

Town of Sioux Creek 2014 Newsletter

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. Please visit our website, www.townofsioux creek.com, where you will find useful information, including Township **ordinances**. Use these ordinances as a reference; as Sioux Creek residents, we must all adhere to their requirements.

Our Township will have a **referendum** on the Fall ballot November 4, 2014. The Town is considering combining the positions of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer and making the combined position an appointment by the Board, meaning the position would be hired as a fulltime employee and not an elected position. Your consideration and vote on this issue is very important. The referendum question will read as follows:

"Shall the Town of Sioux Creek combine the offices of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer and make the combined position an appointment by the Town Board?"

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The new Town office is located at:
2067 3½ Avenue; Chetek WI 54728
Email: sioux creek@mosaictelcom.net
Town Website: www.townofsioux creek.com

Fire Departments

Dallas: Steve Lee – 715-837-1502
Chetek: Fire Hall – 715-924-4598
Sand Creek: Joel Smith – 715-658-1795

For non-emergency, prior to starting a fire or dog pick-up, please call the Barron County Sheriff Department at 715-537-3106. Burning permits are not required in Sioux Creek; however, because of public concern it is advisable to contact the fire chief for your district or the non-emergency Sheriff Department number prior to starting a sizable fire. The Chetek Fire Chief informs us that burning in a barrel is permissible in an approved barrel with a screen top, but only paper and wood products; no plastic or rubber. If you start a fire you are responsible for the fire and if it gets out of control and fire vehicles are dispatched, you will be billed.

The **snowplowing contract** for the 2014-2015 season (included in this mailing) has been updated; it is also available on the website or from the clerk's office. Please return the form and fee by November 10, 2014. According to WI § Sec. 346.94(5) and 346.95(3), no snow is to be pushed across any road subject to \$50.00 fine for each offense.

Update on sand companies and road projects, by Keith Peterson, Town Chairman

Superior Silica Sands has started producing sand with a few electrical glitches. Everything looks great. Northern Industrial Sands will be breaking ground starting the week of September 22, 2014 with sand production beginning early in the 2nd quarter of 2015. Sioux Creek Silica is moving forward and plans for the 2nd quarter of 2015 to be the startup of sand production.

Construction of 23rd Street is planned to be finished this Fall. Construction of 21¼ Street is going well, even with two to four inch rains. Several other projects (1/2 Avenue, 20th Street, ¾ Avenue) will begin as 21¼ Street work is completed.

Due to dwindling phone land lines we ask that you please enclose your cell phone number when paying property taxes or remitting a snowplowing contract. We need to be able to contact our residents. Please indicate if you want the number to remain private and it will be flagged *For Town Use Only*; thank you!

The Town Board has decided that we will no longer rent out Town equipment with or without the Patrolman's assistance.

The ditches need to be kept clear of junk and other obstructions. The right-of-way is 33 feet from the center line of the road or 15 feet from the edge of the road. It is also necessary to keep animals and irrigation pivots out of the right-of-way and for no crops to be planted in the right-of-way. All signs, such as "garage sale", etc, must be removed after one week.

The Town Board has decided that when the Town Hall is rented, there will not be a charge for the setup or cleanup days. The rental charge remains at \$50.00 per day with a \$30.00 returnable deposit. We are still a smoke-free and alcohol-free facility. All pertinent information, rules and forms are available on our website. You can also contact the clerk at 715-837-1007 or the chairman at 715-642-0909.

As a reminder, the Town now has a **Citation Ordinance**. If a resident does not comply with a Town Ordinance and does not within the allotted time make the required corrections contained in a written notice of a violation, then the enforcement official may write a citation which is much like a traffic ticket. The recipient of the citation may either pay the fine or appear in District Court in Barron. Payment of the fine does not excuse the resident from further ordinance compliance. Further enforcement actions may be taken for the same or additional violations. We hope the issuance of citations will be a rarely used last resort applied only in situations where there is a refusal to comply with the requirements of Town Ordinances.

If you are planning to **subdivide** your land, please contact the Town Plan Commission Chair, Peter DeJardin at 715-837-1981 or peterd@co.polk.wi.us. Peter is familiar with our Town Ordinances and can assist you with the necessary paperwork or forms and answer any questions, therefore avoiding delays in your land division. All land divisions in Sioux Creek must begin with the Town; the Town's Land Division Ordinance requirements may differ from those of Barron County. Once again, all Town ordinances are available on the town website; www.townofsioux creek.com.

A **dog license application** will be enclosed with your property tax statement. Please submit a separate check; fees are \$5.00 per neutered dog and \$10.00 per intact dog. All pet owners must comply with the laws regarding licensing, vaccinations and leashing of pets. In order to issue a license, please include a copy of the [certificate of rabies vaccination](#) date and tag number. Additional information is available on our website or from the clerk's office.

Property taxes will be prepared by Barron County this year. All payments will go directly to the County; first and second installments.

A **land use/building permit** is required for a new residence or for an addition. A driveway permit is required for any new driveway, residence, field, etc; also for any existing driveway or field road serving land without improvements and proposed to be converted to a driveway to serve structures. Any new driveway on a county highway requires a County and a Township driveway permit. Forms are available on the website or from the clerk's office.

All new residential driveways or new driveways with any type of building, shed, garage, etc, must have a **fire number**. Any existing driveway used for a new structure must have a fire number. Contact the Barron County Zoning Office at 715-537-6375 and refer to our Driveway Ordinance on our website.

Many of you have done a great job cleaning up the junk in Sioux Creek and we thank you! Please remember this is an ongoing effort and inspections will continue.

The height for rural-type **mailboxes** should be 3 ½ to 4 feet from the road to the bottom of the box and 16" to 24" from the front of the mailbox to the edge of the blacktop. The Town Patrolman has final approval of position for ease of snow removal. **Swing-type** arms are requested. Mailboxes must be clear of snow, ice, mud, parked vehicles and other obstructions.

The Town Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7pm; the Town Plan Commission meets the first Thursday of the month at 7pm. Notices are run in The Chetek Alert or are available at their office, on the notice board at the town hall, at Sioux Creek and Evergreen Cemeteries and on the website. Your participation is encouraged. Please notify the clerk's office by the Monday before the monthly Board meeting with concerns you would like addressed by the Board to give time for posting in the Township and to add the item to the agenda; thank you.