



TOWN OF METOMEN
W12605 Sheldon Road
Brandon, WI 53919

MEET THE BOARD & STAFF

Jeff Amend, Chairman
 Shelly Hiemstra, Supervisor
 Scott Zacharias, Supervisor
 Cindy Sheskey, Clerk
 Katie Mehn, Treasurer
 Randy Zabel, Highway Supervisor

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- Spring Election - April 4, 2023

NOTE: Public election machine ICE testing will be held on the Wednesday BEFORE each election at 4:00 pm
Call Cindy Sheskey for absentee ballot (920) 291-7743 or go to myvote.wi.gov

OPEN BOOK & BOARD OF REVIEW

Open Book is scheduled for April 20, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, and Board of Review is scheduled for April 27, 2023, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

TOWN TREASURER

After 22 years of serving the Town of Metomen, Pearl Schicker has retired. We sincerely thank Pearl for her many years of service. We would like to welcome our new treasurer, Katie Mehn who was appointed as our new treasurer in September. Katie lives in the Berlin area with her husband and 3 boys.

The board properly processed (according to State Statute) the formality of moving the offices of Clerk and Treasurer from elected to appointed positions. These positions can now be filled with candidates from outside the township.



Pearl Schicker

PUBLIC POSTING NOTICES

Updated Statutes 985.02 (2)(a): public notices will be posted in the town hall entrance and on our website. (Example-Meeting agenda, minutes, meeting date changes, annual budget and other notices). No longer will you see posting in the 3 posting boxes located throughout the township.

TAX BILL IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements removed from land must be gone completely and inspected by the township appraiser before January 1st of the tax year to be removed from rolls. Otherwise the improvement will be taxed until the following January 1st and then removed from the rolls.

TOWN HALL RENTAL

You can rent YOUR town hall for your events. Chairs, tables, coffee-maker, refrigerator supplied in a nice kitchen area with a large serving counter. Hall has a capacity of 70 and is wheelchair accessible. Rental fee is \$50.00 for town residents plus security deposit. Contracts and details are in the town hall entry on the bulletin board or see our website.
 Be sure to contact Cindy Sheskey, Clerk (920-291-7743) to be sure you date is available.

TOWNSHIP REASSESSMENT

Reassessment was completed in 2022. If you have any questions, contact Justin Schumacher directly 920-766-9166, not your town board members.

METOMEN NEWS

2023



Annual Meeting Date:
 2023 Annual Meeting will be held on April 18, 2023 at 7 PM at the town hall. The Board would like to see YOU there.

N6971 Hwy. 44/49
 Ripon, WI

Railroad Crossings

Early in 2022, the Wisconsin Railroad Commission informed us that they were evaluating 3 railroad crossings for possible closures in our township: on Brandon, Sheldon and Sunny Knoll roads. After their evaluations, we were notified they would be closing Sunny Knoll Road railroad crossing. Your town board challenged this ruling, and with the help of Fond du Lac County Highway Commission, and State Representatives, we were given a list of safety issues that needed to be corrected to keep the road open.

Take a drive down Sunny Knoll Road and see the improvements that were made to make the crossing safe. Special thanks to Ryan Arndt for his professional assistance. This unexpected project cost about \$20,000 of town money, but we have secured the non-closure of all Railroad crossings in our township.



UPDATES FROM THE BRANDON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library has become more than a place to pick up books, and this is especially the case at the Brandon Public Library. Besides books, there are books on tape, DVDs, music CDs, and magazines available as well. We can get anything you need. Our Library is a part of the Winnefox Library System. So, if we don't have what you're looking for in-house, we can "borrow" from any of the other 29 libraries in the Winnefox System with a 5-day delivery, or they can even acquire from outside the system (state or nation-wide). You can stop in any time to use our fax machine, color printer/copier/scanner, public computers and find Wi-Fi available 24/7. In addition to all these resources, we offer many programs throughout the year. With the support from the Friends of the Brandon Public Library, a non-profit group of volunteers that raise money to assist in the library's programs and services, the library offers monthly craft nights, additional WIFI HotSpots - connect to the internet wherever US Cellular works, additional Roku Devices with streaming services - using high-speed home Internet service (or a HotSpot borrowed for free from the library), you can enjoy Netflix, Disney+, HBO Max and more all with one Roku, and STEM Kits for checkout, including GPS and Maps, Astronomy, and Circuits. — all you need is your library card. (for more information to join the Friends Group, contact the library for details)

Find us on Facebook, sign up for our email newsletter from our website, or check our website at www.brandonlibrary.net to stay up-to-date.

