

TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

News Letter

May 2019

TOWN OFFICIALS

Chair: Terry Tipton 715-853-1555

Clerk: Janalee Jenerou 715-745-2699

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

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

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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:

- Thank You to everyone that voted at the Spring Election on April 2nd; we had 236 voters with 81% voting on the machines. We welcome Terry Tipton as our new Town Chair and Brandon Nygaard as a Supervisor.
- Arl Rudie chose not to run for re-election this year. We extend a big **Thank You to Arl for his 20 years of dedicated service to the Town of Green Valley!** We surprised Arl with a gift & refreshments after the Town's Annual Meeting on April 16th.



- **Open Book will be held Monday, June 3 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 19 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.
- Following are the **UNAPPROVED minutes from the Annual Town meeting:**

The Town of Green Valley met Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 7PM at the Community Center. There were 36 people present (including 11 non-voting members).

Chairman Rudie called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He then thanked the Board for working together the past 20 years that he served as Chair and passed the meeting over to the new Chairman, Terry Tipton.

Clerk Jenerou read the 2018 annual meeting minutes. *Motion by Marlene Schuda, second by Tim Bulger to approve the minutes as read. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

Treasurer Nygaard read the 2018 financial report printed in the Annual Report. Tipton stated that the 2018 financial report was available to everyone and asked if there were any questions or comments on it. *Motion by Scott Schuda, second by Carol Nygaard to approve the financial report. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

New Business: Discussion on garbage/recycling pick up and carts.
Suggestion to place a garbage receptacle at the park in Green Valley.

Tipton stated that the Board will be doing the annual road tour on 4/24 to determine road and sign conditions & needs; this is open to anyone that wants to come along. We'd like to redo Busch Road and put the 2nd coat of blacktop on Shawano Line Road but the roads tour will determine priorities.

Tipton stated that Shawano County is working on revising their ATV/UTV ordinance, so we're waiting to revise ours to mirror the countys.

Tipton stated Open Book will be held June 3rd from 12-2pm & Board of Review will be held June 19th from 4-6pm.

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 (4/21/20). All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Marlene Schuda, second by Claudette Tipton to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

NEWS FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK:

- First off Thank You to the residents that turned out to vote, and Thank You to Arl for 20 years as Chairman. With this being the first time in 20 years that we have a new Chairman, some things may be different but I will address things as needed with everyone's best interest in mind. Currently we have no dramatic changes in mind, we do intend to continue to use available funds to maintain and improve town roads. This will be done with input from Gary and Brandon, you the residents, and of course mother nature will have her demands.
- With spring coming soon, remember to consider the larger vehicles don't move as quickly and easily as your personal vehicle. There will be some mud on the roads at times and I am sure the responsible parties will clean up daily, be patient!

- We completed the annual road tour on 4/24/19. We determined the changes of the road surfaces that will get reported to the DOT by way of the WISLR system. We will also use this to understand our highest priorities.
- Open Book will be June 3rd from 12-2pm. Should you be wanting to question your assessment, this is the time to meet with the assessor and question the value. This is a **MUST DO** step if you wish to pursue it further to a Board of Review which will be held June 19 from 4-6pm.
- Shawano County is in the process of creating an ATV/UTV ordinance since the State of Wisconsin has legislation allowing these on the roads. Our current ordinance has been discussed and it was voted to leave it as is until the Shawano County Ordinance is created to try to have the Green Valley ordinance similar to avoid public confusion.
- EMS week is May 19 thru May 25. Thank your EMS personnel for being there when needed day or night!
Have a Safe Spring!

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK:

- Second half of the 2018 property taxes are due to the SHAWANO COUNTY TREASURER **on or before July 31st**. 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.

- Please remember you must apply for a field access permit application and/or driveway permit application prior to receiving the permit. You will not be issued a field access and or driveway permit until the Plan Commission secretary has the application and fee payment and your site has been viewed by a member of the Town Board of Supervisors and or the Plan Commission Chairman. You will not be issued a permit the day you request one.
- The Plan Commission will be reviewing and possibly updating the Town's ATV/UTV ordinance after the County has updated their ATV/UTV ordinance. It is the responsibility of the users to know the ordinance regulations.
- The Plan Commission will be completing the Comprehensive Plan within the next month or so. There will be a Public Hearing posted after the Plan Commission board has completed the review of the update for the public to review and give their input.

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 bags and put out in your garbage cart.
- **Effective January 1, 2019, recyclables must be placed loosely in your recycling cart.**

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.

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

Prevent Pollution

Recycling reduces air and water pollution that damages the environment and our health. Water pollutants can contaminate our drinking water, kill fish and other wildlife, accumulate in the tissue of fish we catch and eat, and reduce the beauty of water.

If paper mills use recycled paper in their products, they save 60% of the water that would be used if they started with virgin pulp.

Only 2.8% of the Earth's water is available for human consumption, so we should take care of it!

