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A MESSAGE FROM PAST CHAIRMAN DAN HANSON

If you have followed the Town newsletters lately, you will recall that my last couple addressed the recent retirements of Town Supervisor Green and State Representative Petryk. Well, I have one more to announce: my own. After 30 years of Town service, 6 years as supervisor, and 24 years as chairman, it is time to say farewell.

I have a collection of mixed emotions about this farewell: joy, relief, bliss, and, of course, sadness because the Town of Pleasant Valley has been a significant part of my life, actually for nearly half of my life. So, it goes without saying, it's been a part of my family's life too. Town government is the form of government closest to the people; we live in the town, next to the people we serve, on the same roads we maintain, and sometimes next to the people who may disagree with our decision. Your family knows everything you are dealing with, and I couldn't have done it without them. That is where the joy and relief will play out, relief from no more meetings, phone calls, disagreements, or complaints about how much salt was or wasn't spread on the road, and there are many more. I look forward to the joy of spending even more time with my family, Gayla, kids, and nine enjoyable grandkids, and the bliss of more rocking and nap time with Lilly.

Now, the emotion of sadness comes when I say farewell to the remarkable people I have encountered over the 30 years, from the State, County, and the Town of Pleasant Valley, and my eyes melt to tears when I think about it. Foremost, the crew and Town Board of Pleasant Valley. There is no more dedicated group of individuals that has made my role as chairman a breeze. Thank You.

Congratulations to the new Town Board, Supervisors Iverson and Bechel, and Chairman Nelson. The Town has been blessed with a history of quality, caring, and involved individuals, and this board certainly carries on that tradition. That said, I'm a bit concerned about Chairman Nelson's experience... only 30 years an understudy. Just kidding! Doug and I started in town government together, serving our first term in 1995 under the leadership of Chairman Garth P. Ryder. Doug will be the last town officer to have served with Garth, but I know he will carry on the steadfast tradition we had the privilege to serve with.

That brings me to the Clerk/Treasurer, anyone who knows anything about town government knows that the town is run by the Clerk/Treasurer, which couldn't be truer with the Town of Pleasant Valley. Administrator, CEO, or Chief of Staff, whatever the title, the Clerk does the brunt of the work. Jen's professionalism, detail, and dedication are unmatched. In the course of her work, she always takes the extra time and goes out of her way to assist Pleasant Valley residents. Again, thank you for making the town chairman a bearable position.

So, Farewell. Thank you for the honor of serving Pleasant Valley for three decades. I will see you around at Lions events, church events, and Sofas for Service, but if you have a town question, call Doug.

All the best to Pleasant Valley!
~Dan Hanson

PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD 2025-2026



Megan, Scot and Doug

Chairman Doug Nelson - Doug has served on the Town Board as a supervisor since 1995. Raised in Pleasant Valley, Doug continues to operate his 4th generation family farm. Doug is the third generation in his family to serve on the Town Board.

Supervisor Scot Iverson—Scot joined the board in July of 2024, filling a vacancy. He is a 24 year resident of Pleasant Valley and has been a member of the Pleasant Valley Fire Department for 21 years. Scot is excited to work for the community in ensuring Pleasant Valley remains a great place to live and raise a family.

Supervisor Megan Bechel— Newly elected supervisor Megan Bechel is a lifelong resident of Pleasant Valley and has experienced firsthand how great of a place it is to live, work, and raise a family. Megan is looking forward to representing the community while working to keep Pleasant Valley the exceptional place it is.

A MESSAGE FROM NEW CHAIRMAN DOUG NELSON

You may have noticed a familiar name wasn't on the ballot this year. Chairman Dan Hanson has decided to retire from Town government. Dan and I were elected to the board together in 1995 as supervisors, and Dan became Chairman in 2001. Dan has served in that capacity since 2001. During his leadership, many local projects were accomplished, the most notable being the construction of Cleghorn School Park and the expansion of the town hall/community center/fire department.

Dan served as the chairman of the Wisconsin Towns Association Eau Claire County Unit, representing all of the towns in Eau Claire County on the state level. As the Chair of the Town, Dan attended many county-level meetings as a representative of the Town and served on the board of the Township Fire Department during his tenure as Chair.

Dan has always prioritized the best interests of Pleasant Valley residents. Thank you for everything you have done.

