

## TOWN OF CATO NEWSLETTER 2026

### **EXPENDITURES**

General Government  
Public Safety  
Public Works  
Sanitation  
Capital Outlay  
Debt Reduction

### **BUDGET**

165,000  
202,906  
239,753  
22,000  
266,000  
15,197

2026 Anticipated Expenses:	910,856
2026 Anticipated Revenue:	338,750
2026 Local Tax Levy:	572,106
2025 Local Tax Levy	564,906

The town proposes a levy of \$572,106. It carries a tax rate of \$2.83 per \$1,000 of property value. That means that the owner of a \$100,000 home will pay \$283 for the town portion of the tax bill for 2025.

### **RECYCLING CENTER**

Our Recycling Center is open every Saturday from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., year around. The following is a list of items currently accepted: Aluminum cans; Plastic jugs; Glass - clear, brown, and green separated by color; Tin cans; and Paper. The Town Board of Cato selected GFL. IN AN EFFORT TO PROMOTE the REDUCTION OF WASTE BY BURNING, CONTENTS OF THE BURNING BARREL MUST BE DUMPED INTO A CARDBOARD BOX OR IN A PLASTIC BAG, BEFORE BRINGING THE CONTENTS TO THE RECYCLING SITE, DUE TO FIRE HAZARDS. THESE CONTAINERS MAY NOT CONTAIN RECYCLABLE MATERIALS, SUCH AS METAL, GLASS, PAPER OR PLASTIC. Also, please be advised that you can only bring items to the Recycling Center on "SATURDAYS ONLY" and the Recycling Center will no longer accept refrigerators, freezers, computers, or microwaves.

### **HIGHWAY OBSTRUCTIONS**

Pushing snow or other materials onto or across highways from private driveways often causes hazards to the traveling public and is prohibited by Wisconsin Statutes 86.01, 86.07, and 346.94. For safety reasons, and to permit reasonable and prompt maintenance on town highways, we must report all violations. Mailboxes become a problem during snow removal. For safety reasons, and to avoid damage, the nearest part of the box should not be closer to the traffic than the shoulder line. The box and post should also be strong enough to withstand the flying snow and slush from traffic and snowplows. The Town of Cato will not be responsible for the replacement of any mailbox due to snow removal activity. Private driveways will not be plowed due to the time needed to do the work, and difficulty, and the potential liability in plowing some driveways. Private driveways will be plowed only if access is needed in an emergency or fire.

### **BUILDING PERMITS**

The Town of Cato has a Building Inspection Ordinance. Our Building Inspector is Scott Beining of Beining Building Inspection - 920-680-3376. For further information on Building Permits, please call Shannon Resch, Town Clerk/Treasurer, at 920-323-6003.

### **TOWN MEETINGS**

The Town of Cato meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. These meetings are open to the public, and residents are urged to attend. The meetings are held at the Town Hall in Clarks Mills, beginning at 7:30 P.M. Please always check the Valdres Journal or our website at [townofcato.com](http://townofcato.com) to see if the time and date have been changed.

### **NOTICE TO ALL DOG OWNERS**

Pursuant to Section 174.052, Wisconsin Statutes, notice is hereby given to all dog owners in Manitowoc County that rabies vaccinations and dog licenses are required under the Statutes.

Vaccination by a veterinarian against rabies of all dogs is required within 30 days after the dog reaches 4 months of age and is re-vaccinated within one year after the initial vaccination. (There is no provision in the law for vaccination other than by a veterinarian.) Older vaccinated dogs must be re-vaccinated when the certificate expires or within 3 years of the previous vaccination. Certificates of current vaccinations must be presented when obtaining dog licenses.

Owners of all dogs 5 months of age or older on January 1 of any year, or 5 months of age within the license year, shall annually on or before the date the dog becomes 5 months of age, pay the dog license tax and obtain a license. The minimum license fee for neutered males or spayed females is \$5.00 upon Presentation of Evidence attending to the same, and \$10.00 for an un-neutered male or un-spayed female. Kennel licenses are \$35.00 for a kennel of 12 or fewer dogs and an additional \$3.00 for each dog in excess of 12.

#### **Penalties**

1. A late fee of \$5.00 must be assessed the owner of each dog 5 months of age or over who fails to obtain a dog license by April 1 of such year, or within 30 days of acquiring ownership of a licensable dog or if the owner failed to obtain a license on or before the dog reached licensable age.
2. An owner who fails to have a dog vaccinated against rabies as required by County Ordinance shall be punishable by a forfeiture not to exceed \$100.00.
3. The 2026 dog licenses can be obtained from Mary Muench, Town Clerk/Treasurer beginning December 21, 2024.

Any strays found in the Town of Cato, please contact the Constable, Chuck Muench at 920-901-5210.

### **NOTICE AS TO PAYMENT OF TAXES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned Town Clerk/Treasurer of the Town of Cato that the tax roll for said Town for the year 2025 is in my hands for collection, and taxes charged herein are subject to payment on or before January 31, 2025.

Real Estate taxes may be paid by installments: First payment of 50 percent plus all special assessments, special charges and/or special taxes due on or before January 31, 2025; the second installment due and payable to the County Treasurer on or before July 31, 2025. Any tax of \$99.99 or less must be paid in full. If you are paying your second installment to the County Treasurer by mail, you must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like a receipt returned.

I will hold my office hours as follows at 14004 Upper Falls RD, Cato, Wisconsin on Tuesdays 12:30 pm -2:15 pm, Wednesdays 8am-10am, and Fridays 11:30 am - 2:15 pm.

I would prefer if you could mail your taxes or place them in the drop box, located next to the town hall front door. Taxes received by mail or in the drop box will receive prompt attention.

Address: 14004 Upper Falls Rd. Cato, WI 54230

Telephone: 920-323-6003

**Please pay with check or money order for the exact amount of tax owed. NO CASH PAYMENTS. Please make out a separate check or money order for Dog Licenses.**

Thank You!

Makes checks payable to: Town of Cato

If you would like a receipt returned, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Shannon Resch

CLERK/TREASURER