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Upcoming Meeting Dates:

January 28

7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

January 30

6:30 p.m.

Plan Commission

February 25

7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

The Town Board meets regularly the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) at the Town Hall, located at 8800 County Road II, Fremont *** ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC***

2007 ROAD REPORT: A number of projects were done during the construction season. The following is a listing of completed road projects at a total cost of \$105,100

- ◆ A stretch of River Trail Drive was paved this year at a cost of \$49,912
- ◆ Cut-Off Lane repairs and patch paving at \$4,525
- ◆ Sealcoat to Rat River Lane at \$4,363
- ◆ Sealcoat to Richter Lane at 4,524
- ◆ Sealcoat to E Arrowhead Road at \$1,149
- ◆ Sealcoat to Tellock Road at a cost of \$1,802
- ◆ Crack sealing on various roads at \$2,610
- ◆ New culvert for Marion Lane at a cost of \$2,430
- ◆ New culvert for Wolf River road at a cost of \$1,504
- ◆ New culvert for River Trail Drive at a cost of \$4,622
- ◆ New culvert for at Arrowhead road \$1,657
- ◆ Brushing 37th Avenue \$8,892
- ◆ Brushing Rosa Road \$5,407
- ◆ Brushing Cut-Off Lane \$3,654
- ◆ Other smaller brushing projects \$3,863
- ◆ Traffic control and street sign replacement \$4,187

RECYCLING

We have recently completed the Recycling Efficiency Report for 2006, and although we are still above the standard for rural municipalities at 72.6 pounds per person, we did drop from last year's high of 82.4 pounds per person. **Please** make a commitment to redouble your recycling efforts so we can continue to keep those items out of the landfill.

OPEN BURNING: It is unlawful to burn solid waste or recyclables by either residents or businesses. Open burning is permitted of clean wood, yard waste, and non-treated paper only – this includes what is burned in the new outdoor heating furnaces as well.

TOWN OF WOLF RIVER WEBSITE!

The website is up and running, although still under construction. Very soon, this will be the place to view upcoming Agendas for the Board meetings, Minutes from previous meetings, Plan Commission activity and Zoning meeting information. There will be a calendar of upcoming events and links to other helpful websites. You can find us at townofwolfriver.com. Check it out!

The Town Hall building is available to residents and property owners for showers, reunions, or social events. Please contact the Clerk at 446-3837 for an application and to reserve a date.

REMINDER: As you already know, we will be electing a new President this year. With the new changes in voting procedures that have occurred over these past few years, most of our eligible voting population has already registered and are on our poll list. If you happen to be one of the few that has yet to register, please feel free to contact me at the town hall and set up a time to fill out a voter registration application. Please bring along your driver's license for proof of address. The more residents we have on the poll list, the less time you will spend waiting to vote at the polls on Election Day. Both the optical scan and touch-screen machines will be used on all Election Days.

Thanks, Susie 446-3837

Presidential Primary February 19, 2008
Spring Election April 1, 2008

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

CLEAN SWEEP DAY: Over the winter months, we will be working with Winnebago County to arrange a spring cleanup day. We would have dumpsters placed at the town hall parking lot and you can bring TVs, light bulbs, computers, tires, refrigerators, freezers, small appliances, furniture, household items, cabinets, birdbaths, bikes, lawn chairs, metal items, furnaces, washers and dryers, water heaters, dehumidifiers, almost anything you can think of - EXCEPT - those items you normally recycle, your regular garbage, paint, or chemicals. The Dumpster site will be monitored and individuals will be refused if it appears the items did NOT originate in our Town.

CENSUS

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts a census of the population and housing in the U.S. Census Data directly affects the distribution of more than \$200 billion in federal funds each year so it is important that accurate numbers are gathered. Preliminary work has begun on the 2010 Census. We will be reviewing and updated the Census Bureau's address list. You may be contacted to verify Census information currently on file.

New Culvert Ordinance

At the September Board meeting, a new Ordinance was passed, which requires anyone who constructs or maintains a driveway across a ditch, sidewalk, curb, or enter any Town road must first obtain a permit for a temporary or permanent culvert from the Town Board before installing the culvert. Minimum length is 24' of actual culvert pipe and a clean-out at not greater than 40" intervals. Diameter needs to be a minimum of #15 arc and also requires endwalls to be installed at the time of culvert installation. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact your Board or the Building Inspector. County road culvert permits must be obtained from the County Zoning.