~Doug Nelson



DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN DINNER **SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025**



Serving from 11 a.m—5:00 pm (or until food is gone)

\$10 per meal includes: 1/4 chicken, chips, dinner roll, pickle, brownie and water

ORDER AND PICK UP YOUR DINNERS AT:

Pleasant Valley Community Center located in Cleghorn
S10414 County Rd HHI

All proceeds directly benefit the: Pleasant Valley Community Center Generator Project
DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED

Hosts: Pleasant Valley Fire Fighters and Cleghorn Lions Club

TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT—STATION #4



To Station 4 Firefighters Town of Pleasant Valley:

A heart felt thank you for your professional display of gratitude to me at my final town board meeting. Station 4 is a leader in the Township Fire Department with your dedication, commitment and sacrifice to the Town of Pleasant Valley. ~Dan Hanson

BURNING PERMITS REQUIRED

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.



Burning Hours

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

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

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT?

Contact Battalion Chief John Norby at 715-577-4319

SUMMER LANDSCAPING REMINDERS

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 home or a neighbors home.

Mailbox posts In Wisconsin, USPS mailbox posts within the highway right-of-way must be breakaway-safe, with options including 4"x4" wooden posts or 2" diameter steel pipes, and the bottom of the mailbox should be 41-45 inches above the road surface. Large mailbox structures with brick and concrete will be removed by the Town crew in the future.

Mowing into roadway It is unlawful to deposit, rake, place, or mow grass clippings onto the pavement or into the gutter of any public street, road, alley, or highway.

YOUR COOPERATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED

SUMMER ROAD PROJECTS

Balsam Road—total reconstruction
Traaseth and Elm Roads—chip seal treatments

ANIMAL ORDINANCE

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

All animal violations should be reported to the Eau Claire County non-emergency number at 715-839-4972.

CLEGHORN HARVEST FEST

Always the first weekend after Labor Day
September 5th –7th 2025
Mark your calendars!
www.cleghornharvestfest.com

HADLEYVILLE CEMETERY

Lots are available to purchase in the Hadleyville Cemetery for residents of Pleasant Valley. Each lot is \$500.

SPRING ELECTION STATISTICS

2109 total voters
1700 in-person on April 1
409 absentee ballots returned on time
38 new registrations
70% voter turnout

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

CLEGHORN SCHOOL PARK

Nestled in the heart of Pleasant Valley, our Cleghorn School Park stands as a testament to the spirit and dedication of its residents. Guided by the Pleasant Valley Park Committee, a passionate group of volunteers, the park continues to flourish as a self-sustaining haven for recreation, celebration, and togetherness.

The park's financial independence is proudly maintained through revenues from donations, facility rentals, and the much-loved annual Harvest Fest. These funds are thoughtfully allocated to ensure the park remains a vibrant and welcoming space. Recent improvements include a gazebo with a picnic table, enhanced landscaping, and increased outdoor seating areas.

Exciting opportunities are on the horizon! The committee is actively planning future initiatives such as upgrading the playground equipment and replacing the ballfield dugouts. Community members are encouraged to share their ideas and get involved—together, we can shape the park's future.

The park's success is truly a community effort. By supporting events like Harvest Fest and utilizing rental spaces for gatherings, Pleasant Valley residents contribute directly to the park's ongoing development. Please contact Park Committee Chair Frank Neibauer with any questions at fneibauer2@charter.net



**Volunteers
NEEDED**

**PLEASANT VALLEY
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**

Ways to Help:

- Collect donations
- Museum curation
- HarvestFest prep

Let's keep our history ALIVE!

See a Member for Details!

Contact Jan at 715-271-4680

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
- *online reservations of facilities
- *online payments for rentals
- * Dec/Jan tax payments

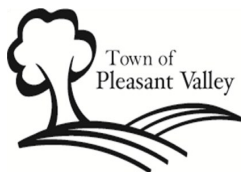
or visit
pleasantvalleywi.gov
under digital services

**fees apply to all payments*



GENERATOR PROJECT

The Town along with the assistance of the Lions Club and Pleasant Valley Fire Department will continue the efforts to raise the necessary \$160,000 required to install a generator until the project is complete. Grants have been applied for and requests to businesses are ongoing. If you are aware of any funding opportunities or desire to make a donation, please contact the Town at 715-878-4645 or office@pleasantvalleywi.gov



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Burning Permits and regulations:
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.

Now Hiring:

The town is seeking self-motivated applicants for a commercial cleaning position. Facilities include the pavilion, town hall, community center, and fire station. Hours are somewhat flexible and change weekly depending on usage. Contact Jen at 715-878-4645 or office@pleasantvalleywi.gov

Facility Rental

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

www.pleasantvalleywi.gov

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