



TOWN OF WAUSAU NEWSLETTER

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March 25, 2024



REMEMBER TO VOTE TUESDAY, APRIL 2
Polls are open 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Town of Wausau Municipal Building
161484 County Road Z

The first election for 2024 will be held on April 2. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Voting is held at the Town of Wausau Municipal Building.

If you are not registered to vote, you may do so on election day providing you have resided in the town a minimum of 28 days. Please bring along an approved 'proof of residency' to register. Approved forms include your WI Driver's License, real estate tax bill, paycheck, and bank statement. If unsure, contact the clerk or visit <https://myvote.wi.gov>. The website is an especially useful tool. You can request an absentee ballot, check your registration status, view the current election ballot, and see your voting history.

Voters are required to show a photo ID and state their name and address aloud for the election inspector. They must also sign the poll book. Voters will have two types of ballots to choose from for voting. Paper ballots or using the touch screen machine called an 'Express Vote' are available for all elections.

If you are interested in becoming an election inspector (poll worker), please leave your name and phone number at the voter registration table. Training is required and provided by the clerk. Questions, please contact Town of Wausau Clerk, Cindy Worden, at 715/297-1157.

SPRING CLEANUP
SATURDAY, APRIL 27
8:00-11:00 A.M.

The annual spring cleanup will be held at the Town of Wausau Municipal Building between 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 27. Please bring this newsletter or some other form of ID to show proof of town residency. There will be no charge to drop off metal, recyclables, or large items you can't fit in your garbage cart. Tires, electronics, microwaves, etc. **WILL NOT** be collected. You will need to find alternate ways to dispose of these items.

OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW

Due to the Town of Wausau Board Open Book will be Tuesday, May 14, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Board of Review is Thursday, May 23, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Both are held at the Town Municipal Building. Please contact Kurt Moeller, Town of Wausau Assessor, at 715/298-2061 if you have questions about your assessment.

TOWN OF WAUSAU ANNUAL MEETING **TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 7:00 P.M.**

On Tuesday, April 16, the annual town meeting will be held at the Town of Wausau Municipal Center. The town chairperson will preside over the meeting. An agenda is not required. If the town board anticipates bringing up a subject at the meeting, an agenda will be posted or published to inform the people of the topic.

To vote at the annual meeting you must be over 18 years old, be a town resident, and be eligible to

vote in regular elections pursuant to Chapter 6 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Property owners who are not residents are not allowed the right to vote. The town chairperson should acknowledge non-residents and allow them to speak, but only qualified electors can vote. There is no absentee voting or voting by proxy allowed. All actions of



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the meeting must be by vote. Voting can occur by paper ballot, show of hands, standing, or voice vote. Electors vote on which voting method is preferred.

At the annual meeting, the residents will be asked to approve last year's minutes. The annual financial report will be presented. New business as well as old business can be discussed.

We hope that you will attend the annual meeting and be part of our town government!



GARBAGE AND RECYCLING NEWS

As you know, the Town of Wausau contracted with Harter's Fox Valley Disposal the first of this year. We hope all is going well with your service. Just a reminder to be sure to take your cart to the end of driveway the night before your pickup day since pickup can be as early as 4 a.m. the next morning. The garbage trucks are equipped with a lifting device that will empty and return the carts to the same spot. The operator never has to leave the truck cab and controls the entire loading operation from inside the cab. The entire process takes about 15 seconds to complete. Harter's also as a split body truck. The split body trucks pick up the garbage and recyclables at the same time. The garbage and recyclables are separated by using two individual compartments with simultaneous packing. This saves on route costs and eliminates the need for another truck to pick up the recyclables. When you recycle, all paper, cardboard, plastics, metals, and glass can be mixed together in your recyclable cart. If you have any questions about your garbage or recyclables, please contact Harter's directly at 715/446-5400.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Town of Wausau Fire Department Picnic and 5K run/walk fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 21, at the fire department and town municipal center. Follow our Facebook page for more information as we get closer to the event:
Town of Wausau Fire Department

The total number of calls for 2023 included: five fires,
Nine crashes, seven mutual aid calls. and 119 med calls for a total of 140 responses.

