

TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

Newsletter

May 2022

TOWN OFFICIALS

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Supervisors: Gary Uelmen 715-745-2982, Brandon Nygaard 715-851-5365

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Fire Chief: Leonard Wahl 920-373-3308

***Regular Town Board meetings are held the second Wednesday
of each month at 7PM at the Community Center.***

NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK:

- April 5th election results in our Town: Court of Appeals: Thomas Hruz 117, County Supervisor: Terry Tipton 122, Gillett School Board: Clifford Gerbers 49, Jamie Young 58, Robin Banasynski 14, Zack Zeitler 2, Mark Winkler 1, Referendum: Yes 38, No 34, Bonduel School Board: Dennis Bergsbaken 24, Kimberly Strayer 3, David Bohm 26, Julie Felhofer 25, Pulaski School Board: Jackie Huisman 14, Heidi Bukowiec 12, Barb McKeffry 25
All election results can be found on the Shawano County website: <https://www.co.shawano.wi.us>
- The Town of Green Valley will be performing a **market revaluation** in 2022. The last revaluation was performed 9 years ago in 2013; since then market values have changed and assessed values no longer reflect the current market. The state of Wisconsin is a Market Value state. This means property values are required to mirror the fair market value of comparable properties to ensure property owners are paying their fair share of taxes. The fair market value of all property is calculated by reviewing arm's length sales between a willing seller and a willing buyer on the open market. Assessors consider information from many sources to determine your assessment. Assessors will be reviewing market sales up to January 1, 2022. Sales after the new year will not be used to determine your value. The property tax bill you receive in December of 2022 will be based on the new assessment value of your property. Assessors don't set tax rates. There are no additional taxes collected by the town during a revaluation. The revaluation does not change the amount of tax collected by the town, county, school district or technical college.
- **Open Book will be held Monday, June 14 from 12-2 pm at the Community Center.** You can schedule an Open Book appointment on Accurate Appraisal's website or call their office. The roll book will be on Accurate Appraisal's website for viewing. If you have any questions concerning

your taxable real or personal property valuation, schedule an Open Book session with one of the Accurate Appraisal, LLC appraisers.

- **Board of Review will be held Wednesday, August 3 from 4-6 pm** at the Community Center. Please attend an Open Book session and speak to an assessor before you object to the assessment.
- To save the Town some money, if you would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail only, please inform the Clerk by e-mailing her at Clerk@tn.greenvalley.wi.gov
- Following are the **UNAPPROVED minutes from the Annual Town meeting:**

The Town of Green Valley met Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 7PM at the Community Center.

There were 10 people present. Chairman Tipton called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Clerk Jenerou read the 2021 annual meeting minutes. *Motion by Marlene Schuda, second by Scott Schuda to approve the minutes as read. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

Treasurer Nygaard read the 2021 financial report printed in the Annual Report. Tipton stated that the 2021 financial report was available to everyone and asked if there were any questions or comments on it. *Motion by Scott Schuda, second by Wayne Hruska to approve the financial report. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

New Business: Tipton stated that Open Book will be held Monday June 27th from 12-2pm in person at the CC and Board of Review will be held Wednesday August 3rd from 4-6pm in person at the CC. Our Town is required by the State to conduct a Market Revaluation of all properties this year; please contact Accurate Appraisal with any questions.

Discussion on setting the elected officials' salaries for the next term of office 4/2023-3/2025. The electorate of the Town of Green Valley sets the elected officials salaries, and normally there are only two electorate meetings a year, the annual meeting and the budget hearing. In order to formulate a more accurate budget, it makes sense to set the salaries for the next term's (4/23) elected officials at the annual meeting. The current salaries are: Clerk = \$19,669.08, Chairman = \$9,834.54, Treasurer = \$9,834.54, Supervisors = \$4,917.27 each; they were last raised 3% effective 4/19. It was explained that according to the recommendation of the WI Towns Association (WTA), the Chairman's and Treasurer's salaries are to be equal, the Clerk's salary is to be double the Chairman's salary, and the Supervisors' salaries are to be half of the Chairman's salary. *Motion by Bob Krause, second by Scott Schuda to increase all elected officials salaries by 3% effective 4/2023. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

Tipton stated that the Board conducted the annual road tour on 4/16 to determine road and sign conditions & needs; decisions on priorities will be made at a future monthly Board meeting. There are lots of issues to address. Tipton will ask Shawano County to cut our ditches again as it went well last year.

