

TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

News Letter

May 2013

TOWN OFFICIALS

Chair: Arl Rudie 715-745-2102

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Fire Chief: Leonard Wahl 920-373-3308

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

NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK:

- Watch for more information posted on the Town posting boards (located at the Community Center in Advance, Fire Station in Pulcifer & Cluster Mailboxes in Green Valley) and posted on the Town website on the upcoming dates that **Open Book and Board of Review** will be held. If you have any questions concerning your taxable real or personal property valuation, attend the Open Book session held by Accurate Appraisal, LLC where you can meet individually with one of the appraisers. ***The Town is required to perform a revaluation this year, therefore, Open Book and Board of Review will be held later this summer.***

- **Good News – The gas station in Krakow (Route 32) is open again and is selling garbage labels.**

- Following are the UNAPPROVED minutes from the Annual Town meeting:

The Town of Green Valley met Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 7PM at the Community Center. There were 15 people present. Chairman Rudie called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Clerk Jenerou read the 2012 annual meeting minutes. *Motion by Bob Krause, second by Scott Schuda to approve the minutes as read. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

Treasurer Nygaard read the 2012 financial report printed in the Annual Report. Rudie stated that the 2012 financial report was available to everyone and asked if there were any questions or comments on it. *Motion by Marlene Schuda, second by Kermit Morris to approve the financial report. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

New Business: Nathan Popp from Harter's Fox Valley Disposal was at the meeting and explained garbage/recycling pickup options. He also had their largest garbage cart along to show what we would get if the town decided to go to that option; it adds more cost if we go to carts. Nathan confirmed that our garbage and recycling are taken to the Shawano Landfill. The Town's revenue from the DNR's recycling grant and the sale of garbage stickers only covers about 40% of our garbage/recycling costs; the remaining cost is paid out of our tax

levy. If costs continue to rise and levy limit caps remain, we may have to charge a special assessment for garbage on taxes; most municipalities already charge this. After discussion on carts, stickers, usage, costs, etc., and advisory vote was taken: 1) switch to carts – 2 votes, 2) continue using our current system of stickers on bags with no carts – 8 votes, 3) add special assessment for garbage pickup to taxes – 0 votes. Nathan did state that any resident can rent a cart from Harters if they want to use a cart to contain and transport their garbage for pickup. Our residents would still have to use our stickers also.

Rudie stated that we are considering another round of water testing in our Town as some wells have tested high for arsenic and positive for e-coli, nitrates and bacteria. We will check on prices to offer this to our residents.

Old Business: Wetland Mitigation Site - Rudie stated that we accepted an offer to buy that land; we are waiting to close on it. We will use the funds from the sale to purchase the necessary credits to finish Shawano Line Road and Carroll Road.

We sold, and already closed on, a portion of the landfill site; we retained the land the test wells are on.

The issue of ATV routes in our Town will go back to the Plan Commission to further research.

Bob Krause, County Board Supervisor, gave a report. The County Board did finally approve a 7200 sq. ft. evidence storage building. The project is approved, but the borrowing is not approved yet.

Other Business: Explanation that per 2011 Wis Act 115 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. Decided to leave next year's annual meeting date as the third Tuesday in April (4/15/14).

Rudie thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Motion by Scott Schuda, second by Wayne Evraets to adjourn at 7:45 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

NEWS FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK:

- We are preparing for spring roadwork if spring ever shows up. We are in the process of finishing both Shawano Line Road and Carroll Road. A few more permits and we will be ready to do the work.
- We have sold both the mitigation site on Busch Road and part of the former landfill site.
- We are preparing to reconstruct the north mile of Plier Road. That also requires a permit process which we have already started.
- We will be brush cutting and patching roads in the near future.
- Remember as you plant to leave the vision on the corners. Once again I will remind those of you who plant crops to respect the road right of way and not plant it.

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK:

If you own a dog, and you have not purchased your **2013 dog license**, please do so immediately! Please forward a current rabies certificate and the appropriate fee to:

Town of Green Valley Treasurer
N7211 River Heights Lane
Cecil, WI 54111

Fees are as follows: spayed or neutered = \$3.00, not spayed or neutered = \$8.00 Thank you.

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, Gary Anderson 745-6761, Marlene Schuda 715-745-6351, and Vince VandeHey 920-899-3801.

- We are studying rezoning the Town into the state's new Farmland Preservation program; this new program is much different than the former state program. Tim Reed, Shawano County's Planning &

Development Director, was at our Town Board meeting on April 10th where he provided handouts and answered questions about the program. We encourage all interested persons to attend an **informational meeting about the Farmland Preservation Program on Monday, May 13th at 7PM at our Community Center**. Tim Reed, will again be present to provide information and answer questions. See you there.

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: Route 32 (Krakow), 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), the Bullpen Bar (Pulcifer) 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. Call Harters for prices on cart rentals; stickers are still required with cart use.

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 15 & 30 June 12 & 26 July 10 & 24 August 7 & 21 September 5 & 18

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

Did You Know?

- * Recycling 10,000 tons of waste creates 36 jobs, while landfilling 10,000 tons of waste creates 6 jobs.
- * Construction and demolition waste, including asphalt shingles, makes up about 21% of the waste going to WI landfills.
- * If we recycled all the cell phones retired each year, we would save enough energy to power 18,500 homes for a year.