The Fire Department is happy to report a grant was received from the DNR to help purchase wildland fighting gear and tools.

CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES: Do not forget to change your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarm batteries yearly. CO alarms are typically good for 10 years, and then need to be replaced.

THINKING ABOUT BURNING? Please visit the town website at <https://townofwausau.com> for the burning ordinance. It could cost you up to \$500 if the Fire Department is called out to your property for not following the ordinance. Legal burning permits are issued by the Town only, not by the DNR. Please contact Ben Schlund at 715/297-3396 or Kyle Borchardt at 715/340-3561 for more information or a burning permit.

FALSE ALARMS: Please remember to properly cancel a FALSE alarm if your alarm system goes off. If it goes off, the alarm company will need the code that you gave them. Your alarm company will call you at the number you provided. This may be an out of state number so please do not ignore it. Once you give the correct code, they will contact 911 to properly cancel the call. If you do not provide the correct code, the Fire Department will show up. If you need to test your system, please call your alarm company to put the system in test mode, so the fire department doesn't respond.

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BALANCE ON HAND: 1/1/2023

Total available funds 171,013.78

2023 REVENUE

YR 2022 Tax collections 2,843,328.95
 Garbage assess.+ co. conversion fee 170,843.12
 Lotto credit 36,013.51
 Co. settlement 168,190.50
 Property tax overpay. /dog lic. 28.66
 Forest crop prog. 14,063.22
3,232,467.96

INTERGOVERNMENTAL

State - personal prop. aid 6,316.81
 State shared revenue 55,780.47
 State hwy aids 154,607.70
 2% fire dues 9,591.95
 State - MFL 354.44
 State-exempt computer aid 484.29
 State - recycling grant 1,295.17
 State - election grants 971.20
 2022 LRIP funds - Evergreen Rd. 308,830.00
538,232.03

LICENSES & PERMITS

Bus. licenses/publish costs 2,713.97
 Building/driveway 5,900.00
 Dog license 2,705.00
 Utility policy permit 1,950.00
13,268.97

PUBLIC CHRGS. FOR SERVICES

Direct billed garbage 657.58
 Zoning permits/fees 4,486.00
 Sand/plow/culverts 2,119.00
 Fire service calls 1,750.00
9,012.58

MISCELLANEOUS

Focus on Energy-rebate 111.00
 Sale of land -net 10,750.00
 Worden Ent. -reimburse attorney costs 1,336.17
 Wau.Sch.Dist- refund blacktop assessment 5,000.00
 Municipal building rent/dep. 1,825.00
 Int. income 43,018.80
 2022 land rent 500.00
 Granite pit lease + 1/2 cost permit 27,091.12
 Dividend -WC audit 1,459.00
 Co.sign + pit inspection reimburse 2,338.00
 Fire dept donations 30,468.22
 Road base - RC 100,088.00

Newsletter ads + misc. 192.70
 People's Bank-annual mtg. lunch 208.21
 Tn. Easton -culverts 768.78
 Swiderski-refund of equip downpay. 2,500.00
 Pick-up truck sold 600.00
 Reimburse for constrution of Hodgson PL. 27,396.20
155,563.20

******TOTAL REVENUE**** 4,119,558.52**

2023 EXPENSES

TOWN GOVERNMENT

Bd.salary/mileage/fica 31,125.46
 Treas.salary /mileage/fica 12,996.82
 Treas. supplies/tax prog. 3,778.81
 Clerk salary/mileage/fica 29,533.46
 Clerk supplies 3,685.44
 Express vote machine - ARPA + election grant 3,950.00
 Election exp. 3,453.99
 Plan com/bd appeals/exp. 591.44
 Assessor/Bd. Review 39,916.00
 Town pub./website 3,682.58
 Zoning admin. salary/fica 7,750.80
 Legal exp. 7,343.73
 WTA mtgs./dues/other 3,836.27
151,644.80

