

TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

News Letter

May 2012

TOWN OFFICIALS

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Regular Town Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7PM at the Community Center.

NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK:

- A recall **primary election** will be held **Tuesday, May 8th** for Governor and Lt. Governor and the **recall election** will be held **Tuesday, June 5th**.
- Open Book was held April 2. **Board of Review will be held May 14 from 4-6PM at the Community Center.** You must first have attended the Open Book session and spoken to an assessor before you can object to the assessment.
- The Town Plan Commission and Board of Supervisors would like feedback on opening all Town of Green Valley roads to **ATV use**. Please let a Plan Commission member or Town of Green Valley Board member know your opinion on this issue.
- The Town Board passed a policy stating that the Town of Green Valley will enforce **weight limits** on our roads the same dates as Shawano County enforces weight limits on the County roads.
- To save the Town some money, if you would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail only, please inform the Clerk by e-mailing her at jenerou@frontiernet.net
- Following are the UNAPPROVED minutes from the Annual Town meeting:

The Town of Green Valley met Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 7PM at the Community Center. There were 17 people present. Chairman Rudie called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Clerk Jenerou read the 2011 annual meeting minutes. *Motion by Bob Krause, second by Kermit Morris to approve the minutes as read. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

Treasurer Nygaard read the 2011 financial report printed in the Annual Report. Rudie stated that the 2011 financial report was available to everyone and asked if there were any questions or comments on it. *Motion by Wayne Evraets, second by John Davis to approve the financial report. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

New Business: There was discussion on setting the elected officials' salaries for the next term of office 4/2013-3/2015. Rudie stated that the electorate of the Town of Green Valley sets the elected officials salaries, and

normally there are only two electorate meetings a year, the annual meeting and the budget hearing. In order to formulate a more accurate budget, it makes sense to set the salaries for the next term's (4/13) elected officials at the annual meeting. The current salaries are: Clerk = \$18,540.00, Chairman = \$9,270.00, Treasurer = \$9,270.00, Supervisors = \$4,635.00 each; they were raised 3% effective 4/11. It was explained that according to the recommendation of the WI Towns Association (WTA), the Chairman's and Treasurer's salaries are to be equal, the Clerk's salary is to be double the Chairman's salary, and the Supervisors' salaries are to be half of the Chairman's salary. *Motion by Scott Schuda, second by Norbert Young to leave salaries the same for the next term. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

Old Business: Wetland Mitigation Site - Rudie stated that the Corps of Engineers dropped the ball and lost our plan, so we're still waiting for approval. Once the site is built we have to use the credits in 5 years, but our roads budget doesn't allow us to build all the roads in 5 years. Mary Nordin (engineer) was at our March Board meeting and explained that we may be able to ask for a waiver to just construct the wetlands on the roads we'd rebuild in the next 5 years. Discussion on just buying credits instead of building our own site; buying credits is very costly, so it's still less expensive to construct our own site.

Rudie explained that the Town owns a 40 acre landfill site where 5 acres of it was previously used as a dump. We have to maintain test wells there. There are access issues since the adjoining property was purchased. Attorney Van Sickel is working on an agreement to make sure the Town retains access to the landfill. No offers yet on purchasing the remaining 35 acres; the landfill sits right in the middle of the acreage.

Discussion on ATV use on Town roads. Plan Commission received a request to open a route on Shawano Line Road and has discussed this. Board is considering opening entire Town instead of adding a piece at a time. Town of Gillett which adjoins our north border has approved opening all their roads for ATV use. Rudie asked what residents think about this. Clerk will include this in the May newsletter and put on our website and ask for feedback.

Rudie stated that we are going to mirror Shawano County's road weight limits since they have more sophisticated ways to monitor the roads ability to hold weight. Clerk will include this in the May newsletter.

Bob Krause, County Board Supervisor, gave a report. The Pulcifer Park shelter has been built, and there is much more work to be done there on trails, landscaping, etc. A new County Board will be starting. The state is enforcing weight limits and giving fines. Shawano County gave permits to individuals to travel on a prescribed route. We are going to have to deal with heavy vehicles traveling on our roads too. The county is still researching the possibility of building an evidence room. There is an Interim Administrative Coordinator until they decide if a full time coordinator is needed. Bob again stated that if anyone has any questions or concerns for him to call him.

