



Farmington Town Hall Newsletter

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Farmington Town News: Town Hall Update:

We are still waiting confirmation of our land purchase at the intersection of County Hwy Q and State Rd 54.

It was approved unanimously at the August 20, 2012 special meeting of the electors to authorize the Town Board to purchase land for the purpose of constructing a new town hall. This land is located at the intersection of State Rd 54 and Cty Hwy Q. On September 17, 2012 at our regular Town Board meeting, a resolution was passed to purchase this land. It was also approved to hire Martenson & Eisele, Inc. to be the design firm for the new town hall.

Do you have old pictures of the Town Hall when it was a one room schoolhouse? We would like to have a copy of them for a future project at the new town hall. Please identify and sign your name to them. **THANK YOU!**

April 22.....Annual Town meeting of Electors.....7:00pm

Agenda items are the audit and financial report by Chairman Trinrud followed by any other business that may legally come before the Board.

The Town Board would like to **thank** our residents for their support in the April 2nd election. We are charged with protecting the Health, Safety, and Welfare of the citizens. We work to maintain fire protection, ambulance service, town roads that are safe and well-maintained, property rights protected and lowest possible property taxes.

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 published in Waupaca County Post West.

Waupaca County Recycling & Solid Waste Program Update:.... from Deb Krogwold, Recycling Coordinator

*** TV, Computers, other Electronics** can be recycled at the Waupaca Cty PTF, E4981 Swan Rd., Manawa. Cost: \$5 per residential TV and computer monitor \$2 each for printers, scanners, copiers, VCRs, DVRs.

*** Recycle:** The Waupaca Regional Recycling & Composting Center is just off Hwy 10 on Hwy K, with hours of operation Mon. 12-6 Fri. 7-4 Sat. 7-5.

For more information online at www.waupacacountyrecycling.com
***Medication** collection boxes for the disposal of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications, including pet medications, is available at the Waupaca Cty. Sheriff Dept. Keep medication in their original containers with the name of the medication visible. Place liquid medication bottles in a sealed clear plastic bag.

NOAA Weather Radio..... by Andrew Carlin, Director, Waupaca County Emergency Management

An experimental National Weather Service warning enhancement will be used across much of the central U.S. this thunderstorm season (beginning April 1 and ending November 30).

The **Impact Based Warning (IBW)** experimental product is an effort to better communicate severe weather threats within National Weather Service warnings. While the basic function of Severe Thunderstorm and Tornado warnings will remain the same, additional enhanced information will be provided within the warning to provide additional expected "impact" information.

The goals are to provide more information through the warnings in order to facilitate improved public response and decision making, and to better meet societal needs in the most life-threatening weather events. This effort is in response to key findings from recent service assessments of devastating tornadoes in 2011, particularly the EF-5 tornado in Joplin, MO.

Outdoor Burning Laws for Waupaca County.....by Tim Banaszak, Forestry Technician DNR

*** Burning permits are required January 1 thru May 31** for residential burning when the ground is not completely snow-covered. This applies to areas outside of incorporated cities and villages. For burning restriction within city and village limits, contact local officials.

*** Burning permits** are valid for the entire calendar year, but require daily authorization. Permits can be obtained over the phone **(1-888-947-2876)**, online (**dnr.wi.gov.**) (**search keyword "burn permit"**) or (**search keyword "burning restrictions"**), or from Emergency Fire Wardens:

-Wisconsin Veteran Home: 11am-1pm & 6pm-8pm (715)258-4241.

-K&E Builders: E1022 Hwy 54, (715)258-5410.

-Waupaca Cty PTF: E4981 Swan Rd Manawa, (920)596-5370

-Waupaca Cty Sheriff Dept. 1402 E Royalton St. (715)258-4466

*** A special burning permit** must 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. Businesses are restricted from outdoor burning.

*** 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. Failure to extinguish is a crime and may result in a \$500 fine and/or 30 days in jail. Should your fire escape, you can be held liable for all suppression costs and damages.

Senior Center assessment of the additional \$5 per senior, which began in January 2012, is now covered by the Town. This township support for our seniors coincides with our support of the youth's Waupaca Park & Red Dept. budgeted at \$57,091.

