

TOWN OF CENTER
N3990 STATE ROAD 47
APPLETON WI 54913

CURRENT RESIDENT
(INSERT ADDRESS)

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2024 ANNUAL MEETING will be Tues, Apr. 16, 2024. An annual report will be mailed to residents in early April.

TOWN CONTACTS:

Chairperson: Gary Timm	920-841-6177	Fire Chief: Joe Hofacker	920-851-5864
		First Responders: Lori Pynenberg	920-851-3112
Supervisors: #1- Gary Blank	920-475-5473	Building Inspector: Paul Hermes	920-858-0102
#2- David Vander Bloomen	920-562-2130	Public Works: Tom Brown	920-851-5826
#3- Ron Klemp	920-585-5386	Animal Control: Andrea Dobson	920-427-0876
#4- Pete Hofacker	920-585-8551		
Clerk/Treasurer: Amy Olson	920-731-7229	Assessor, Borree Appraisal:	920-766-9166
Town Hall:	920-731-7229	Harter’s FV Disposal	1-888-804-8556

Regular Town Board Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
Planning Committee Meetings: 1st Wednesday of each month (as needed), 5:30 p.m.
Office Hours: Wednesdays – 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. & by appointment
Clerk’s e-mail: clerk@centerwi.gov

TOWN WEBSITE — Go to www.centerwi.gov for information on dog licensing, hall/pavilion rental forms & calendar of availability, recycling and garbage pickup dates, Fire Department and First Responders, Town Board agendas, minutes and more.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK! Search “**Town of Center WI**” on Facebook to find us. The page is intended to be used as a message board to inform you of upcoming meetings, election information, road reports and other general town information. In the event of an emergency, it will also be a quick and easy way for us to communicate with residents. We will not be allowing public comment on the page. If you have a comment or question, please call or e-mail us, or go to our website and click on “Contact Us” and we will be happy to get back to you.

THE “CENTER” NEWS
Fall/Winter, 2023

Hello Fellow Town’s People,

Taking over as Chairperson in April, I am learning a lot and will continue to learn as my term goes on.

Ditch cutting started out very slow, but with adding some part-time people we are getting caught up and they are doing very good. Spectrum started putting fiber optic cable in this spring. A couple crews were doing a good job, but one crew they hired left our ditches in a mess. I have taken calls from some residents about this.

We have purchased a new lawnmower to mow the town park. We figured it was time to update while the old mower still had some value to it. Plus, we added a couple more people to just take care of the park and they are doing a very good job. The ball diamond also had more work done to it to make it more user friendly. Thank you, Steve Schmeichel, for heading up the ball diamond project.

At our July board meeting, we invited Dean from the County Highway Department to voice our concerns about the work they do for us and got some positive results. At our August meeting, we met with Tom Nelson to discuss some more issues and he returned at the September meeting with some answers. I think this will be something to do again in the future.

This town has a very active board and are trying to address more issues that are before us.

The Fire Department and First Responders both had a very good fundraiser this year and continue to serve our Town greatly.

Thank you, Gary Timm – Chairperson

2024 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING will be held on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Immediately following, a SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS will be held to approve the 2023 town tax levy to be collected in 2024. A detailed summary will be available at the Town Clerk’s office or on the town website.

2024 ELECTIONS – Mark your Calendars! (Polls are open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.)

- February 20, 2024 – Spring Primary (if needed)
- April 2, 2024 – Spring & Presidential Preference Election
- August 13, 2024 – Partisan Primary
- November 5, 2024 – General Election

Need to register? Proof of Residence in the town is required. Most common is a current and valid WI DOT Driver’s License or State ID card, a real estate tax bill, a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or paystub. You can register at the town hall any time or at www.myvote.wi.gov up until 20 days before the election.

Would you like an absentee ballot mailed to you? Per State Statutes, absentee requests must be received in the Clerk’s office by 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the election. Go to www.myvote.wi.gov to request an absentee ballot or send a written request by mail or e-mail to the Clerk’s office and include a copy of your Photo ID (*No verbal requests can be accepted*).

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RUN FOR TOWN BOARD? - If you want your name included on the spring ballot, nomination papers can be circulated starting December 1, 2023 and must be returned to the Clerk’s office by 5:00 p.m. on January 2, 2024. Contact the Town Clerk for more information. The following municipal contests will be included on the spring ballot: Town Board Supervisor #2 and Supervisor #4.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE? — We occasionally have openings on the Town Planning Committee. If you are interested in serving in this volunteer position, please notify the Town Clerk. Planning Committee Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. as needed.

CPR TRAINING – The First Responders will be offering CPR classes for anyone interested. The date and price is to be determined. Please call Liz Kurey at 920-716-2622 to sign up and get more details.

CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST RESPONDERS are always looking for new members to serve on one or both departments. If interested, contact Fire Chief, Joe Hofacker, or First Responder President, Lori Pynenberg.