Other Business: Explanation that 2011 Wis Act 115 was passed and it now provides that the Town annual meeting date is the third Tuesday in April, and if held on that date no notice is needed. The Town annual meeting can be held within ten days of the third Tuesday in April only if that date is set at the previous annual meeting. Motion by Scott Schuda, second by Marlene Schuda to set next year's annual meeting date as the third Tuesday in April (4/16/13). All were in favor. Motion carried.

Rudie thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Motion by Scott Schuda, second by Wayne Evraets to adjourn at 7:50 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

NEWS FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK:

- Time for a spring newsletter. I will address road issues as I normally do. Field work is under way all across the town please be conscious of the mud left on the road when leaving the field. Please make every effort to clean it as soon as possible. If we receive a complaint we will call first and if that does not work we will contact the sheriffs dept.
- There is a need for ditch cleaning across the town so we will be addressing that as the summer goes on. We will also be doing the North mile of Green Valley Road. This will consist of grinding the existing pavement and then relaying over it. This is no longer considered a major road so the board feels this is adequate. There are three culverts that have been replaced on this road so far and one to go. Another issue we have is the age of our existing culverts. Many are 40 to 50 years old and starting to

deteriorate. We do try to look at all of them but if anyone is aware of one that needs attention, please let a board member know.

PLAN COMMISSION:

Regular meetings - first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Community Center

Members: Chairperson Bob Krause 745-6689, Secretary Carol Nygaard 745-6056, Brian Calaway 920-621-4314, and Gary Anderson 745-6761

- We have changed our meeting days to the 1st TUESDAY of each month. We will still meet at 7PM.
- Shawano Line Road from Hunt Road to Nass Lane is now open to ATV traffic.
- A reminder regarding field access permits and driveway permits: You need to contact Carol Nygaard @ 715-745-6056 to obtain a permit application. After the application is received along with the required fee, a Town Board and/or Plan Commission member(s) will view the site and give Carol their determination. You will then be issued a permit. If the permit is to be for a driveway, a copy of the Town Driveway Ordinance will be mailed with the permit application.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING:

***** Per Harter's Fox Valley Disposal- If a holiday falls in the week of our normal pickup before our normal pickup day (Wednesday), pickup will be pushed back one day (to Thursday).*****

(If you have questions on this, please call either Harter's Fox Valley Disposal or the Clerk.)

Garbage labels are \$1.00 each and can be purchased at the Lakeview Quick Mart (bp) in Cecil (on the hill on Hwy 117), Riverview Quick Mart (bp) in Oconto Falls, Cecil Lakeside Mobil, Take A Chance Bar (Advance), Rosie's Bar (Green Valley), any of the Board members, mail a check & SASE to the Clerk, at the Community Center on election days, at the Community Center before or after monthly Board meetings, when paying property taxes. You must place a green sticker from the Town of Green Valley on each clear 30-gallon garbage bag. Recyclables can be mixed in blue bags.

Large items in our Town are picked up the 3rd Thursday of each month. You must call Harter's Fox Valley Disposal at least one day prior to the 3rd Thursday pick-up to get on the pick-up list for that month. Some items require a fee to be picked up; call Harter's for information.

Harter's Fox Valley Disposal picks up garbage and recycling every other Wednesday.

Following is the garbage and recycling pickup schedule for the upcoming months:

May 16 & 31 June 13 & 27 July 11 & 25 August 8 & 22 September 6 & 19

(The following information was found on the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources website.)

Open Burning Guide for Individual Property Owners

What materials are individual property owners allowed to burn outdoors?

