

**TOWN OF TILDEN 2024 NEWSLETTER   Volume 28   Population 1552**

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**Phone Numbers of Town Officials:**

715-226-5546 Chairman: Fred Bohl  
715-933-0976 Supervisor I: Daniel Reischel  
715-828-0971 Supervisor II: Gary Meinen  
715-288-6212 Constable: Albert Goettl  
715- 404-0026 Clerk: Mary Hartman  
715-829-3120 Treasurer: Shelley Schemenauer  
715-495-1188 Fire Chief: David Goettl  
715-309-2863 Assessor: Randy Prochnow  
715-726-7940 New Home Building Permits - Chippewa County  
Town of Tilden needs a Plot Plan

**Other Numbers and Contacts:**

715-404-0026 General Building, Driveway Permits & Plot Plans: Mary Hartman  
Most forms can be found at [townoftilden.com](http://townoftilden.com)  
715-726-7940 Home Building Permits: Chippewa Co Zoning- **Town of Tilden needs a Plot Plan**  
715-404-0026 Rent the Town Hall: Mary Hartman  
414-436-0035 County Board - District 5: Darren Kirby  
715-874-4156 County Board - District 9: Joel Seidlitz  
715-404-0026 Notary of Public: Mary Hartman  
715-288-6453 Town Hall / Clerk's Office: Mary Hartman  
715-456-0256 Town Shop: Dave Hartman  
715-288-6452 Fire Station – Call 911 to report fires or emergencies

**For a Burning Permit:**

715-495-1188 David Goettl  
715-288-6985 Jim Blum  
715-559-7488 Greg Buckli

**Email Addresses:**

Town of Tilden Clerk: [clerk.townoftilden@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.townoftilden@gmail.com)  
Town of Tilden Treasurer: [treasurer.townoftilden@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.townoftilden@gmail.com)  
Tilden Volunteer Fire Department: [tildenvfdchief@gmail.com](mailto:tildenvfdchief@gmail.com)  
Town of Tilden's Assessor: [prochnowrandy@hotmail.com](mailto:prochnowrandy@hotmail.com)

**CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS:** By appointment. Call or text Mary at 715-404-0026 or email [clerk.townoftilden@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.townoftilden@gmail.com) to schedule an appointment.

**MEETING NOTICES ARE POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

Posted on Tilden' website – [www.townoftilden.com](http://www.townoftilden.com) in front of the Tilden Town Hall – 10790 100<sup>th</sup> Ave. Chippewa Falls WI and, when required, at Baier's Bar and Bresina's Hometown Bar & Grill.

### **GENERAL MEETING TIMES:**

**All meetings are open to the public unless otherwise noted. Everyone is encouraged to attend.**

Monthly Town Board Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month @ 7 p.m. unless otherwise posted – check website for time.

Fire Department meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.

Plan Commission meets as needed.

Open Book happens in April – check website for details.

Board of Review happens in May – check website for details.

Annual Town Meeting of Electors is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in April.

Budget Approval Meeting of the Electors occurs in the fall - November or early December, check website for details.

### **AREAS OF CONCERN:**

911 numbers are issued by Chippewa County Zoning. Please maintain your 911 number markers– if there are problems or it needs to be replaced contact the Tilden Volunteer Fire Department at [tildenvfdchief@gmail.com](mailto:tildenvfdchief@gmail.com) or the Town Chairman.

### **PERMITS ARE REQUIRED:**

Driveway and General Building (sheds, garages, and non-habitable structures) Permits are required in the Town of Tilden and issued by the Tilden Clerk. New home or multi-family home permits are issued by the Chippewa County Planning & Zoning (715-726-7940) at 711 N. Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, Room 009. **A PLOT PLAN MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE TOWN OF TILDEN.** While there is no zoning in the Town of Tilden, the Town does have ordinances that affect land use. Building permits take time to issue, always allow 7 to 10 days before your project begins. New home construction requires filling out an online Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Permit Application and contacting Chippewa County Planning and Zoning office. **There is an After the Fact Fee of \$250** for starting construction or building prior to getting a permit. If in doubt call the Clerk – Mary Hartman at 715-404-0026, for permit applications, checking ordinances or general building permit questions. New home construction permits are issued by Chippewa County Planning and Zoning (715-726-7940).

### **ATV/UTV ROUTE:**

The Town Board is in the process of opening up all Tilden roads. As of right now, you can only ride on roads that are signed. Watch for updates at the: [townoftilden.com](http://townoftilden.com) website.