GREEN VALLEY-MORGAN FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Is it the Spring season yet?

It seems like this spring weather is a repeat of 2018 – more white than green! However, we were fortunate enough this time to only get a few inches of snow rather than a few feet! Hopefully, we'll soon be able to plant the fields and gardens and enjoy some warmer temperatures and outdoor activities. As you travel around the area, please be safe on the roads! Farm equipment will be traveling on all the roads again soon and at all times of the day and night. Some of those machines are quite large and travel at a slower speed, so we ask that you share the roadways with them. Please be courteous as they do their jobs. And let's not forget those larger brown animals that like to jump out into the roadways along with all their smaller friends. Watch for these critters at all times of the day and night!

As always, when the weather warms up, we have a number of wildland fires in the area. Here is our list of reminders:

- ✓ 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. There is no fee for obtaining a burning permit and they are good for the whole year! The DNR has made it possible to obtain burning permits through their website at no charge, and you can print it at home immediately! You can also call them and have them mail a burning permit to your residence. 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. 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 that 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 it can change within a matter of minutes. If the wind picks up right after you burn, a few smoldering 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 asks 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: Shawano County 715-526-3111, Oconto County 920-834-6900.) If you do see a fire, please stop and check to see if someone is tending to the fire and/or if it is contained. We have had calls in the past that have been reported by cell phone users driving by and they result in a fire that is being tended to.

The State of Wisconsin has recently recognized Severe Weather Awareness Week. The Towns of Green Valley and Morgan do not have audible warning sirens, so we recommend the NOAA weather radios or your local media sources for severe weather alerts in Shawano/Oconto County. The local news channels also have apps that are free to download on your cell phone so you can receive severe weather alerts on the go. If severe weather occurs in our area, please be careful. Night time events are especially dangerous! There may be wires down, trees across roadways, injuries to some people, and fires that are uncontrolled. The fire company and emergency services will be working around the area to keep you safe from any of these dangers. You may also see utility companies around the area trying to get us up and running again. Give these folks the courtesy, time, and space to do their jobs and remedy the situation in the most efficient way. Remember that we may not be the only people affected by the storm damage, and some other areas may have more damage than us.

The annual Green Valley – Morgan Firefighters Picnic will be held on August 10, 2019 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”. There will be a car/tractor show beginning at noon; there will be a kids bucket brigade and pedal tractor pull in the afternoon; we will have a bounce house for the kids; we will have music all afternoon and evening; 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! 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:** Please help save the Town’s history information! Your Town could use someone to help preserve the History of the Town of Green Valley – this includes the areas of Advance, Pulcifer and Green Valley communities, as well as all areas in between. Please contact Kaye Rundquist, Janalee Jenerou or a Town Board member if you can help or have questions.

Donations: Thank you to **Verna Lambrecht** for telling us of the REA study done on Pulcifer Dam from about 1980. While nothing was ever done on it, we look forward to getting a copy of that report. Thanks, Verna!

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. Check it out. *There are a few remaining copies of the second history book. Helen Montie has a few copies. You can call her at 920-855-2286.

From the “Times Gone By” section of the *Oconto Falls Herald* - 110 years ago • Feb. 4, 1909

GREEN VALLEY: A masked ball will be held at Charles Hampel’s dance hall on Feb. 6. Three prizes will be given, and tickets are 50 cents. [This ballroom was part of the corner of Main Street & Oak Avenue in community of Green Valley]

DO YOU KNOW?

The Town of Green Valley once had official US Post Offices in **Advance, Green Valley, Plier, and Pulcifer**. [for those that don’t know, **PLIER** was once a community within the Town, similar to Advance, Green Valley and Pulcifer]

The **Pulcifer Post Office** shows up on the 1886 Post Office information. So we put the start up date at about 1885 with a closure in the late 1960’s.

The **Plier Post Office** was in existence by 1886. When **the Plier Post Office** closed around 1897, its operations were moved to Advance.

By 1939, the **Advance Post Office** was no more.

The **Greenvalley Post Office** was added before 1907 [*please note this was all ONE word*]. It became 2 words - **Green Valley Post Office** about 1957. It closed in 2005, nearly 100 years after it started. [The *Shawano County Sesquicentennial celebration* in 2003 had a celebration recognizing the early post offices within the county, along with an early map showing locations of these Post Offices – map is included in Book 1] The **Postmark Collectors Club Museum**, located near Bellevue, Ohio, has samples of the various postmarks used by these Post Offices.

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.

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);

- It's that time of year again, in the next (2) months the Sanitary District will be doing our yearly Sump Pump inspections along with Clean-Out inspections to those properties that have a clean-Out line on their property.
- Any additional water in the sewer pipes could increase our flow to the Krakow Sanitary District and increase our rates. Sump pumps are to be discharged into the yard and not the sewer.
- Also, remember there are only (3) "P's" that go in the toilet! Thank you.