As a reminder: Emergency fire numbers are provided for your protection. Fire numbers are **required, not optional.** Numbers must be visible at eye level for the ambulance and fire department. If a post has been loosened or damaged, please contact the Town Hall at 715-258-2779. Residents are also responsible for checking their numbers to see if branches or weeds need to be removed to make the number visible from the road.

Road Updates:

Winter !!!!! It was exhausting and at the same time frustrating. Thanks to many residents reporting their road conditions. Faulks Bros. were VERY busy with snow removal and sand/salt spreading. Our expenses for the 2012-2013 winter maintenance so far is \$115,082.45 The prior "nicer winter" 2011-2012 season was \$46,930.49.

The Town Board would like our residents know that **Cty Rd Q** is a **County Road** with any repair determined by the Waupaca County Highway Department. As of this date, repair work may be scheduled for 2016. Should you have any questions or concerns, please call Dean Steingraber, Commissioner, at (715)258-7152 or G. Robert Flease, Chair of Highway Committee at (920)982-2267. The Town Board thanks you for your support. Town road work will be determined after our road tour (when snow, ice and slush go away!) Residents will be notified via postcard when work will begin. We will also be crack filling various roads. Your cooperation with the workers is always appreciated.

Simpson Tree Service will again be trimming and cleaning up the Town roads right of way. School buses have called in areas where trees are actually hanging too low and should be cut back. The Town will adhere to the county's "visual clearance triangle" at intersections for drivers' safety.

Chain O' Lakes waters will again need your help in preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species, zebra mussels and VHS fish. For more information go to www.WaupacaLakeDistrict.com
Reminder of skiing hours: Rainbow, Round, Columbia, Long Lakes
 Monday, Friday - 10am - 4pm
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
 10am - 7pm
 Saturday, Sunday, Holidays
 10am - 2:30pm

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

The Town Planning Commission and Town Board is in the process of reviewing the land use and zoning maps of the town. If you have any questions regarding your properties intended "Land Use" or "Zoning" contact Chairman Dale Trinrud at 715-281-4803 or Ryan Brown, Waupaca County Planning and Zoning Director, at 715-258-6258. A Public Hearing will be held to finalize any amendments to land use and zoning. Notification will be published in the *Waupaca County Post West*. and posted at the Town Hall.

The Town of Farmington endorses the **"Pay-By-The-Bag"** garbage service provided by the **Recycling Center** at 601 Lakeside Pkwy (Cty K) Waupaca by having available **orange trash tags** for purchase. Tags are available in sheets of 5 at a cost of \$10.00 per sheet at the Town Hall.

The Town of Farmington currently oversees three cemeteries: **Barton, Salem, and Sheridan**. Sites are available for purchase at \$300.00 which includes Perpetual Care. Anyone interested can contact the Cemetery Secretary, Sandy Grenlie, at the Town Hall, 715-258-2779.



TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WISCONSIN
General Fund
 Detailed Comparison of Budgeted and Actual Revenues
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2012
 (With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended December 31, 2011)