### **ROADS:**

The road right-of-way is not a dumping ground. The Town's right-of-way is 33' from the center of town roads and belongs to the town. Ditches are mowed and brushed to protect the

Town from liability. Items that do not belong in the road ditches include: farmer's crops, grass clippings from your lawn or yard, cement - whether blocks or cleanings from a truck, appliances, mattresses, furniture, rocks (from anywhere, including farm fields), stumps, garbage, tires, or other debris. There is no parking of vehicles on town roads, this includes cul-de-sacs. Please report to the town board any hazards that affect town roads and Tilden's liability; such as water on roads, potholes, downed or missing signs or fallen trees. If you see anyone doing damage or that damage has been done to Town property, call the sheriff's department (715-726-7701) or any town board member to report it.

## **DOGS:**

1. **Dogs may not run at large:** Owners are responsible for their dogs, and need to be on a leash when off their owner's property. Walkers and bikers should not have dogs chasing them.
2. **ALL dogs in the State of Wisconsin MUST be licensed.** Licenses are good for one year starting January 1<sup>st</sup> and expire December 31<sup>st</sup>. **Dogs over 5 months, not licensed by April 1<sup>st</sup> will be charged a late fee of \$25.00** in addition to the regular license fees.
3. **Licenses will not be issued without proof of rabies vaccination or a waiver from a veterinarian.** Vaccination papers will be returned with the license. Any dog that is in your possession for more than 7 days is considered your dog, per State Statute.
4. **Tilden does NOT have a contract with the Chippewa Humane Society.** If you find a dog in Tilden, the CHS will not accept it. **Contact the constable or another town officer if you find a dog.** Because Tilden is not part of the Chippewa Humane Society it is Town Policy that all dogs found are held in Tilden. All dogs are held for 7 days and then are dealt with. If you find a dog in the Town of Tilden contact Constable Al Goettl at 715-288-6212.
5. **Owners of unlicensed Dogs will be taken to small claims court for failure to license and vaccinate their dog(s).** The court costs (\$150+) will be added to the regular license fees plus a \$25.00 late fee.
6. **To licensed your dog(s), Make checks payable to: Town of Tilden, 10302 110<sup>th</sup> St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729.** Include the following with the correct license fee: Owner's Name and Address, Dogs Name and Breed, Proof of Rabies Vaccination from a Veterinarian. **Fees:** \$8.00 for spayed or neutered dogs, \$13 for intact dogs and \$60 for a kennel license up to 12 dog - \$7 for each additional dog over 12. For questions, contact Shelley Schemenauer, Treasurer at 715-829-3120.

**Why should I license my dog every year?** Under Wisconsin State Statutes, Chapter 174.051(1) the owner of the dog more than 5 months of age on January 1 of any year, or 5 months of age withing the licensed year shall annually, or on or before the date the dog becomes 5 months of age, pay the dog license & obtain a license.

## **RECYCLING CENTER / GARBAGE DROP OFF SITE:**

The Recycling Center is open most Saturdays from 8 a.m. till 12 noon and is located behind the Tilden Town Hall at 10790 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue. There will be someone there to help you. All

garbage is required to be in Town of Tilden bags. These can be purchased from the attendants. It is illegal to leave garbage or recycling at the center when it is unattended. Tilden will not accept any furniture, construction materials, monitors & TVs. Pharmaceuticals may be disposed of at any police department. Please do not flush them. Separating recyclables helps offset disposal cost to the township.

### **RECYCLING DUMPSTERS:**

Plastic bottles with a #1 or #2 recycle symbol are accepted. Plastic and glass are co-mingled. Make sure to rinse before recycling plastic and glass containers. All newspaper, slick, shiny paper, magazines, catalogs, office paper, and books, without covers, may be recycled together. All cardboard must be flattened. This saves space in the recycle dumpster.

### **BATTERIES, APPLIANCES, and ELECTRONICS RECYCLING:**

Batteries - lead and rechargeable are recycled. No small electronic appliances, computers, monitors or TVs are collected by the Town of Tilden. You can take them to First Choice in Eau Claire free of charge.

### **STEEL & ALUMINUM:**

Please rinse tin cans before placing them in the steel recycling dumpster - steel only, no plastic or wood allowed. Aluminum cans go in the Recycling Shed, separate from the steel. We are paid more for clean metal.

### **GARBAGE DUMPSTERS:**

Garbage drop-off is available on **Saturdays from 8 a.m. till noon. Town of Tilden garbage bags are needed** and can be purchased for \$3.50 each or 10 for \$35.00. The bags can be purchased at the Recycling Center or the Town Office when open. All other garbage items must be approved by the workers at Recycling Center / Garbage Drop Off Site. There will be a minimum fee of \$5.00 for items that don't fit into the bags.

### **TILDEN'S YARD WASTE AND BRUSH DISPOSAL:**

Tilden's Yard Waste and Brush Disposal site requires contacting one of the following people: Fred Bohl (715-226-5546), Daniel Reischel (715-933-0976), or Gary Meinen (715-828-0971) for permission to dispose of leaves, brush or wood scraps at the brush site – no stumps or grass clippings. Permission is required.

