15 up to 360 pounds or \$80 per ton.
- **PTF General Information.** The Waupaca County Processing & Transfer Facility (PTF), located at E4981 Swan Road in the Town of Little Wolf, is open Mon - Fri 7-3, Sat 7-noon (Mar - Nov), 3rd Sat 7-noon (Dec - Feb). **Until further notice, the PTF will be open from 7-5 on the third Thursday of the month.** All loads MUST be covered, secured, and scaled in 15 minutes prior to closing. Payment is cash or check only. PTF brochure is available online at www.waupacacountyrecycling.com.
- **Compost Bins for Sale!** The *Home Composter™* bin will be on display and available for purchase starting May 1 at the Waupaca County Solid Waste Department, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, and at the Waupaca County PTF. Bin capacity is 128 gallons and comes with a locking lid, dual access doors, and a 'How To' handbook. Cost: \$55.00 includes tax.
- **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.** The Household Hazardous Waste 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.
- **Outdoor Burning.** Spring is wildfire season. In Wisconsin, most fires occur in April and May, after the snow is gone and before plants have greened up. Burning permits are required Jan. 1- May 31st. Permits can be obtained online at www.dnr.wi.gov (search keyword 'burn permit'), through the DNR Fire Warden Office at Hartman Creek State Park, or at the Waupaca County PTF. Burning of 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 May 31st, the above burning restrictions apply year-round.

Town of Farmington Waupaca County, Wisconsin

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019
WITH COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	General Fund	
	2019	2018
REVENUES		
Taxes	\$ 687,427	\$ 687,165
Intergovernmental	331,483	328,891
Licenses and permits	70,741	62,842
Fines and forfeits	907	255
Public charges for services	5,067	3,713
Intergovernmental charges for services	2,153	2,748
Miscellaneous	61,357	53,592
Total revenues	<u>1,159,135</u>	<u>1,139,206</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Current		
General government	166,294	154,733
Public safety	184,575	180,217
Public works	757,927	684,224
Health and human services	8,934	6,625
Culture and recreation	65,700	64,861
Conservation and development	2,004	1,222
Capital outlay	5,996	587,107
Total expenditures	<u>1,191,430</u>	<u>1,678,989</u>
Net change in fund balance	(32,295)	(539,783)
Fund balance - January 1	<u>482,844</u>	<u>1,022,627</u>
Fund balance - December 31	<u>\$ 450,549</u>	<u>\$ 482,844</u>

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

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GENERAL FUND
DETAILED COMPARISON OF BUDGETED AND ACTUAL REVENUES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019
WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Budget		Actual	Variance Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	2018 Actual
	Original	Final			
Taxes					
General property	\$ 669,919	\$ 669,919	\$ 669,523	\$ (396)	\$ 668,871
Forest crop/MFL taxes	3,800	3,800	17,904	14,104	18,294
Total taxes	<u>673,719</u>	<u>673,719</u>	<u>687,427</u>	<u>13,708</u>	<u>687,165</u>
Intergovernmental					
State					
State shared taxes	57,180	57,180	57,017	(163)	57,050
Personal property aid	598	598	598	-	-
Fire insurance dues	17,806	17,806	18,163	357	17,806
Tax exempt computer aid	180	180	184	4	180
Water patrol	4,800	4,800	4,263	(537)	4,882
Transportation	184,932	184,932	184,932	-	184,909
Severance	4,500	4,500	420	(4,080)	-
MFL	-	-	-	-	718
Municipal service aid	15,000	15,000	12,874	(2,126)	15,197
Veterans	37,000	37,000	37,349	349	44,688
PILT State Conservation Aid	289	289	289	-	289
PILT - Equiv. to property tax	300	300	319	19	3,172
County bridge aid	-	-	15,075	15,075	-
Total intergovernmental	<u>322,585</u>	<u>322,585</u>	<u>331,483</u>	<u>8,898</u>	<u>328,891</u>
Licenses and permits					
Licenses					
Liquor and malt beverage Operators, cigarette and other licenses	5,000	5,000	5,060	60	4,410
Cable television fees	1,000	1,000	1,250	250	1,160
Dog	34,000	34,000	35,631	1,631	34,735
Permits	1,250	1,250	1,569	319	1,367
Building	20,000	20,000	26,201	6,201	20,695
Land use and zoning	-	-	1,030	1,030	475
Total licenses and permits	<u>61,250</u>	<u>61,250</u>	<u>70,741</u>	<u>9,491</u>	<u>62,842</u>
Fines and forfeits					
Court fines and penalties	100	100	907	807	255