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire dept. exp. 10,320.18
 Wages/fica/edu/inspect/ser.prg. 44,251.04
 Equip.-part funded by 2% dues 13,022.65
 Rescue tool/2 laptops -part funded by ARPA 7,494.49
 Standby ambulance fee 13,559.40
 Loan prin/int. pay. 27,323.62
115,971.38

TOWN INSURANCE POLICY 28,174.00

GARBAGE CONTRACT /CLN. UP 146,315.96

HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES

R/S wages/benefits/fica 134,525.22
 Equip. repair/tires 31,805.33
 Road signage/address/culverts 37,186.41
 Survey -Wilda Acres lots 1,109.00
 Fuel/grease/oil 28,384.56
 Supp. exp./ blacktop patch 51,468.78
 Road sand/salt mix 29,296.47
 Granite/base rd. main. 4,058.33
 Blacktop/seal coat/crackfill 322,326.95

2023 TAX ROLL STATEMENT

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Equip. hire/rent	10,024.75
Mining permit	3,910.00
2 truck prin/int pay.	<u>54,251.70</u>
	808,435.50

EQUIPMENT OUTLAY

Pole saw kit	432.94
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GARAGE & SHOP EXPENSES

Utilities/supp./garage doors-ARPA funded	38,487.13
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MUNICIPAL BUILDING EXP.

Repairs/utilities/cleaning	11,263.97
Sec. dep.refund /annual mtg. lunch	<u>683.21</u>
	11,947.18

TAXES & CREDITS PAID OUT

Wausau School Dist.	1,072,221.93
DC Everest Dist.	409,872.32
VTAE	187,525.28
County/forest prog. /ag conversion	678,613.91
Co.share DNR	70.89
Co. share dog license	1,307.50
Escrow/garbage reimburse	264.33
DOR - muni. mfg. property fee	<u>54.37</u>
	2,349,930.53

TOTAL EXPENSES	3,651,339.42
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ENDING BALANCES 12/31/2023

Checking	150,715.31
RC/future equip. fund	55,000.00
Fire Dept. future equip. fund	112,634.94
Reserved ARPA/2% fire dues	142,843.04
Dog ordinance enforcement	<u>7,025.81</u>
****TOTAL BAL. & EXPEND.****	<u>4,119,558.52</u>

Public Safety Loan Bal.	114,160.73
2019 International Truck Bal.	15,221.36
2017 Western Star Truck Bal.	<u>21,437.25</u>
	150,819.34

VALUATION:

Wausau School District	204,405,200.00
DC Everest District	<u>81,436,400.00</u>
TOTAL VALUE	285,841,600.00

LEVIES:

State	0.00
County	1,151,237.98
Town	718,058.00
Wausau School District	1,811,263.11
DC Everest District	607,914.65
NCTI	320,311.07
Plus garbage assessments	185,812.00
Plus managed forest lands	13,959.14
Overrun/underrun	<u>(0.02)</u>

GROSS TAX ROLL	4,808,555.97
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Less school tax credit	439,696.77
Less first dollar credit	77,868.65
Less lottery & gaming credit	<u>222,703.31</u>

TOTAL TAX ROLL	4,068,287.25
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ASSESSMENT RATIO:	0.995446101
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TAX RATE PER \$1,000 VALUATION

LISTED ACCORDING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Wausau: gross rate \$16.52	
Less school credit-\$1.53 =	\$14.99
DC Everest: gross rate \$23.26	
Less school credit-\$1.53 =	\$13.60
Town of Wausau share	
in the above amounts =	\$2.51

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Wausau Annual Town Meeting will be held at the Town of Wausau Municipal Building at 161484 County Road Z, on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to transact any business over which a town meeting has jurisdiction. (s.60.11) Cynthia L Worden Town of Wausau Clerk

This report is available online at <http://www.townofwausau.com/>

Click on documents to view [annual report 2023](#)

NOTE: Please bring this report with you to the annual meeting. Detail transaction by transaction reports will be available to view at the meeting. You may request a copy by email: clerk@townofwausau.com OR purchase for a cost of \$5.00.