HOWEVER, the problems we now face include having outgrown our 19th century facility that is not capable of fully supporting our service area to the fullest. Upgrading and expanding the library facility to provide 21st century accommodations will ensure the library's continued ability to serve the needs of the area. To realize this urgent need, we have implemented campaign efforts to raise the necessary funds to complete the library's expansion project. We are currently waiting to hear the guidelines from a federal grant received before the project goes out for bid. We might be seeing construction this summer! They are always seeking donations for the hidden costs they may run into. Please stop in the library to see their plans and vision. I welcome any questions you may have.

Free library card, free resources, stop in,
Christy Ross, Director

UPDATES FROM THE BRANDON-FAIRWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Have you ever heard sirens and wondered, where are they going? Have you ever seen smoke coming from a structure and prayed that everyone is okay? Have you stopped to think that I live in a great area and would really like to help my neighbor? Have you ever thought about being a part of a team? If you answered yes to any of these, the Brandon-Fairwater Fire Department would like to talk to you. We are looking for energetic individuals that are willing to help out our communities that we serve as well as our neighboring departments. If you feel you would like to join the Brandon-Fairwater Fire Department, please feel free to contact myself or any member of the department.

I wish everyone a safe 2023.
Kevin Lieske, Chief



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Brandon, WI 53919
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Email: kevin@rtrmfg.com



Did you know there are two large posters of Metomen plat maps from the 1800's displayed in the town hall? Very interesting! Come see who owned your property long ago.

RECYCLING

Dumpsters will remain open for your convenience 24-7 with no attendant until we can hire a new one. At this time Township is looking to hire a new attendant for 1 Monday night a month and 1 Saturday morning a month to man our dumpster and help town residents to unload recycling. Wage would be \$17 an hour. If interested contact chairman Jeff Amend at 920-428-5390 We have also gotten a lot of unwanted matter in the dumpsters by leaving the doors open, please remember that only recyclables may be placed in dumpsters, all bags must be emptied and take the plastic bag with you and put in your garbage do not leave in the dumpster. Also please break down any boxes as flat as possible to save room in the dumpsters. Recycling costs have again risen this year, we get about \$650 a year in DNR grants for our recycling but town recycling costs are in excess of 12,000 a year. Please make sure you watch what is put into the recycling so we are not charged extra for unwanted material.



TOWN ROAD WORK

In following our 5-year road maintenance plan, the township will be repairing Radio Rd from Hwy 44 South to updated blacktop this year. Cracking filling will also be done on the town roads as needed.



TAX COLLECTION

We **encourage** you to pay by mail to avoid waiting in line. Payment amounts are included on the payment stubs located at the bottom of our tax bill. Enclose the appropriate payment stubs with your payment. Mail payments to the location listed on the payment stub (note December/January address is DIFFERENT than the July payment address). Please do not enclose the original tax bill.

Payments will be accepted in the form of a check, cashier's check or money order. Certify that an escrow check meets or exceeds the tax bill amount and endorse the escrow check. Overpayments will be refunded within 2 weeks of payment.

WARNING: If payment is not made by the due dates, the installment option is lost and the total tax is delinquent and subject to interest and penalty. See the reverse side of your property tax bill for a complete explanation.

Self Addressed stamped envelope is needed if you want a receipt.

**** A Driveway and Culvert Ordinance requires a permit from Town Chairman, Jeff Amend (920) 428-5390**

**** We will be awarded about \$15,000 of the excess Fond du Lac County Sales tax this year to be used for highway.**



COME ONE, COME ALL

Join us at the Town Hall on April 18 at 7 PM. Ryan Arndt will speak about difficulty in getting funding for roads. Light snacks will be served.