GARBAGE PICKUP

Garbage pickup is every Wednesday.

Recycling is the third Wednesday each month.

Holidays may affect pick-up days, although Grachien may get to some of the stops on Wednesday but others on Thursday. The 2008 holidays that might be affected are:

Memorial Day
Labor Day

Please call Grachien at 982-4116 to arrange for pick up of large items. Thank you!

Who represents us?

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New building/Zoning permits 2007

Lance Armstrong	7591 Mallard Lane		
John Schultz	9056 Marion Lane	New boathouse.	
Fenton Ziebarth	8396 37 th Avenue	New home with attached garage at	\$150,000
Dave Koepp	7745 Bay Lane	New Home with detached garage	\$140,000
Arthur Tellock	9474 Old Road	Addition	\$10,000
Richard Rhode	8115 Cty Rd MM	Garage	\$30,000
Thomas Pawlacyk	7407 Richter Lane	New home, garage	\$250,000
Tom Mathwig	9323 Tri-County Rd	Addition to shed	\$1,000
Ronald Erdmann	7778 Bay Lane	House addition	\$22,000
Allen Wiroll	7613 Widgeon Lane	House addition	\$90,000
Thomas Ebel	7439 Widgeon Lane	Bathroom	\$2,000
Irvin Schmidt Jr.	9686 County Road HH	Remodel	
Kent and Diane Link	9539 Apache Avenue	New home w/deck	\$106,000
William Hansen Sr.	9066 Arrowhead Road	Addition to shed	\$3,000
Jeffrey Glomstead	9390 County Road H	House addition/deck	\$35,000
Dennis Lamers	9820 Bay Lane	Storage shed	\$40,000
Brian Soule	7616 Haase Road	Screened porch/deck	\$4,400
Gerald Schaumann	7361 Richter Lane	Garage	\$8,735
Lyle Swinkles	Willow Lane	Electrical Service	
Paul Seelow	7612 Boom Bay Hts Rd	Shed	\$2,000
Cynthia Slinger	7365 Richter Lane	Garage	\$18,000
Jens Hauvn	7736 Cutoff lane	Garage	\$11,000
Cory Wentzel	7857 Bay Lane	Garage	\$12,000
Brian Liebhauser	9285 North Road	Lean-to/trellis/door	\$500
Todd Gregory	9536 Hopi Lane	New Home	\$80,000
Robert Niemuth	37 th Avenue	New Home/garage	\$150,000
Brian Kempf	9540 County Road AH	Re-zoning application	
St. Peter's Luth Church	7861 County Rd. II.	church sign on Dolores Meyer's property	
G & G Investments LLC	8951 County Road II,	Garage/storage units	\$225,000.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

The Town of Wolf River Comprehensive Plan will aid local officials in making land use decisions that are harmonious with the community's overall vision of the future while ensuring the sustainability of local natural resources and reflecting the agricultural heritage of the Town of Wolf River.

The Town of Wolf River Comprehensive Plan will be prepared in conformance with §66.1001. The "Smart Growth" or comprehensive planning legislation passed by the Wisconsin Legislature in 1999 requires that all communities adopt and prepare a comprehensive plan in accordance with §66.1001 by 2010. The statutes also require that all land use decisions made by the local government are consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan.

The Town of Wolf River Comprehensive Plan Kick-Off-Meeting was held on September 12, 2007 at the Town Hall. The meeting was facilitated by Omnni Associates, the Towns planning consultant. The 98 participants at the meeting participated in a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) exercise, where they analyzed and discussed what aspects of the community they valued and what they felt were issues the community should address. Results of these exercises can be viewed in detail at www.omnni.com and click on projects.

The Town of Wolf River Vision Meeting was held on October 17, 2007 at the Town Hall. The objective of the meeting was to provide residents, landowners, and stakeholders with an opportunity to describe their ideal vision for the future of Wolf River. To achieve that goal, the facilitator led the 33 people who attended the meeting through a *visioning exercise* during which they were asked to complete a series of questions oriented around various Comprehensive Plan elements. The results can be viewed at www.omnni.com

The Plan Commission will be sending out a Community Land Use Survey to every property owner. A high response rate is necessary for accurate results; therefore we hope you will strongly consider completing and returning the survey.