Tipton stated that we haven't spent any of the ARPA funds we received yet; possibly use some to replace the CC roof and replace various culverts in our Town.

There was a meeting concerning the Flood Plain areas being identified; more area possibly listed as in it.

The Town of Green Valley will be 150 years old in 2023; a committee will be formed to start planning a celebration next year. Any volunteers welcome!

Other Business: Explanation that per 2011 Wis Act 115, the Town annual meeting date is the third Tuesday in April, and if held on that date no notice is needed. The Town annual meeting can be held within ten days of the third Tuesday in April only if that date is set at the previous annual meeting.

Motion by Bob Krause, second by Marlene Schuda to set next year's annual meeting date as the third Tuesday in April (4/18/23). All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Wanda Nischke, second by Scott Schuda to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

NEWS FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK:

- Welcome to spring, with that remember to exercise caution around the large equipment soon to be moving about.
- Thank You to the plow drivers and election workers for a job well done!
- The software company no longer supports the old voting machines, so we replaced them with 1 new tabulating machine. This will help the election workers to get accurate tabulations more efficiently.
- In the April 5th election, I was reelected to be your county board supervisor and was sworn in on

4-20-2022. I have been appointed to serve on The Public Safety Committee, Local Emergency Planning Committee, Solid Waste Committee and Joint City County Transportation Advisory Committee.

- The annual road tour was done 4-16-22 and will be used to direct road maintenance and for surface reporting. Pothole patching will be underway soon
- The annual town meeting was held 4-19-22. During the annual meeting it was noted and discussed that the Town of Green Valley will have its 150-year Anniversary in March. If you are interested in planning a celebration let us know!
- When planning a project start off by going to the Planning and Zoning office in the courthouse basement. It takes time to get thru the process to do zoning changes and to hold hearings when they are needed. Due to the laws these meeting must be posted for a certain length of time. This becomes difficult when the newspaper only publishes weekly. If it requires a special meeting additional costs will be incurred.
- The town continues to be the recipient of used tires and random bags and piles of garbage that is dumped along the roads. This will continue to consume funds from the road budget. If this is observed, please report it!
- I also posted a copy of Shawano County's Health and Junk ordinance at the mailboxes in Green Valley. It should go without asking to pickup; put the garbage in the garbage and recycle in the recycle bins.
- Shawano County is in the process of preparing to grind and relay the blacktop on County C from Pulcifer to Deer Lane (3.2 miles) to be completed soon.
- Have a Great Summer 1

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK:

- Second half of the 2021 property taxes are due to the SHAWANO COUNTY TREASURER **on or before July 31st**. Please visit the Shawano County website for more information - <http://www.co.shawano.wi.us/departments/?department=75a158d7ca20>

GARBAGE & RECYCLING:

***** Per Harter's Fox Valley Disposal- If a holiday falls in the week of our normal pickup before our normal pickup day (Wednesday), pickup will be pushed back one day (to Thursday).*****

If you have questions on garbage/recycling pickup, please call Harter's Fox Valley Disposal.

- Garbage should be placed in bags and put out in your garbage cart.
- **Recyclables must be placed loosely in your recycling cart; NOT in bags in your cart.**

Large items in our Town are picked up every other Wednesday opposite weeks of garbage pick-up. You must call Harter's Fox Valley Disposal at least one day prior to the Wednesday large item pick-up to get on the pick-up list for that day. Some items require a fee to be picked up; call Harter's for information.

(The following information was found on the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources website.)

