

# TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

Newsletter

May 2021

## TOWN OFFICIALS

Chair: Terry Tipton 715-853-1555

Clerk: Janalee Jenerou 715-745-2699 e-mail: jenerou@frontiernet.net

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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: Marlene Schuda 715-745-6351, Wanda Nischke 715-584-2647,

Alice Schneider 715-851-1277

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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 Monday, June 14 from 12-2 pm via the phone.** You can schedule an Open Book appointment on Accurate Appraisal's website or call their office. The roll book will be on Accurate Appraisal's website for viewing. If you have any questions concerning your taxable real or personal property valuation, schedule an Open Book session with one of the Accurate Appraisal, LLC appraisers.
- **Board of Review will be held Wednesday, June 30 from 4-6 pm** in person at the Community Center. Please attend an Open Book session and speak to an assessor before you object to the assessment.
- 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](mailto:jenerou@frontiernet.net)
- Following are the **UNAPPROVED minutes from the Annual Town meeting:**

The Town of Green Valley met Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7PM at the Community Center. There were 11 people present. Chairman Tipton called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

*Motion by Bob Krause, second by Arl Rudie to nominate Terry Tipton to Chair the meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

Clerk Jenerou read the 2020 annual meeting minutes. *Motion by Scott Schuda, second by Rose Nygaard to approve the minutes as read. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

Treasurer Nygaard read the 2020 financial report printed in the Annual Report. Tipton stated that the 2020 financial report was available to everyone and asked if there were any questions or comments on it. *Motion by Bob Krause, second by Scott Schuda to approve the financial report. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

New Business: Tipton stated that Open Book will be held June 14<sup>th</sup> from 12-2pm via phone and Board of Review will be held June 30<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm in person at the Community Center.

Tipton stated that the Board conducted the annual road tour on 4/17 to determine road and sign conditions & needs; decisions on priorities will be made at a future monthly Board meeting. Brandon Nygaard gave a brief recap of concerns: Green Valley Rd & Townline Rd intersection (Town of Angelica would like us to coop on this project), potholes, grade gravel on dead ends, possible 2<sup>nd</sup> coat of blacktop on Busch Rd, dip in Hintz Rd by Green Valley Dairy (Tipton stated that Green Valley Dairy stated that they will fix this issue as they created it when they put that culvert in), culvert in Olson Rd west of Cty BB, River Bend Ln, possibly fix our shouldering machine to fit our single axle truck, culverts on end of Lindquest.

Old Business: question on ditch cutting; our ditch mower needs replacing, suggestion to check with Shawano County to see if they could add our Town to their ditch cutting schedule and what their cost is.

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 Marlene Schuda, second by Scott Schuda to set next year's annual meeting date as the third Tuesday in April (4/19/22). All were in favor. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Arl Rudie, second by Scott Schuda to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

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

- First off, thank you to those that signed the nomination papers to put your town officers on the ballot for another term!
- Another huge thank you to the Poll Workers that have diligently manned the polls, so our elections are fairly carried out!
- The annual road tour was done April 17. The results from this will be used to make decisions on how to proceed with the road work for the summer. It will also be used to report all the road surface conditions later this year to the Wisconsin DOT. This is a requirement to receive state road aid monies.
- The town received notice from Accurate Appraisal (the Towns Assessor service) that they will doing their field work soon. So, some properties will be getting notices from them and field visits to verify property values of those parcels.
- Open Book will be by phone June 14<sup>th</sup> 12-2 PM. There will be a link posted when we get it from Accurate Appraisal. To dispute an evaluation at Board of Review you **MUST** contact the Assessor during the Open Book!
- A couple of reminders
  1. Livestock at large are your responsibility this includes chickens and ducks.
  2. All dogs need to be licensed and have up to date vaccinations.
  3. Per Shawano County Health and Junk Ordinance you are allowed 2 unlicensed vehicles, please be responsible and clean up! No one wants to deal with a mess.
  4. Be extra attentive when driving especially around the farm machinery as spring work begins.

Enjoy Spring!

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

- Second half of the 2020 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, Marlene Schuda 715-745-6351, Wanda Nischke 715-584-2647, Alice Schneider 715-851-1277.