### **Chippewa County collects Appliances, Computers and some Hazardous Waste:**

At the Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds - usually in April and again in October. **Tires** are collected behind **Lafayette Town Hall**. Details are posted at the Recycling Center or on Chippewa County's website at [www.chippewacountywi.gov](http://www.chippewacountywi.gov). Search: Recycling Programs.

### **TILDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

#### **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS ARE NEEDED:**

Tilden Volunteer Firefighters and First Responders are part-time Tilden employees. Tilden pays for meetings, training, and responding to fire calls. The Tilden Volunteer Fire Department is currently looking for people to join this dedicated group. Because most of the current Firefighters and First Responders have other full-time jobs, daytime help is especially needed. If you are interested or want more information call or email:

David Goettl 715-495-1188  
James Blum 715-288-6985  
Email: [tildenvfdchief@gmail.com](mailto:tildenvfdchief@gmail.com)

### **CHECK SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS:**

If your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are more than 10 years old, it would be a good idea to replace them. Carbon monoxide detectors are required on every floor. Change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors with daylight saving time in the spring.

### **911 NUMBERS:**

Must remain on the same side of the road in which they were originally placed. Must be visible and erect. It's the landowner's responsibility to maintain and care for the numbers. Call if they need to be replaced.

### **REMEMBER TO:**

Have your furnace serviced and clean your chimney.....It could save your family's lives. Check your fire extinguisher that it is in good working order and charged.

### **BURN PERMITS ARE REQUIRED:**

You may NOT leave a message saying you are going to burn. One of the people listed below will give you a burning permit number. There is NO burning on **Sundays or Holidays**. Please be responsible, especially when conditions are dry or windy. You may burn at night. Burn permits are not required for burning barrels, campfires or cookouts. **Burning permits are REQUIRED for ALL other fires.** Call on of these people to get a burning permit:  
David Goettl - 715-495-1188, Jim Blum - 715-933-2644, Greg Buckli - 715-559-7488.

### **SUPPORT THE TVFD:**

You can show your support for the Tilden Volunteer Fire Department by coming out and enjoying their Annual Pancake Breakfast, held the last Sunday in April, at the Fire Station located at 10790 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Chippewa Falls, WI from 8 AM - 12 PM. There is always good food, friendly people, a nice raffle, and an opportunity to meet the Firefighters and First Responders who keep Tilden safe. Donations are always welcomed.

### **Renting the Tilden Town Hall:**

Town of Tilden residents can rent the Town Hall. Rental cost is \$150.00 per day and a \$75.00 cleaning deposit is required. The cleaning deposit will be returned if the Town Hall is left clean. Contact the Mary Hartman, Clerk at 715-404-0026 or email [clerk.townoftilden@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.townoftilden@gmail.com) for further details.

### **Town Meetings:**

The public is encouraged to attend any town meeting. Even if you cannot attend every monthly meeting of the Town Board, consider setting some time aside for the Town of Tilden's Annual Meeting of Electors the third Tuesday in April and the Tilden residents

approve the budget for the upcoming year in late November or early December. These meetings are setup by State law to allow the Tilden residents an opportunity to make changes in the way Tilden operates. It is also the meetings that compensation for Tilden's elected officials is set or can be changed. By State law town residents must vote to approve or reject any town budget submitted by the Town Board.

**Open Book and Board of Review:** provide opportunities for residents and property owners in the Town of Tilden to review their property values, talk with the assessor, compare their property values with other similar properties. The Open Book is attended by Tilden's assessor. The assessor is there to answer questions about your property's value and why it's valued the way it is. The Board of Review is a formal hearing about a property's value, with the owner making the case for its value. Owners who feel that their property value is wrong should first talk with the assessor at the Open Book and if they still feel the property's value is wrong can bring their claim to the Board of Review. The Board of Review is made up of Tilden's chairperson, both supervisors, and the town clerk. The assessor also attends.

**Town of Tilden Caucus:**

**Town of Tilden will schedule a Town Caucus at the December Board Meeting, which will take place in January.** This is to pick candidates to be placed on the April 2025 ballot. **Tilden will have all elected positions up for election in April 2025. The more candidates Tilden has for its elected positions the better our town government is. Offices up for election are Town of Tilden Chairperson, Supervisor I, Supervisor II, Treasurer, Constable, and Clerk.** If you have an interest or just would like more information contact Mary Hartman, Clerk at 715-404-0026. The Caucus only happens during odd-number years.

**Water Sampling for Nitrates:**

Chippewa County Public Health will be at the Tilden Town Hall on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 from 2 – 6 pm. Bring about 8 ounces of water in a clean container (preferably glass) for a free nitrate screening. Run water for five minutes on cold at full flow before collecting the sample. Collect your sample within 24 hours of the event. Check Tilden's website for other locations or dates or contact the Public Health Department at 715-725-7900.