Wisconsin is a leader in recycling – to remain at the forefront, each of us can do more.

- [Compost](#) yard materials and vegetable food scraps. Composting is a smart way to keep valuable materials out of the landfill. Making your own compost saves you money and makes your plants happy.
- Eliminate [open burning](#). Burning even brush can cause pollution and health problems for you or your family and neighbors. It is illegal to burn treated wood, plastic, household garbage and most all other trash. State law allows the burning of clean wood or brush and non-recyclable paper.
- Recycle [electronics](#). Keep these out of the landfill by recycling your used electronics, cell phones, fluorescent bulbs and rechargeable batteries.

- Recycle used [automotive materials](#). Used oil, oil filters, lead-acid automotive batteries and used antifreeze should be recycled.
- Reuse or recycle [construction and demolition materials](#). Much of this material is a mix of reusable or recyclable material that should be kept out of the landfill.
- Properly manage [fluorescent and other light bulbs](#). Many types of bulbs contain metals such as mercury at toxic levels. These bulbs should be properly disposed of to avoid contaminating the environment or harming human health.
- Buy products in recyclable containers with as little packaging as possible. Look for packaging that can be recycled and items which you can repair or reuse. Also, support recycling markets by buying and using products made from recycled materials.
- Reduce the use of [disposable shopping bags](#) and use canvas or other reusable bags instead.

GREEN VALLEY-MORGAN FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The “Typical” Wisconsin Spring

It seems like this spring weather is a repeat of recent years – more cold, white, and wet than warm and green! However, we were fortunate enough again this time to only get a few inches of snow rather than a few feet! Hopefully, we’ll soon be able to plant the fields and gardens and enjoy some warmer temperatures and outdoor activities. As you travel around the area, please be safe on the roads! Farm equipment will be traveling on all the roads again soon and at all times of the day and night. Some of those machines are quite large and travel at a slower speed, so we ask that you share the roadways with them. Please be courteous as they do their jobs. And let’s not forget those larger brown animals that like to jump out into the roadways along with all their smaller friends. Watch for these critters at all times of the day and night!

As always, when the weather warms up, we have a number of wildland fires in the area. Here is our list of reminders:

- ✓ Check the local fire danger conditions per the DNR. DNR burning permits are required for the Town of Morgan (check the regulations on their web site or call them for more info), but not for the Town of Green Valley. There is no fee for obtaining a burning permit and they are good for the whole year! The DNR has made it possible to obtain burning permits through their website at no charge, and you can print it at home immediately! You can also call them and have them mail a burning permit to your residence. We urge everyone to check the fire danger map at the following web site <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestFire/restrictions.asp>. The DNR updates this map daily at 11:00 a.m. You can also call 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) for daily restrictions or refer to the signs posted by any DNR Ranger station.
- ✓ Use common sense and plan ahead. Tend to your fire at all times.
- ✓ Please use common courtesy with fireworks and campfires during your summer celebrations so that everyone can enjoy the nice summer evenings.
- ✓ Check the nearby weather forecast. The weather may be perfect at the time you plan to burn, but it can change within a matter of minutes. If the wind picks up right after you burn, a few smoldering embers could be all it takes to start a wildland fire.
- ✓ Please remember to always make sure your fire is completely out before leaving the area.

Also, the Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company asks that you contact the Sheriff’s Department to report that you are going to have a ‘controlled burn’; just give them the location and time you plan to burn. (Do NOT call 911, use the non-emergency line: Shawano County 715-526-3111, Oconto County 920-834-6900.) If you do see a fire, please stop and check to see if someone is tending to the fire and/or if it is contained. We’ve had calls in the past that have been reported by cell phone users driving by and they result in a fire that is being tended to.