SATURDAY OFFICE HOURS DISCONTINUED — Due to low demand, we will no longer have the office open on the 3rd Saturday of every month starting in 2024. We will continue to offer Saturday options for in-person absentee voting and property tax collection or as needed by appointment. View our Facebook page or website for future Saturday office hours.

2024 DOG LICENSES — Available at the Town Clerk’s office mid-December — *Can I include my dog license payment with my taxes?* Yes! It is a good practice to renew your dog license(s) when you pay your taxes! Dog licenses expire December 31st of each year. Per State Statute, you must get a new license every year from your municipality. The Certificate of Vaccination must be included with your payment. The fee is \$4.00 per spayed or neutered dog and \$9.00 if your dog is not spayed or neutered. If your dog is new to your household and more than 5 months old, you must obtain the license within 30 days of getting the dog. If the following information is included on the Vaccination Certificate, a separate dog license application form is not required: your name, address, phone #, dog’s name, color and if they are spayed/neutered. PLEASE INCLUDE A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE. Note: The Certificate of Vaccination will be returned with your license.

PROPERTY TAXES — 2023 Property Taxes payable in 2024 should be mailed to residents by early December. First Installments are payable to the Town of Center and are due by January 31, 2024. After January 31st, payments need to be made to the Outagamie County Treasurer. **You have four different options to pay your taxes as noted below.**

- 1. ONLINE:** Go to www.outagamie.org and click on “Property Taxes”. **There is no fee for payments using an e-check.** The debit card fee is \$3.50 and the credit card fee is 2.2% of the paid amount with a minimum fee of \$1.
- 2. MAIL:** Mail to Town of Center, N3990 State Road 47, Appleton, WI 54913. Payments by mail will be **posted as paid by the post-marked date on the envelope.** Include your check, payable to the “Town of Center”, and the “1st INSTALLMENT OR FULL PAYMENT” stub from your tax bill. If you need a receipt, please also include a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with your payment stub and check. **Please be sure the numeral amount and written amount are the same on your check. If your escrow check is payable to you & the town, please endorse the check.** Please include your phone number on your check or your tax stub in case there are any issues with your payment.
- 3. IN PERSON AT THE TOWN HALL:**
 - Every Wednesday from 1:30 – 5p.m.
 - Saturday, December 16th from 9a.m. – 12p.m.
 - Friday, December 29th from 9a.m. – 12p.m.
 - Saturday, January 20th from 9a.m. – 12p.m.
- 4. AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK:** The bank is open for payments through January 31st, located at 2200 North Richmond Street, Appleton. Bank lobby hours are 9:00 – 4:00 weekdays (drive through 8:00 - 5:00). You must present the tax bill stub and **exact payment** amount as stated on the tax bill.

TOWN HALL & PAVILION RENTALS — To rent town facilities, **you must be a resident and property owner in the Town of Center** and 21 years of age. You can check available dates on the calendar on the town’s website and then call the Town Clerk’s Office to make the reservation. The rental charges are \$75.00 for the hall and \$25.00 for the park pavilion. A security deposit equal to the rental amount must be paid with a separate check and enclosed with the rental payment. The security check will be returned to the renter if the premises are left in an acceptable condition. Reservations will be accepted up to 1 year in advance of the desired date. If you are planning on bringing a bounce house to your event, please notify the town clerk.

ADDRESS SIGNS & TOWN SIGN POLICY - Please be sure your address sign is visible to allow prompt locating of your residence if you need emergency response. State law does not allow the building of any improvements or the placing of any personal property on Town Property. Town Property includes roads, road right-of-way, Town Hall properties, parks and any other property owned by the Town. The only exceptions to the above are the placing of a permitted driveway and culvert, a mailbox meeting federal postal requirements and emergency address signs. Without limiting the generality of the above, no person may place a fence, landscaping, signs, buildings, cars or any other property or improvement on Town property.

ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING WORK IN THE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY? – **You must get a permit before starting any work! No boring, filling or changes of any kind shall be made to the Town of Center road right-of-way without first obtaining a permit from the Town of Center.** An application for a permit must include a detailed written description of the work to be performed along with a map of the work area. Any ditch enclosure in the Town right-of-way requires a Ditch Enclosure Agreement and/or Permit issued by the Town. The Ditch Enclosure Application and Ditch Enclosure Detail sheet shall be obtained from the Town Clerk or on the Town website. Permit fees are reviewed annually and set by resolution of the Town Board. All costs are the property owner’s responsibility.

DO NOT PLOW, BLOW SNOW OR MOW GRASS CLIPPINGS onto or across Town, County or State Roads. Persons found doing the above are subject to fines as established by Town, County and State regulations.

Thank you!

The Center Fire Department would like to thank Crystal Print for their generous donation again this year.

Thank you to the following sponsors of the Fire Department’s Annual Summer Picnic!

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| •Ebben, Mike & Brittany | •Kramer, Al & Dorothy | •Simon’s Specialty Cheese | |
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