5 Things you can do to Reduce your waste in 2013

1. Go out of your way to **recycle at least 1 item each day**. If you're away from home and there's nowhere to recycle your empty plastic bottle (or other recyclable), carry it with you until you have access to recycling.
2. For one week, focus on **reducing waste in your buying habits**. Pay attention to the packaging of the products you buy regularly, and try to buy products with recyclable packaging or packaging with minimal waste.
3. Set up a **system in your home to make recycling easier**, and teach it to everyone in the household. Here are some ideas: put a bin for recycling next to each trash can. Set up a designated place to put items for donation. Keep a large basket in a popular spot where junk mail, magazines, and other mixed paper can all be collected for recycling. Or create a new system that works for you!
4. Challenge yourself to a **zero waste day**. In other words, try to go 1 whole day without throwing anything in the trash. Focus on reducing the waste you create, and reuse, recycle or compost what you want to dispose of. Once you make it through 1 day, try doing it on a monthly or weekly basis.

5. Each month, **replace 1 disposable item you use with a reusable version.** Here are some ideas to start with: Refillable water bottles, a travel coffee mug (have them fill it when you buy coffee away from home), a stainless steel coffee filter, rechargeable batteries, reusable shopping bags, and refillable ink cartridges. Challenge yourself to replace something new every month.

GREEN VALLEY-MORGAN FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Is Spring finally here?

I'm sure most of us have been waiting for Spring to get here for some time now. The warm weather and green grass are some things that most of us are looking forward to, but with the warm weather usually comes a few grass fires, or in the new terminology, "wildland fires". The Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company would like to just give you a few reminders on wildland fire safety before you decide to burn:

- ✓ Check the local fire danger conditions per the DNR. Although DNR burning permits are available 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 11:00 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.
- ✓ Check the nearby weather forecast. The weather may be perfect at the time you plan to burn, but remember that there are always a few embers that continue to smolder. If the wind picks up right after you burn, those embers could be all it takes to start a wildland fire.
- ✓ Please remember to always make sure your fire is completely out before leaving the area.

Also, the Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company would ask that you contact the Sheriff's Department to report that you are going to have a 'controlled burn'; just give them the location and time you plan to burn. (Do not call 911, use the non-emergency line.) We have had several calls in the past that have been reported by cell phone users driving by and they result in a false alarm. If you do see a fire, please stop and check to see if someone is tending to the fire. If there is no one watching the fire, then please call it in and we will respond to remedy the situation.

Please be safe on the roads! Farm machinery will be traveling on all of the roads again soon and at all times of the day and night. Some of those machines are quite large so we ask that you share the roadways with them! Also remember that some of the vehicles could be carrying hazardous chemicals and/or large amounts of fuel. Please be courteous as they do their jobs!

The annual **Green Valley – Morgan Firefighters Picnic will be held on August 10, 2013.** Food will be available beginning at noon. The truck and tractor pulls will be taking place on the other side of Green Valley, behind P&C Sanitation (former site of Farmers Elevator). We will have a pedal tractor pull at 3:30, with prizes given to all who participate! Arcade games sponsored by BayTek and live music will be happening all day! We will also have the Safety House from Oconto Fire and Rescue again for everyone to see and experience. Renegade will be performing in the evening, from 7 – 11 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase from any firefighter for \$20 each. We are only selling 250 tickets! Please come and join us for a day of fun with friends and family! This is one whole day where all of our

firefighters are present and we want you to come and see what your fire service is all about! Anyone interested in joining the fire service is welcome to talk to any of our firefighters at any time.

Our thoughts and prayers are for those emergency personnel who paid the ultimate price in West, Texas and in Boston, MA. We hope and pray that sort of thing doesn't happen in Green Valley or Morgan, but rest assured that your emergency services are prepared!

Enjoy the warm weather and stay safe.....see you August 10!

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

Did you know: April 8, 1948 – Pulcifer: Pulcifer Young Men beat the Advance Cards in the finals of the Lutheran Dart Ball League tournament, held at the Gillett Legion Arcade. *How nice that both teams in the finals that year were located in the Town of Green Valley.*

[Information from the Gillett Times]

Do you: have any information about the **Hof Land Company**? They were the original purchasers of much of the land north of Green Bay, including the entire Green Valley area. We have some information on the beginning parcels they dealt with, but would appreciate anything further you may have. Thank you.

Thank you: Ron & Pat Temple for documenting the take down of the *Pulcifer Feed Mill*. We appreciate you making this information and the pictures available to us. This was an important part of the history of the Town, and the community of Pulcifer.

Additional corrections: second book, Town of Green Valley, A Glimpse into Our Past

Thanks to Lynn Czech, formerly Kruse, for her help in identifying these corrections! We apologize for the errors. These corrections and additions are still for the school in community of Green Valley; Page 12 under schools:

GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL – GRADES 1 – 8 1961

Teacher = Mrs. Velda Jung

Row 1: George Kruse, Mike Kruse, Clem Jagodzinski, Robert Rehn, Dennis Davis, Phillip Winski, Allen Lotto

Row 2: Kathy Kruse, Carol Funk, ?????, Patsy Funk, Cindy Davis, Marsha Jagodzinski, Linda Kruse

Row 3: Merlyn Schultz, Doug Rehn, Tom Jagodzinski, Roger Jagodzinski, Holly Wolf, Barb Funk, Sandy Rehn

Row 4: Mrs. Jung, Wallace Wendt, Maurice Rehn, Roy Berg, Gloria Rehn, Ricarda Jagodzinski, Kathy Davis, Jim Jagodzinski

Courtesy of Cornelia Davis additional identifications via Lynn Czech (Linda Kruse)

9 copies of Town of Green Valley, A Glimpse into Our Past remain available. Cost is \$15.00 each. Contact a member of the committee if you want a copy. Copies Town of Green Valley, A Look Back, are only available at area Libraries and Garage Sales.

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.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION MEETING

*Monday, May 13th at 7PM at the
Community Center in Advance*

- Opportunity to ask questions and get information on the State's new program.
- Tim Reed, Shawano County's Planning & Development Director will be present to answer questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO ATTEND!