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	Actual Prior Year Amount
Taxes					
General property taxes	\$ 651,317	\$ 651,317	\$ 651,291	\$ (26)	\$ 651,834
Woodland/forest crop/managed forest crop	-	-	2,826	2,826	2,826
Interest on taxes	-	-	5	5	38
Omitted taxes	-	-	-	-	585
Total Taxes	651,317	651,317	654,122	2,805	655,283
Intergovernmental					
State shared taxes	57,872	57,872	57,869	(3)	75,660
State aids					
Exempt computer aid	527	527	527	-	-
Fire insurance dues	13,182	13,182	13,794	612	13,182
Water patrol	2,500	2,500	3,445	945	2,664
Transportation	163,813	163,813	163,813	-	163,686
Managed forest lands	-	-	2,206	2,206	562
Municipal service aid	24,415	24,415	24,638	223	27,128
Managed forest lands	568	568	566	(2)	568
PILT - State conservation aid	289	289	289	-	289
PILT - Equiv. to property tax	315	315	327	12	314
Total Intergovernmental	263,481	263,481	267,474	3,993	284,053
Licenses and Permits					
Business and occupational licenses					
Liquor and malt beverages	5,675	5,675	5,675	-	5,675
Cigarette license fees	1,200	1,200	1,110	(90)	1,300
Dog licenses	2,500	2,500	2,362	(138)	2,326
Building permits	14,400	14,400	14,340	(60)	11,895
Cable franchise fees	25,000	25,000	27,371	2,371	26,466
Total Licenses and Permits	48,775	48,775	50,858	2,083	47,662
Fines and Forfeits	100	100	89	(11)	645
Public Charges for Services					
Clerk/treasurer fees	200	200	280	80	270
Liquor license advertising fees	120	120	110	(10)	110
Culverts and snowplowing	100	100	150	50	150
Cemetery lot and maintenance fees	1,200	1,200	4,500	3,300	4,800
W.V.H. street light reimbursement	650	650	536	(114)	538
Water patrol reimbursement	4,000	4,000	2,648	(1,352)	3,673
Fire sign fees	100	100	200	100	200
Total Public Charges for Services	6,370	6,370	8,424	2,054	9,741
Interest on Investments	10,500	10,500	8,582	(1,918)	13,258
Miscellaneous					
Insurance refund - landfill	48,000	48,000	48,000	-	320,000
Building Inspector Ed. Fund	800	800	825	25	690
Total Miscellaneous	48,800	48,800	48,825	25	320,690
Total Revenues	\$ 1,029,343	\$ 1,029,343	\$ 1,038,374	\$ 9,031	\$ 1,331,332

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Detailed Comparison of Budgeted and Actual Expenditures
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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	Actual Prior Year Amount
General Government					
Town Board	\$ 28,900	\$ 28,900	\$ 26,694	\$ 2,206	\$ 25,915
Legal	2,000	2,000	1,640	360	790
General administration	11,204	11,204	7,653	3,551	12,432
Elections	11,000	11,000	11,810	(810)	5,482
Accounting	5,795	5,795	5,770	25	5,625
Town clerk/treasurer	51,877	51,877	53,586	(1,709)	51,112
Assessor	21,500	21,500	21,795	(295)	16,240
Town hall maintenance	8,600	8,600	7,711	889	7,223
Employee life and disability insurance	7,605	7,605	6,825	780	7,673
Liability, property and worker's compensation insurance	10,000	10,000	10,247	(247)	8,936
Total General Government	158,481	158,481	153,731	4,750	141,428
Public Safety					
Law enforcement	11,700	11,700	7,354	4,346	9,638
Fire protection	101,960	101,960	102,279	(319)	104,022
Ambulance	47,484	47,484	47,484	-	46,970
Building Inspector	12,800	12,800	13,741	(941)	12,919
Total Public Safety	173,944	173,944	170,858	3,086	173,549
Public Works					
Highway maintenance	431,433	431,433	413,506	17,927	453,101
Highway marking and signing	25,000	25,000	14,339	10,661	21,312
Street lighting	25,550	25,550	24,991	559	24,961
Sanitary landfill	128,000	128,000	45,248	82,752	57,939
Recycling	11,603	11,603	11,680	(77)	11,422
Total Public Works	621,586	621,586	509,764	111,822	568,735
Culture and Recreation					
Parks and recreation	57,091	57,091	57,091	-	57,091
Fire works display	1,675	1,675	1,675	-	1,675
Senior Center	500	500	260	240	-
Historical society	500	500	500	-	-
Total Culture and Recreation	59,766	59,766	59,526	240	58,766
Health and Human Services					
Cemetery	9,900	9,900	8,035	1,865	9,820
Humane shelter/dog pound	2,166	2,166	1,214	952	1,448
Total Health and Human Services	12,066	12,066	9,249	2,817	11,268
Conservation and Development					
Comprehensive planning	500	500	430	70	137
Capital Outlay					
Office equipment	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	-
Town hall	2,000	2,000	-	2,000	-
Total Capital Outlay	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,029,343	\$ 1,029,343	\$ 903,558	\$ 125,785	\$ 953,883