

# TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

News Letter

May 2018

## **TOWN OFFICIALS**

Chair: Arl Rudie 715-853-5001

Clerk: Janalee Jenerou 715-745-2699

Supervisors: Gary Uelmen 715-745-2982, Terry Tipton 715-853-1555

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Animal Control: Gary Uelmen 715-745-2982

Plan Commission: Chair: Bob Krause 715-853-6969, Secretary: Carol Nygaard 715-745-6056

Members: Gary Anderson 715-853-5869, Marlene Schuda 715-745-6351,

Wanda Nischke 715-584-2647

Building Inspector Coordinator: Tom Smith Inspections, LLC 920-655-1735

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Harter's Fox Valley Disposal: 715-253-2619 or 888-804-8556

Green Valley Sanitary District President: Corey Bristol 920-619-6846

Assessor: Accurate Appraisal, LLC 920-749-8098 or 800-770-3927

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:**

- **Open Book will be held Thursday, May 24 from 12-2 pm** at the Community Center. 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.
- **Board of Review will be held Wednesday, June 13 from 4-6 pm** at the Community Center. Please attend the Open Book session and speak to an assessor before you object to the assessment.
- In order to continue to receive an annual DNR recycling grant, we must meet a specific recycling tonnage per year. It is **very important that all residents recycle** or we won't receive that money from the state!
- Following are the **UNAPPROVED minutes from the Annual Town meeting:**  
The Town of Green Valley met Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 7PM at the Community Center. There were 14 people present (including 1 non-voting member).

Chairman Rudie called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Clerk Jenerou read the 2017 annual meeting minutes. *Motion by Marlene Schuda, second by Scott Schuda to approve the minutes as read. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

Treasurer Nygaard read the 2017 financial report printed in the Annual Report. Rudie stated that the 2017 financial report was available to everyone and asked if there were any questions or comments on it. *Motion by Bob Krause, second by Wayne Evraets to approve the financial report. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

New Business: There have been issues with garbage/recycling pick up, so the Board again asked a representative from Harters Fox Valley Disposal to present info on garbage & recycling carting options. If we decided to use carts, Harters would provide one 95 gallon cart labeled for garbage and one 95 gallon cart labeled for recycling to each resident. Harters has many towns, cities and villages contracted with them, and we are one of the few that does not already use carts. The goal is to make it easy for the resident to collect, store and put their garbage & recycling out, and it will be more efficient for the route driver to automatically dump the carts. Harters experience has been that using carts decreases garbage and increases recycling. We need increase our recycling tonnage or we're at risk of losing our annual DNR Recycling Grant. Harters carts are sturdy & they will fix minor cart problems. If a resident has more than will fit in one 95 gallon cart, the resident could purchase another cart & be charged accordingly. This would cost an additional \$13/year/resident but Harters would waive the fee increase until our contract renews 1/1/19. They would order the carts for us now and it would take about a month to get them. We could start using the carts now but be charged no fee increase until 2019. This issue will be put on the May Town Board meeting agenda.

Discussion on setting the elected officials' salaries for the next term of office 4/2019-3/2021. 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 (4/19) elected officials at the annual meeting. The current salaries are: Clerk = \$19,026.20, Chairman = \$9,548.10, Treasurer = \$9,548.10, Supervisors = \$4,774.05 each; they were last raised 3% effective 4/17. 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 Bob Krause, second by Wayne Evraets to increase all elected officials salaries by 3% effective 4/2019. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

Discussion on adjusting property values of properties affected by ATC lines going through them. Suggestion that the Town discuss this issue with our assessor prior to each affected property owner questioning this at Open Book.

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.

Motion by Bob Krause, second by Scott Schuda to set next year's annual meeting date as the third Tuesday in April (4/16/19). All were in favor. Motion carried.

*Motion by Wayne Evraets, second by Tim Bulger to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

## **NEWS FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK:**

- I trust that by now we have all recovered from the storm of the century in April. We have fairly new equipment and it performed very well. The problem was the sheer amount of snow. We removed snow as rapidly as we could but trucks do not move 5 feet of snow when it covers the entire road. Dan Gumieny worked with our crew using an end loader to make the initial pass to open the road and we then used trucks to make it passable. Tim Bulger also used his tractor to open roads. Thank You to everyone else that also stepped up and helped their neighbors and community out! I sincerely hope we never experience another snowstorm like that.
- We are planning **road work** for the summer of 2018. We are going to widen Church Road from Green Valley Road to Cty Hwy BB. Survey work has already been done, but this project will start about July 1 after Brunch on the Farm.
- **Shawano County's Brunch on the Farm** will be held at Wagner Farms on June 24<sup>th</sup>. These events are always informative with a good meal to go with it. Hope to see you all there.