- *Where not prohibited by local ordinance*, leaf burning and burning of plant clippings and brush is allowed anywhere in the state, as long as weather conditions do not pose a fire hazard. However, **leaf burning is discouraged because of the air pollution it causes and because of the benefits of composting and mulching with these materials.**
- Individual homeowners may burn small quantities of dry combustible rubbish such as paper, cardboard and/or clean untreated wood. Again, local ordinance can override this allowance. This is especially true in populated areas such as southeastern Wisconsin, where most municipalities have banned or severely limited open burning. Paper and cardboard can now be recycled in all communities, and recycling is the best disposal method for these items.

In either case, be sure to contact your local fire authority before you start burning to find out if you need to obtain a burning permit.

What kinds of materials MAY NOT be burned by individual property owners?

The administrative rules of the Air Management and Waste Management Programs prohibit anyone from burning any of the following materials under any conditions:

- wet, combustible rubbish, such as wet cardboard or paper
- oily substances, such as oily or greasy rags, oil filters, etc.
- asphalt, such as asphalt shingles or tar paper
- plastics of any kind, including plastic bottles and plastic bags
- rubber products, including tires and hoses

These prohibitions apply to individual property owners (or renters) as well as to business and industry.

What can individuals do instead of burning household and yard wastes?

Instead of burning, the DNR recommends that you:

- **Reduce** usage--buy in bulk or larger quantities and demand less packaging on the products you buy.
- **Reuse** items--find someone else who can use it, have a yard sale, or donate it to a resale organization.
- **Recycle** newspaper, office paper, cardboard, corrugated cardboard, magazines, aluminum, metal and acceptable plastics.
- **Compost** leaves and plant clippings. Consult DNR [regional or service center staff](#), University of Wisconsin-Extension and your local government to find out whether local ordinances allow you to compost raw vegetables, bread, egg shells and coffee grounds.
- **Chip** brush and clean wood to make mulch or decorative chips, or use it as heating fuel in wood stoves or boilers.
- **Dispose** of allowable waste materials at a licensed landfill. For more information about what items may be disposed of at licensed landfills, contact the Recycling Program at your DNR [regional office or service center](#).

GREEN VALLEY-MORGAN FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The Early Spring

As usual, springtime usually means wildland fires for the fire service and even though we haven't had much snow or rain, as of the end of April we have not had any calls for wildland fires in 2012! That means we owe a huge thank you to all of our residents for taking the DNR warnings seriously and just using common sense when you burn outside. Our friend, Smokey Bear, also says "Thank You" to everyone! Throughout the summer, we can still have threatening conditions for wildfires.

- ✓ Check the local fire danger conditions per the DNR. Although DNR burning permits are only required for the Town of Morgan and not for the Town of Green Valley, we urge you to check the fire danger map at the following web site <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestFire/restrictions.asp>. The DNR updates this map daily at 10:00 a.m. You can also call 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) for daily restrictions or refer to the signs posted by any DNR Ranger station.
- ✓ Use common sense and plan ahead. Tend to your fire at all times.
- ✓ Please use common courtesy with fireworks and campfires during your summer celebrations so everyone can enjoy the nice summer evenings.

The Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company has been working hard to continue with the MABAS program. Both Oconto County and Shawano County have just a few more steps to complete before we are up and running as a MABAS Division, with Oconto County anticipating being on-line in the fall of 2012. The MABAS system is designed to work statewide, however each county is designated as a MABAS Division and has its own board of directors for the operations of that division. The next step is to have a 'Card Party', where we get a few people from each fire department and ambulance service in the county together at one time. At the card party, each agency decides what to put on their cards. For example, if Green Valley – Morgan has a barn fire, which department do we want to respond first, and which truck(s) should they bring? If we still need more water after our first call for help, which department are we going to call next, and what should they bring? If there is a large wildland fire in Green Valley without DNR protection, what is our first choice for help? If that wildland fire involves structures, who is going to fight the fire, who is going to protect the structures, and who is going to haul water? If it's an all-nighter, where can we get food for the responders and fuel for the trucks? These decisions need to be done for any variety of emergency that might arise, even the inevitable "What if a 747 jet lands in the middle of the elementary school?" All of these decisions are written