Contact Cindy Worden at clerk@townofwausau.com or call 715.297.1157 by April 12th to order a copy of the report.



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The Town of Wausau Fire Department is always looking for volunteer fire fighters, first responder, or both. Feel free to check out the department by attending one of our trainings and see what it is all about. For more information, please contact Chief Kyle Borchardt.

Thank you, to all our supporters of the fire department. We could not do it without you.

Kyle Borchardt, Fire Chief/EMT-B
Town of Wausau FD, MABAS Division 130
161484 County Rd Z, Wausau WI 54403
715-340-3561

NEWS FROM THE TOWN TREASURER

- Reminder if you made a partial tax payment, your second installment is sent to the Marathon County Treasurer not the Town of Wausau Treasurer. Please see your bill for directions.
- If you need a dog license, the dog license form can be found on the Town of Wausau website: <https://townofwausau.com>. Complete and mail the form, payment, and rabies certificate to the Town of Wausau Treasurer.
- If you have an address change or moving, please call the Marathon County Treasurer at 715/261-1150 prior to October so you will receive your 2023 tax bill in December.

Thanks Susie Borchardt, TOW Treasurer

CONSTRUCTION SEASON

Welcome to the Spring of 2024 and the road construction season! Please slow down for road construction and let them return home to families safely. Also please be aware of construction signs, road closures, and follow detours as posted. If you need to install or replace a driveway or culvert, please contact Jim Borelli at 715/803-8282. Jim can address your questions about driveway and/or culvert specifications. If you are planning to erect a building, please contact Larry Vesely at 715/574-9186. Also, please contact Larry Vesely if you need an address or address sign. Please do not remove

or move your address sign. It is located on your property, so it is clearly visible for emergency personnel to respond to a call.



**8th ANNUAL TOWN OF WAUSAU
RUMMAGE SALE WEEKEND
MAY 17, 18, AND 19, 2024
Friday & Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Mark your calendar the annual town-wide rummage sale is coming up quickly. The Cub Scouts Pack 435 will again be selling food at Sunset Store Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Each resident sets up, signs, and works their own sale, keeping ALL proceeds. The rummage sale organizers will do advertising for the sale townwide in local media, Facebook, signs, posters, printed handouts in our local bars and restaurants, and in store grocery bags, etc. A map and lists of participating addresses with a brief description of sale items along with business sponsors, any promos at the businesses, like a coupon, drawing, lunch special etc. The business sponsors' contributions cover all the advertising costs, and ALL remaining money goes to the Town of Wausau Fire Department. Last year the Fire Department received \$1,816.84.

BUSINESS SPONSORS: please reply by April 22 to be included on all the posters and flyers.

RESIDENTS: to be added to the address lists or for more information, contact Nancy Anderson at 715/845-2699 or email andnancy@gmail.com or Susan at Sunset Store. The deadline to sign up is May 12. **ANYONE WILLING TO HELP ORGANIZE THIS EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT NANCY OR SUSAN.**



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Wausau WI 54403

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TOWN OF WAUSAU CONTACTS



Chair: Matt Baer	715/581-3205
Supervisors:	
Steve Buntin	715/551-9134
Sharon Hunter	715/842-7433
Clerk: Cynthia Worden	715/297-1157
Treasurer: Susan Borchardt	715/551-2868
Fire Chief: Kyle Borchardt	715/340-3561
Assessor: Kurt Moeller	715/298-2061
Zoning Permits: Larry Vesely	715/574-9186
Municipal Center:	715/845-8458



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