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## Eau Claire County, Wisconsin

### **A MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN DAN HANSON**

Land use has long been a topic of conflict. Fortunately the Town has a Comprehensive Land Use Plan that was recently updated. This plan is designed to assist with decisions regarding land use and growth in Pleasant Valley.

Before we look at the current plan let's look back a few years to see how we got here. Eau Claire County adopted zoning in 1982. In 1989, with the assistance of the Town Plan Commission, Town Chairman Garth P. Ryder developed a Land Use Plan with nine guiding principles. These nine principles remained in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan that was enacted in 1999 under the Comprehensive Planning Legislation (s.66.1001 Wis. Stats.) adopted by the State; also known as the "Smart Growth" plan. The plan was updated in 2009 and again in 2023. Our current plan continues to provide a benchmark to where the town is now in terms of current strengths, opportunities, aspirations, and desired results and actions. I would shudder to think what development would look like if these policies were not enacted.

That being said, the Comprehensive Plan does not satisfy all the people all the time, nor will it ever. As a Town Board, we take our responsibility very seriously while regulating growth within the Town. Our plan commission has worked diligently over the last 34 years to maintain a working Comprehensive Plan for Town Board guidance. This plan contains future land use plans and maps which the board relies on to provide consistent, thoughtful decisions while reviewing all rezone petitions.

Rezoning is a multi step process that involves many levels of government. The staff in the Eau Claire County Planning and Development office works tirelessly to ensure all county codes are followed. The Eau Claire County Planning and Development staff prepare a report titled Staff Recommendation . This is a very thorough report which assists the Town and the various County committees and boards with their decisions.

As a town board, we review the Staff Recommendations as part of our due diligence. Anytime a rezone petition is presented to our board, the surrounding residents are notified and a public hearing is conducted. Prior to any rezone petition being approved by the County Board, numerous hours of review, hearings and thoughtful decisions have been made at the Town level as well as the Planning and Development office. We all know public hearings and citizen input can become quite uncomfortable, lack factual evidence and are driven by emotions. Removing the emotions from a pending decision and relying on factual evidence is the most prudent method of governing. We live in this small community where these difficult decisions are being made and are most able to understand the surrounding area and unique circumstances.

The Town of Pleasant Valley is either blessed or cursed by its location depending on your point of view. As a Town Board we will do our best to continue to make Pleasant Valley a desirable place to live because of the natural beauty, proximity to regional employment opportunities, and deep roots and heritage.

It is always my pleasure to serve the Town of Pleasant Valley.

Dan Hanson  
Chairman

### **Current Zoning Distribution**

Total Acres—33,554  
Rural Housing—2,004 acres  
Ag Preservation—23,615 acres  
A2 (5+acre parcels) - 6,436 acres  
A3 (20+ acre parcels) - 1,307 acres  
All others—192 acres

# **BURNING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED EVERY TIME YOU BURN**

BURNING IS PROHIBITED UNLESS A PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED BY  
TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

Burning permits may be obtained through the online application at: **www.townshipfire.org**

Click on the "BURNING PERMIT" icon which will take you to the application page. Read all rules and regulations. If the application is not available on the bottom of the page, permits are not being issued at that time. Permits are not issued if wind speeds are over 10mph or conditions are too dry.

Burn permits will NOT be issued over the phone.  
Permits available: after 4pm on Monday - Friday,  
and 8 am-8 pm on Saturday.

## **Burning Hours**

Monday - Friday 6pm - Midnight  
Saturday 8am - Midnight  
No burning on Sundays or Holidays



**www.townshipfire.org**

**2023**

## **Breakfast on the Farm**



Saturday, June 17, 2023  
7:00 am to 11:00 am

Bears Grass Dairy  
S8495 Cty Rd V  
Augusta, WI 54722

Come out for breakfast cooked by our  
very own Township Fire Department  
Station #4 members

## **Community Open House—MAY 13 13th**

Have you ever wondered what happens in Pleasant Valley? We have a number of clubs and non-profits that would love to share their information with you!

Stop in and learn about:

- Cleghorn Lions Club
- Pleasant Valley Clovers 4H
- Pleasant Valley 4H
- Pleasant Valley Historical Committee
- Township Fire Department
- Zion Lutheran Church
- Pleasant Valley Methodist Church

Any other interested non-profits?

Please contact Frank at 715-834-5045 to reserve a table.

**Saturday, May 13th**

**9-noon**

**Community Center**

**S10414 Cty Rd HHI in**

**Cleghorn**

**Treats provided by the  
Cleghorn Lions!**

## **Pleasant Valley Museum Tours**

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to explore the Pleasant Valley Museum in a personalized and intimate setting. Book your private tour today and discover the hidden treasures of the museum! To book your exclusive tour please email Jan ([Jan.daus.18@gmail.com](mailto:Jan.daus.18@gmail.com)). We look forward to sharing the museum with you!