The State of Wisconsin has recently recognized Severe Weather Awareness Week. The Towns of Green Valley and Morgan do not have audible warning sirens, so we recommend the NOAA weather radios or your local media sources for severe weather alerts in Shawano/Oconto County. The local news channels also have apps that are free to download on your cell phone so you can receive severe weather alerts on the go. If severe weather occurs in our area, please be careful. Night time events are especially dangerous! There may be wires down, trees across roadways, injuries to some people, and fires that are uncontrolled. The fire company and emergency services will be working around the area to keep you safe from any of these dangers. You may also see utility companies around the area trying to get us up and running again. Give these folks the courtesy, time, and space to do their jobs and remedy the situation in the most efficient way. Remember that we may not be the only people affected by the storm damage, and some other areas may have more damage than us.

The annual Green Valley – Morgan Firefighters Picnic will be held on August 13, 2022 from noon to 11:00 pm. We currently have tickets for sale (\$10 each) for the gun raffle. The drawing is held at 9 pm, however you do not need to be present to win. You can purchase a ticket(s) from any firefighter or you can visit the various businesses in Green Valley and Morgan and surrounding communities. Our evening band this year is “Fire on High”. There will be a car/tractor show beginning at noon; there will be a bicycle raffle for the kids, and a kids’ pedal tractor pull in the afternoon! There will be raffles going all day long as well with some great prizes. We will be serving chicken booyah, brats, hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos and cheese, desserts, Sundrop Slushies, and refreshments throughout the day and evening (carry-ins are not allowed). There is no charge for admission, so please come to Green Valley to support your local fire company! Until next time, stay safe and enjoy the Wisconsin weather!

HISTORY COMMITTEE:

Kaye Rundquist 715-853-4012

****Richard Winter** advised the *Town of Green Valley’s A Glimpse Into Our Past*, Book 2, is online at this website. I have no idea how it got there but am glad to see it is available. Thank you again Mr. Winter for the information. [Mr. Winter had relatives living in the Town in the distant past]
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/vow15fpl0ttmxci/409736067-Township-of-Green-Valley-A-Glimpse-Into-Our-Past-Book-II.pdf?dl=0>

If I can figure out how to upload book 1, I will try to do that and let you know sometime in the future. Have patience! I am technology challenged!!!

[Mr. Winter is wondering if anyone can recall a **Ted Weaver** living in the Town? If you do, please let Kaye Rundquist know what you remember. Thank you.]

With the Fire Department’s picnic coming up later this summer, thought you might be interested in some of the posters for the fund raisers in the past. Because of the early fire departments need for funds, various events were held to raise money. Here are some examples of early posters to promote some of these events. [thanks to David Dittman and Carol Hudson for the examples]



PLAN COMMISSION: Regular meetings - first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Community Center Members: Chairperson Bob Krause 853-6969, Secretary Carol Nygaard 745-6056, Marlene Schuda 715-745-6351, Wanda Nischke 715-584-2647, Alice Schneider 715-851-1277.

- Please remember you must apply for a field access permit application and/or driveway permit application prior to receiving the permit. You will not be issued a field access and or driveway permit until the Plan Commission secretary has the application and fee payment and your site has been viewed by a member of the Town Board of Supervisors and/or the Plan Commission Chairman. You will not be issued a permit the day you request one.

KRAKOW SANITARY DISTRICT:

President: Daniel Cota, 920-899-3652

Treasurer: Tom Gwidt, 920-899-3890

Secretary: Ronald Smurawa, 920-655-4631, krakowsanitary@yahoo.com

Plant Operator: Dale Wagner, 920-899-3381 contact for emergency issues only

Bookkeeper: Jean Banker, 715-851-3403, jbanker05@icloud.com) contact for billing questions

- If you have questions or issues with the Krakow Sanitary District, you should contact the Sanitary District Board as listed above.

GREEN VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT #1:

Regular meeting the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the GV Fire Department Building unless posted otherwise.

District Board: President – Corey Bristol, [920-619-6846](tel:920-619-6846); Treasurer - Peggy Peotter, [920-619-6847](tel:920-619-6847); Secretary - Lisa Bergner, [715-851-2288](tel:715-851-2288);

- Just a reminder that all sump pumps are to be discharged into the yard and not in the sewer.