The Plan Commission meetings are open to the public and we strongly encourage public participation. During the scheduled 18 month process there will be many opportunities for all to assist with the planning of your community. The more information that is communicated to the Plan Commission the better your ideals can be implemented into our plan. If anyone wishes to receive notices of the scheduled meetings by email, contact me at knausja@yahoo.com.

Submitted by;

Judy A Knaus , Plan Commission Secretary

RADON ALERT!

Radon Alert!!

With the onset of the fall/winter heating season, now is the time to test your home for Radon. Radon may be a naturally occurring contaminant in the air in your home, and has been found in homes through out Winnebago County. Since radon can not be detected by the human senses, the only way to know if you and your family are exposed is to test your home. Winnebago County Health Department has a supply of test kits available for residents to purchase. The cost is \$2.00 per kit.

Radon is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that is a breakdown product of naturally occurring uranium. Uranium is found in the area's bedrock and soil. As the uranium decays, radon is released and seeps through the cracks and crevices in the rock and through the soil. Radon can enter homes through small openings in a home's foundation, such as drain tiles, sump pits, and small foundation cracks.

Once radon enters a home, it moves upwards from the basement into the upper floor living spaces. When a person breathes in radon, small particles can enter the lungs, causing damage to the lung tissue and possibly causing lung cancer over time. Radon is considered to be a known carcinogen, and is estimated to be responsible for up to 20,000 lung cancers per year in the US. Radon is second only to tobacco smoke as a leading cause of lung cancer.

Since 2002, Winnebago County Health Dept., in cooperation with the Town of Menasha, has provided short-term test kits to county residents. Short-term kits are easy to use, only take 3-7 days to complete a test, and are inexpensive. Between January 1, 2002 and August 15, 2007, short-term test kits were distributed to 1611 persons. Results were obtained from 941 of those kits, with 33% of those homes testing below 4.0 pC/L and 67% over 4.0 pC/L. The Winnebago County Health Dept. suggests that homes that test between 4.0 and 9.9 pC/L be re-tested using long term test kits, and homes above 10.0 pC/L be remediated to eliminate the threat of radon.

Typically, remediation involves sealing holes in your home's foundation, and installing a ventilation system designed to capture the radon and remove it above the roof. For more information on testing for radon, to obtain a test kit, to discuss test results and next steps, or to learn more about remediation to remove high radon levels, contact the Winnebago County Health Dept. at (920) 232-3000.

From your Code Enforcement Officer:

When I receive a call about a stray dog or cat, I make every attempt to locate the owner, which includes placing a notice at the place of business nearest to where the dog or cat was found. The stray animal is kept at my premises for only a 7-day period at a cost of \$7 per day, which the owner is responsible for paying when picking up their animal. After 7 days, if the animal is not claimed, the animal is taken to the Waupaca County Humane Society where they are either put up for adoption or euthanized. Please make sure your animals are properly tagged. Thank you, Dan

News for 2008:

Cut-Off channel dredging: The residents of Cut-Off Lane met and have agreed to cover the cost of dredging the Cut-Off channel. This dredging will cover approximately 2200 feet at a cost to the landowners abutting the channel of approximately \$125,000, which will be added to the landowners 2008 tax bill. The channel has silted in and boat traffic between the channel and Lake Poygan is impaired because of lack of channel depth. They plan on hydraulically dredging the channel beginning mid-May 2008. The dredging will take approximately 3 weeks. Permit applications have been filed with the DNR and are awaiting approval.

Lake Poygan Invasive Species project: This project began last summer through the efforts of the Lake Poygan Sportsmen's Club in cooperation with the DNR and the Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation Department. This project is a 3-year project and is targeted at killing invasive weed species in the 450 acres of Page's Slough. A carp gate has been installed to help prevent these fish from spawning in the waters of Page's Slough. Grant money from the State of Wisconsin covers half the cost of this project. The other half is covered by the Lake Poygan Sportsman's Club. Thanks to the efforts of the Club, these waters will become more desirable as a nursery for game fish and its suitability as a fish and wildlife habitat will be enhanced.

A new fire truck was recently purchased by the Fremont Fire Department. The cost was almost entirely funded by a grant from FEMA.