- 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.

## **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.
- **Recyclables must be placed loosely in your recycling cart; NOT in bags in your 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.)

### ***WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED: MORE THAN SHOPPING BAGS***

If you have plastic bags and wrap you can't reuse, you can often recycle them at stores or other drop-off sites if they are clean and dry. Many people know shopping bags can be recycled, but other household plastic wrap can too! This includes: plastic newspaper bags, produce bags, stretch film around furniture or electronics, plastic packaging on paper products & dry cleaning bags.

Non-recyclable plastic wraps include any wrap or bag that contained frozen food, pre-washed salad mix bags and bags labeled as degradable. Any plastic wrap, bag or film that is dirty or wet should also not be recycled.

When in doubt, don't recycle items you are unsure about. Bags and wrap with food particles or excess moisture—or that are labeled compostable or biodegradable—can disrupt the recycling process and prevent the reuse of entire loads of recovered bags and wrap.

### ***TAKE YOUR PLASTIC WRAP AND BAGS TO DROP-OFF LOCATIONS***

You can recycle clean and dry plastic wrap and bags at participating store drop-off locations. Although some community recycling programs accept plastic bags and wrap in the curbside collection, the industry strongly encourages consumers to use drop-off locations instead. Plastic wrap, bags and film clog curbside recycling machinery and are difficult to separate from other materials. For now, the best option is to take clean, empty bags and wrap to a retailer or other drop-off site that offers a plastic film recycling bin.

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

More daylight and warmer weather...

...is a sign that we made it through another winter season! Although this past winter season wasn't as harsh as some have been, it's still been a long winter of dealing with the COVID virus, events being cancelled and/or rescheduled, and just trying to figure out how to get back to the normal we all know. One event that will happen this year is our annual firefighters picnic! When we discussed the picnic at one of our recent meetings, we all decided, "Let's do it!" There may still be a few things we'll have to rearrange or handle differently than past years, but we'll figure it out and move forward as a team. It's the fire service way! So, mark your calendars for August 14<sup>th</sup> to be in Green Valley at the firehouse! We're starting our picnic at noon with serving food in the firehouse and welcoming cars into the ball field for the car show. In the afternoon, we will have a wrestling show – similar to what was held during Pulaski Polka Days a few years back. The details are still being worked out for the kids' pedal tractor pull and the bucket brigade. We are also planning to have a bike raffle, but with a few different options this year. Our evening band this year is Cat 5 and they will be performing from 7 pm to 11 pm. We will have the bucket raffle throughout the day and we are having the gun raffle as well. Our firefighters are selling the gun raffle tickets now for \$10 each. Get in touch with a firefighter now to get your tickets early! Watch for our posters around the area for more information.

We also want to invite you to the firehouse to see our new firetruck, which we are hoping to take delivery of in May! The new truck will be similar to the other big trucks that we have, with a 1,250 gallons per minute pump and 3,000 gallons of water. This new truck will be housed in our Morgan firehouse, and the truck that is currently in Morgan will be going to Pulcifer. Everyone in the townships of Green Valley and Morgan will be within 6 miles of one of these trucks! Make sure to mention this to your insurance carrier, as it may help your home and property insurance rate. You might even want to go for a drive to see exactly how close you are to the nearest firehouse (it might not be the firehouse in Green Valley – it could be Pulcifer or Morgan)!

Although the vegetation is getting green, we still want to remind you of some fire safety tips for campfires. Vegetation fires are always a possibility, especially in the northern areas of Oconto County where they are still dealing with the storm damage left from a few years ago. There is still a lot of dry wood and vegetation in those areas that have become an extremely dangerous fire situation and the DNR is very concerned about those areas. If you plan to spend some time outside around a campfire, especially in those storm damaged areas, please keep these safety tips in mind:

- **Look Up and Around:** Campfire safety starts well before the fire gets roaring. When scouting out your fire pit, make sure it's not under any low-hanging branches or near any brush or bushes. Items like these can easily go up in flames if the fire gets bigger than anticipated. Also keep a radius of eight to 10 feet around the fire pit clear of tents, chairs, food and any other debris or obstructions.
- **Safety Proof Your Pit:** Clear all debris from around the fire pit, including garbage and grass. There should be a five-foot perimeter of soil around the campfire space. If there is no metal ring, circle the pit with rocks. If your fire grows in size, this will help keep it within the borders of the fire pit. Keep any flammable items far from the fire. This includes aerosol cans and pressurized containers.
- **Keep Water Nearby:** A big gust of wind or new piece of wood could cause your fire to grow larger than anticipated. In that case, always keep water, dirt or a shovel nearby to help reduce the flames or put the fire out completely if necessary. Controlling the fire can be just as important as putting it out.
- **Always Watch:** Whether you're camping alone, with friends or with your whole family, it's easy to get distracted and walk away from the fire. Regardless of what is going on around you, make sure someone always has an eye on the fire. It's especially important to keep an eye on pets and children that may be sitting or walking near the fire.
- **Extinguish Before Bed:** When it's time for bed, you need to put out the fire. There are a number of ways you can do this, but throwing water or dirt on the fire is always the best option. Then, stir the embers around with a shovel to ensure another fire won't start. Ideally, the coals should be wet and cold.

Most campers would agree that camping just isn't the same without a campfire. However, a great trip is quickly ruined if someone is hurt or something catches fire. Keep campfire safety in mind, and fun will surely ensue.

Please be safe on the roads! Farm equipment is traveling on all of the roads again 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. 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 and thank them for their hard work by attending a "Breakfast on the Farm" event this year!

Stay safe and we'll see you again in August!

## **HISTORY COMMITTEE:**

Kaye Rundquist 715-853-4012 or 920-822-8140, Helen Montie 920-855-2286

The Beginning of the Idea:

To commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Shawano County, (1853-2003), Shawano County requested ALL Towns in Shawano County compile a few pages to include in the county's history book. Their book is well worth reading. [You can check for the Shawano County Sesquicentennial book article on the Internet or see if your local library has a copy]

A History Committee was formed and they found more history on the Town than the few pages allowed in the county's book, so the committee decided to put the information into its own book about the Town. The Town Board allowed access to the old Town Board minutes, old school records (yes, the Town used to maintain the school records), & other documents, & in talking to residents, a fascinating history was found.

Much of the information found & copies of old pictures went into our first history book. Various residents donated money to allow the book to be printed. Green Valley is not a large Town so only a few hundred books were printed. This first book unexpectedly sold out quickly. A second book was done and included mostly donated pictures with captions. This book also sold out.

No reprints were done of either book due to printing cost issues. However, copies of both books were donated to several area libraries – Oconto Falls, Bonduel, Gillett & Pulaski, also to the Bonduel Archives & the Pulaski Museum. Copy of first book also went to Brown County Library's local history preservation area in Green Bay.

The History Room at the Town Community Center contains items from residents about the past. This room is open by prior arrangement, during elections or tax time. Feel free to contact us with any questions.

**\*\*\*Please note:** If you like history & want this to continue, a person or persons are needed 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.

## **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);

- Just a reminder that all sump pumps are to be discharged into the yard and not in the sewer.

## **KRAKOW SANITARY DISTRICT:**

President: Patrick Derpinghaus, 920-899-8027, [patrick.derpinghaus@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.derpinghaus@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Romuald Brzezinski, 920-899-3607

Secretary: Ronald Smurawa, 920-655-4631, [krakowsanitary@yahoo.com](mailto:krakowsanitary@yahoo.com)

Plant Operator: Dale Wagner, 920-899-3381 contact for emergency issues only

Bookkeeper: Jean Banker, 715-851-3403, [jbanker05@icloud.com](mailto:jbanker05@icloud.com)) contact for billing questions

- If you have questions or issues with the Krakow Sanitary District, you should contact the Sanitary District Board as listed above.
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- We have been notified by the Outagamie County Recycling Center, where our recyclables are transported to, that loads have had a significant amount of plastic bags and garbage in. **Recyclables must be placed loosely in your recycling cart; NOT in bags in your cart.** We need everyone's help on this issue or the facility will have to reject loads. *Thank You!*
  - If you have any questions, please contact Scott Kroening, Public Works Director, at the City of Shawano Dept of Public Works at 715-526-3512.
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