## **SUMMER LANDSCAPING PROJECTS—KEEP THE RIGHT OF WAY CLEAR**

**Mowing and Trimming** The Town has the legal right and annually does mow the road right-of-way of all town roads. As time permits; trees, low growth and brush within the road right-of-way are trimmed and/or removed. Mowing and trimming is performed for safety and visibility reasons. If you do not wish to have any mowing or trimming done on the right-of-way along your property, please make sure you keep the area clear of all trees, shrubs and brush and perform the mowing regularly.

**Landscaping** Please do not install items (i.e. fencing, landscaping, sprinklers, or lawn markers) within this right-of-way; the Town is not responsible for any damage that may occur to these objects. Large items in the right-of-way can present direct hazard and impede vision at intersections which can pose liability issues. The Town may remove such items at the expense of the property owner.

**Tree and Shrub Planting** Consider the future when you plant trees and or shrubs along the right-of-way line. As the tree grows and branches protrude into the right-of-way, the branches are then subject to being cut back to the 33' line.

**Ditches** Do not fill in the ditch in the road right-of-way. Ditches are designed to keep water flowing toward lower lying natural waterways and to collect snow from plowing operations. When you fill the ditch adjacent to your property disrupting the natural flow of water, this could potentially cause damage to the road base and/or direct water toward your or a neighbors home.

**YOUR COOPERATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED**

### **Summer Road Projects**

- Cedar Rd—Complete reconstruction between Balsam and Lowes Creek Road - Grant money project
- Hailey Lane and Lowes Creek Rd—repair sections—pulverize and pave
- Golfview Drive and Golfview Court—asphalt overlay
- Birch Rd—Pulverize and add base between Cty Hwy F and Lowes Creek Rd

**Please be aware of work crews in these areas and choose alternate routes when possible.**

### **Animal Ordinance**

The Town of Pleasant Valley has an animal ordinance which addresses dog licensing, nuisance animals, and animals running at large.

For more information visit:  
[www.pleasantvalleywi.gov](http://www.pleasantvalleywi.gov) under government>ordinances

### **Trash Haulers**

Trash collectors are licensed each year in the Town of Pleasant Valley.

Current licensed haulers are:

**Trash on Trucks**  
**Earthbound Environmental**  
**Waste Management**  
**GFL Environmental**  
**E&S Sanitation (Limited area)**

*You have options!*

### **QR Code and Digital Services**

Did you know the Town has a QR code? Scan the code with your smartphone camera to:

\*Apply and pay for a dog license

\*Apply and pay for a fireworks permit

\*Make a miscellaneous payment due

\*or visit [pleasantvalleywi.gov](http://pleasantvalleywi.gov) under digital services

Coming Soon

-online reservations of facilities

-online payments for rentals

-tax payments for 2024

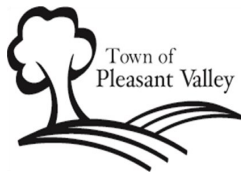
*\*Fees apply to all payments*



### **Real Estate Tax Payments**

If you make installments on your real estate taxes the 2nd installment is due by July 31 and payable to:

Eau Claire County Treasurer  
721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54703  
Reminders are not mailed to you!



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## **Town Officials**

Dan Hanson, Chairman (715)577-7362  
Dan Green, Supervisor (715)878-4476  
Doug Nelson, Supervisor (715)579-1012  
Jen Meyer, Clerk/Treasurer (715)878-4645  
or [office@pleasantvalleywi.gov](mailto:office@pleasantvalleywi.gov)  
Town Shop (715)878-9461

Burning Permits and regulations:  
[www.townshipfire.org](http://www.townshipfire.org)

Town Board Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the Town Hall. Agendas are on the webpage and posted at the Town Hall.

## **[www.pleasantvalleywi.gov](http://www.pleasantvalleywi.gov)**

Visit our website and you will find all valuable information including: calendars, meeting agendas and minutes, facts, notices, forms and permits, frequently asked questions, budget information and more.

### **Subscribe to our email list**

If you are interested, you can also subscribe to our email list through the website. We will plan on using this list in the future for infrequent notifications.

## **Affordable Internet Connectivity Program**

The ACP provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households. Visit [www.affordableconnectivity.gov](http://www.affordableconnectivity.gov) for more information

## **Facility Rental**

Interested in renting the pavilion or community center? Contact Jen at 715-878-4645 or our webpage for more information.