- We are also having an issue with **garbage pick up**. Folks claiming their garbage was not picked up and the route driver insisting she went by and there was no garbage out. We are going to try and remedy this with a picture. Now digital phones take pictures with date and time imprinted on the picture. Harters begins our pick up very early in the morning; they request garbage be put out by 5:30am or the night before if possible. If you do not have your garbage out early, it will be missed. We will have a picture of the first stops that tell us when she began pick up in our town. The hope is this will help remedy the situation.
- A representative from Harters Fox Valley Disposal was at our Annual Meeting and presented information on our town going to carts for garbage and recycling. This option has been discussed for the past several years. Harters has many towns, cities and villages contracted with them, and we are one of the few that does not already use carts. Each resident would get one 95 gallon cart labeled for garbage and one 95 gallon cart labeled for recycling from Harters. This would cost an additional \$13/year/resident. The goal is to make it easy for the resident to collect, store and put their garbage & recycling out, and it will be more efficient for the route driver to automatically dump the carts.

### **NEWS FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK:**

- Second half of the 2017 property taxes are due to the SHAWANO COUNTY TREASURER **on or before July 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please visit the Shawano County website for more information - <http://www.co.shawano.wi.us/departments/?department=75a158d7ca20>

**PLAN COMMISSION:** Regular meetings - first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Community Center Members: Chairperson Bob Krause 853-6969, Secretary Carol Nygaard 745-6056, Gary Anderson 715-853-5869, Marlene Schuda 715-745-6351, Wanda Nischke 715-584-2647.

- The Plan Commission continues to review the Comprehensive Plan.
- Reminder - you **must request a field access permit in advance of receiving one**; this is for all culverts you intend to install. The request has to be made preferably at least a week in advance. The information needed is the road name, direction of the side of the road you intend to put the culvert on, the name of the nearest intersecting road and the distance to the nearest intersecting road. Please call Carol Nygaard 715-745-6056 for the request with all of the above information. This also applies to driveway permits. Driveway permits will also need to be staked where the driveway is intended to start.

### **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 garbage/recycling pickup, please call Harter's Fox Valley Disposal.

- Garbage should be placed in clear 30-gallon garbage bags.
- **Effective January 1, 2019, recyclables must be placed loosely in a recycling container for roadside pick-up.**
- Call Harters for prices on cart rentals.

Large items in our Town are picked up every other Wednesday opposite weeks of garbage pick-up. You must call Harter's Fox Valley Disposal at least one day prior to the Wednesday large item pick-up to get on the pick-up list for that day. 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 9 & 23**

**June 6 & 20**

**July 5 & 18**

**Aug 1, 15 & 29**

**Sept 12 & 26**

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

**Ready for a new refrigerator or freezer?**

Focus on Energy offers a program to pick up your old unit for free, recycle it and send you a \$35 check. Appliances must be working. Single family residences or multi-family apartments of 3 or fewer units are eligible. There is a limit of two per household per year. Focus on Energy has recycled almost 65,000 units since 2012. [Focusonenergy.com/appliance](http://Focusonenergy.com/appliance)

## **GREEN VALLEY-MORGAN FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Springtime....or not??

Well, the old saying, "If you don't like the weather now, just wait 5 minutes and it will change" couldn't be any truer than it is this year. We've gone from a full blown blizzard to 60+ degrees in less than a week. Many farms throughout the area suffered damage from the weight of the snow on the barn roofs. Some of the more fortunate people were able to save their barns before they collapsed. The more unfortunate farmers lost cattle. And it's sure that there are other losses that people have suffered as well, all due to the "100 year" blizzard. It's hard to put a price on the losses, but the Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company tried to help in any way we could, as did many fire departments around the area, by helping remove snow from barns that could be saved. One of the more positive things from the blizzard is that neighbors still help neighbors, and this was evident time and time again as we all fought through the storm and cleaned up afterwards. **Thank you all for sticking together and helping each other out!**

With that being said, we're not sure which 'season' of **fire safety** to cover, so here's a condensed list of things to keep in mind for the next few months:

- ✓ When doing outdoor burning, be careful not to get stuck in that snowbank in your yard, and check the local fire danger conditions per the DNR. DNR burning permits are required for the Town of Morgan (check the regulations on their web site or call them for more info), but not for the Town of Green Valley. We urge everyone 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. after Smokey Bear comes out of hibernation. You can also call 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) for daily restrictions, or refer to the signs posted by any DNR Ranger station. If there is 3 ft. of snow cover, you probably won't need a burning permit, but please call the Sheriff's Department using the non-emergency phone line to let them know when you are planning to do a controlled burn.  
Shawano County 715-526-3111      Oconto County 920-834-6900
- ✓ Please use common courtesy with fireworks and campfires during your summer celebrations so that everyone can enjoy the nice summer evenings, and be sure to clear snow and ice away from any vents to the outside of your home, camper, or tent to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
- ✓ Please try to keep your driveway(s) clear of deep snow and ice, and then you may continue roasting marshmallows over the campfire that you've been watching the whole time, making sure the kids and pets stay far away from the fire while watching those cool fireworks!
- ✓ Check the nearby weather forecast – this is definitely Wisconsin! The weather may be perfect at the time you plan to burn or go snowshoeing, but it can change within a matter of minutes. Wind-blown embers could easily start a wildfire, given the right conditions.
- ✓ Always be prepared with a can of bug spray, a snow brush, a bottle of sunscreen, some warm boots and blankets, motorcycle helmets, a snow shovel, and a bottle of water.