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	Budget		Actual	Variance Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	2018 Actual
	Original	Final			
Public charges for services					
Clerk's fees	850	850	924	74	370
Liquor license advertising fees	-	-	-	-	90
Culverts and snowplowing	700	700	350	(350)	825
Cemetery lot and maintenance fees	1,200	1,200	3,200	2,000	1,200
Fire sign fees	400	400	368	(32)	500
Recycling tag fee	270	270	225	(45)	228
Fireworks application fees	-	-	-	-	500
Total public charges for services	<u>3,420</u>	<u>3,420</u>	<u>5,067</u>	<u>1,647</u>	<u>3,713</u>
Intergovernmental charges for services					
Water patrol reimbursement	3,000	3,000	2,153	(847)	2,748
WVH street light reimbursement	536	536	-	(536)	-
Total intergovernmental charges for services	<u>3,536</u>	<u>3,536</u>	<u>2,153</u>	<u>(1,383)</u>	<u>2,748</u>
Miscellaneous					
Interest on investments	5,000	5,000	13,057	8,057	4,367
Rent of Town property	300	300	300	-	900
Insurance refund - landfill	48,000	48,000	48,000	-	48,000
Other	-	-	-	-	325
Total miscellaneous	<u>53,300</u>	<u>53,300</u>	<u>61,357</u>	<u>8,057</u>	<u>53,592</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 1,117,910</u>	<u>\$ 1,117,910</u>	<u>\$ 1,159,135</u>	<u>\$ 41,225</u>	<u>\$ 1,139,206</u>

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	Budget		Actual	Variance Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	2018 Actual
	Original	Final			
General government					
Legislative	\$ 37,629	\$ 37,629	\$ 42,598	\$ (4,969)	\$ 31,202
Elections	15,500	15,500	5,399	10,101	15,727
Legal	1,000	1,000	168	832	-
General administration	-	-	-	-	17,735
Clerk/treasurer	49,480	49,480	47,448	2,032	35,115
Accounting and auditing	8,500	8,500	9,001	(501)	6,940
Assessment of property	22,020	22,020	23,836	(1,816)	18,556
Town hall maintenance	20,383	20,383	28,170	(7,787)	21,265
Employee life and disability insurance	-	-	-	-	1,439
Insurance and bonds	6,800	6,800	7,651	(851)	6,754
Other general government	3,415	3,415	2,023	1,392	-
Miscellaneous	25,000	25,000	-	25,000	-
Total general government	<u>189,727</u>	<u>189,727</u>	<u>166,294</u>	<u>23,433</u>	<u>154,733</u>
Public safety					
Law enforcement	7,000	7,000	8,298	(1,298)	6,777
Fire protection	113,860	113,860	113,143	717	112,514
Ambulance	41,307	41,307	40,414	893	41,307
Emergency medical responders	3,250	3,250	1,741	1,509	3,254
Inspection	19,916	19,916	20,979	(1,063)	16,365
Total public safety	<u>185,333</u>	<u>185,333</u>	<u>184,575</u>	<u>758</u>	<u>180,217</u>
Public works					
Highway and street maintenance	417,864	417,864	679,276	(261,412)	620,237
Highway marking and signing	-	-	-	-	7,062
Street lighting	20,000	20,000	24,701	(4,701)	28,625
Sanitary landfill	21,700	21,700	37,056	(15,356)	21,620
Recycling	8,537	8,537	16,894	(8,357)	6,680
Total public works	<u>468,101</u>	<u>468,101</u>	<u>757,927</u>	<u>(289,826)</u>	<u>684,224</u>
Health and human services					
Animal and insect control	4,500	4,500	1,254	3,246	200
Cemetery	9,574	9,574	7,680	1,894	6,425
Total health and human services	<u>14,074</u>	<u>14,074</u>	<u>8,934</u>	<u>5,140</u>	<u>6,625</u>

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	Budget		Actual	Variance Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	2018 Actual
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Culture and recreation					
Fireworks display	1,675	1,675	1,675	-	1,675
Senior center	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	415
Other culture and recreation	65,000	65,000	64,025	975	62,771
Total culture and recreation	<u>67,675</u>	<u>67,675</u>	<u>65,700</u>	<u>1,975</u>	<u>64,861</u>
Conservation and development					
Comprehensive planning	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,004</u>	<u>996</u>	<u>1,222</u>
Capital outlay					
Town hall	45,000	45,000	5,996	39,004	970
Street improvements	145,000	145,000	-	145,000	586,137
Total capital outlay	<u>190,000</u>	<u>190,000</u>	<u>5,996</u>	<u>184,004</u>	<u>587,107</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 1,117,910</u>	<u>\$ 1,117,910</u>	<u>\$ 1,191,430</u>	<u>\$ (73,520)</u>	<u>\$ 1,678,989</u>

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