on “cards” that are kept in the dispatch center. This pre-planning of incidents will save time in the decision making process on the scene and remedy the situation quicker and with less confusion. Again, these card parties occur with everyone at the table and agreeing to send the requested equipment to the neighbors to help them. MABAS is designed so that every resident of every township in each county will always have emergency services, even though there is a large incident happening just a few short miles down the road. It worked in Pulaski and we are going to make it work here.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, August 11, 2012!** This is our annual Firefighters’ Picnic at the fire station in Green Valley. We moved our date to the *second Saturday in August* because of too many conflicts in the area. It’s also the same day as the tractor pulls in town. This is the perfect time to come and see the fire station, look at all of our equipment, including our newest truck which was delivered last October, and meet your firefighters and neighbors! We will begin serving food at 10:00 a.m. and we have live music all afternoon! In the evening from 7 p.m. – 11 p.m., Renegade will be entertaining us. They are a local band from the Abrams area and they play a variety of music. We will have waterfights at 3:00 p.m. (registration 2:30p.m.) and the kids pedal tractor pull is at 3:30p.m. If you have any suggestions or comments that you think would improve our picnic, please forward them to any firefighter and they will be discussed at upcoming meetings. Any donations and help for our picnic is more than welcome and greatly appreciated; just contact any firefighter for more information and any answers to your questions. We are selling raffle tickets again, but we changed our format from past years. This year we are selling the tickets for \$20/each, but we are only selling 250 of them! Also, look for our posters around the area. We look forward to seeing you on August 11!

STAY SAFE...

HISTORY COMMITTEE:

Meetings as needed

History Committee Members: Kaye Rundquist, 853-4012, or 920-822-8140, Janice Wendt, 745-2526, Esther & Kermit Morris, 745-6540, Helen Montie, 920-855-2286, and Arbutus Schneider, 745-6324

The few remaining copies of the History Committee’s second book, *Town of Green Valley, A Glimpse into Our Past* will be available during the 2012 elections. Cost is \$15.00 each. Add \$5.00 for mailing, if you want a copy mailed to you. Please do not wait too long, as any reprints of either of the books become cost and design prohibitive. **A reminder:** if you are looking for a copy of the first book, *Town of Green Valley, A Look Back*, you should check out the area Libraries and Garage Sales.

Did You Know:

The motion picture “***Thunder***” was partially filmed during the severe winter in March of 1929 in Green Valley and surrounding area? This film starred Lon Chaney and is officially classified as “lost”. 5 minutes of fragmented footage turned up in the late 1990’s. [from Lon Chaney/MGM website & Ron Chaney (great-grandson of star)

Thank you to **Barb Kasch** of *Morgan Historical Society*, for her reference to Green Valley History Committee as the inspiration to Town of Morgan beginning its own History Committee, in her interview on the Oconto radio station. It’s always nice to have our efforts appreciated and acknowledged.

Thank you to **Bob & Kaye Rundquist** for the *photo display of WWII aircraft*, and the photo of a *mid 1960’s Wisconsin Supreme Court*.

Thank you to **Verna Peterson** for the *Farmers Elevator Cooperative magnet*.

Any information on **Company D Headquarters 30th Medical Battalion, Camp Grant Illinois in 1944?** Please let us know. Picture on loan from the Rundquists.

Do you know of any connection with the *CCC Ghost Creek Camp in Clam Lake, WI* from September 1933? Check out the picture in the History Room, on loan from Bob & Kaye Rundquist. If you have any information on this camp, or can identify any people in the picture, please let us know.



Press Gazette article on Alex Majeski and his Pottery from 01/13/2010

Thanks to Alex for the article copy now on display
in History Room at Community Center

GREEN VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT #1:

Regular meeting the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM as posted. District Board: President – Julie Brown 920-680-7508; Secretary – Lisa Bergner, 715-851-2288; Treasurer – Janice Wendt, 715-745-2526

If you have questions or issues with the Green Valley Sanitary District, you should contact the Sanitary District Board as listed above.

CAN COLLECTION SITE: The can collection site is located at **Harry Leib Memorial Park** in the community of Green Valley. Proceeds from this fund go to upkeep and upgrades for the town parks, including equipment. The Town Treasurer can tell you the balance in this fund.