- ✓ Please give the farmers lots of room on the roadways this year, as they are behind schedule after trying to dig their equipment out of the snowdrifts. And always keep a lookout for motorcycles, snowmobiles, deer, turkeys, mosquitoes, and wood ticks!

Our new firehouse in Pulcifer is almost complete! As soon as we can finish the driveway and a little bit of landscaping, we'll have a fire truck over there again!! If anyone is interested in seeing our new firehouse, please contact any one of our firefighters. We can always use more help, so if you are at all interested or just want to find out what the fire service is all about, please reach out to us!

The annual **Green Valley – Morgan Firefighters Picnic will be held on August 11, 2018 from noon to 11:00 pm**. We currently have tickets for sale (\$10 each) for the gun/cash raffle. The drawing is held at 9 pm, however you do not need to be present to win. You can purchase a ticket(s) from any firefighter or you can visit the various businesses in Green Valley and Morgan and surrounding communities. Our evening band this year is “Star Six Nine”, who will be performing from 7:30 – 11:00 pm. There will be a car/tractor show beginning at noon; we'll be giving away bicycles to some lucky kids; there will be a kids bucket brigade and pedal tractor pull in the afternoon; we will have a bounce house for the kids; DJ Zack Bunn will be entertaining in the afternoon; and there will be arcade games all day long! There will be raffles going all day long as well with some great prizes. We will be serving chicken booyah, brats, hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos and cheese, desserts, Sundrop Slushies, and refreshments throughout the day and evening (carry-ins are not allowed). There is no charge for admission, so please come to Green Valley to support your local fire company! We have several new members that joined within the past year, so come and say ‘Hi’ to all the firefighters.

*Until next time, stay safe and enjoy the Wisconsin weather!*

## **HISTORY COMMITTEE:**

Kaye Rundquist 715-853-4012 or 920-822-8140, Helen Montie 920-855-2286, Kermit & Esther Morris 745-6540  
**\*\*\*Please note:** Your Town needs person or persons to takeover History preservation for your Town. Please contact Kaye Rundquist, Janalee Jenerou or a Town Board member if you can help or have questions. Please consider this need.

Following is information about another area of our Town: **The Community of Green Valley**

Visiting the community of Green Valley today makes it hard to believe at one time there was so much activity it was hard to find a place to tie your horse. People settled in or around the little settlement before the 1870's. Built on a part of the Herman Bohm farm, the community of Green Valley had a variety of businesses to satisfy the demands of the logging and agriculture industries.

Land was made available to the public via companies like the J.J.Hof Land Company. Loggers transported their ‘harvest’ via teams of horses and log sleds to be shipped out by rail or used by the various sawmills within the community. As the forests were logged, agriculture grew.

General stores, blacksmith shops, taverns, barbershops, butcher shops, churches, banks & schools were all needed to satisfy the demands of more and more people. In addition harness shops, blacksmith shops and implement shops sold a variety of farm needs.

There were sawmills in the community of Green Valley before there were sawmills in the surrounding areas. The 1908 forest fires doomed these sawmills. By 1912, a cycle of growth ended & a period of stagnation began; though it did continue to see periods of prosperity. At its peak, the community of Green Valley had 3 lumber mills, 2 hotels, a bank, a dance hall, 3 taverns, blacksmith shop, 3 hardware stores, grocery store, gas station, 2 barbershops, meat market, pickle factory, the elevator, and a Post Office. While the community of Green Valley remains, it is far different from the prosperous community it once was.

**\*\*\*Please note:** Your Donations of pictures and items of interest from the Town's past are appreciated. All items in the History Room at the Community Center have been donated or are on loan to the Town to help

preserve our past.

While you can review copy of the Town's history books at your local library, Helen Montie (920-855-2286) still has a few copies of the second book. You can call Helen to reserve your copy.

### **GREEN VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT #1:**

**Regular meeting the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the GV Fire Department Building unless posted otherwise.**

District Board: President – Corey Bristol, [920-619-6846](tel:920-619-6846); Treasurer - Peggy Peotter, [920-619-6847](tel:920-619-6847);  
Secretary - Lisa Bergner, [715-851-2288](tel:715-851-2288);

### **KRAKOW SANITARY DISTRICT:**

**Regular meeting the first Monday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Sanitary plant.**

**District Board:** Treasurer – Bud Brzezinski, 920-899-3607 (call regarding bills & balances);

Board Secretary – Scott Cooper, 920-366-1945 (call regarding overflow or backup issues);

President of Board of Commissioners – Dan Cota, 920-899-3652 (call regarding connection & disconnection issues & all other issues not listed)

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

