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REMEMBER TO VOTE TUESDAY, APRIL 6



Polls are open 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Town of Wausau Municipal Building 161484 County Road Z

- April 6 is the Spring Election in Wisconsin. It will be the last election held in 2021.
- Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Town of Wausau residents vote at the Town of Wausau Municipal Building.
- Social distancing and best recommended practices will be enforced.
- You will need to bring a valid photo ID to be able to vote. A valid photo ID may have a different address on it.
- New residents of the town that have resided for at least 28 days may register to vote.
- Residents that have moved within the town or have changed their last name must reregister.
- Approved "proof of residency" must be provided at registration.
- Registration can be done at the polls on election day.
- The term "early voting" in WI means to vote by absentee either by mail or in person at the Municipal Building (by appointment only).
- A Wisconsin application for absentee ballot form must be filled out and submitted to the clerk along with a copy of a photo ID OR requested online at https://myvote.wi.gov.
- In person absentee voting information is scheduled March 23-April 2 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. by appointment only. Absentee in person voting is only allowed during these posted dates and times.
- In person absentee voting is never allowed on the day prior to an election.
- More information is located on the town's website: <u>http://www.townofwausau.com</u>
- In order for an absentee ballot to be counted, it must be returned by the closing of the polls on election day.
- Completed absentee ballots may be dropped off at the clerk's home office by April 5, or on election day at the Municipal Building by 8 p.m.
- Please contact Town of Wausau Clerk, Cindy Worden, if you have any questions or need to schedule an appointment at 715/297-1157.

SAVE THE DATE

TOWN OF WAUSAU ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021, 7:00 P.M.

On Tuesday, April 20, the annual town meeting will be held. The town chairperson is the presiding officer of the annual meeting. To vote at the town board 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 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.

An agenda is not required. If the town board anticipates bringing up a subject at the meeting, an agenda should be posted or published to inform the people of the topic.

At the annual meeting, the residents will be asked to approve the minutes of last year's meeting. The town board presents the annual financial report. 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!

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 6:30 P.M.

Before the annual meeting on Tuesday, April 20, the Town Board and Planning Commission would like to invite you to a public hearing on the updated Town of Wausau Comprehensive Plan. As part of the hearing, there will be a short presentation and then residents can ask questions and voice their opinion about the plan.

A comprehensive plan is a vision of what a community is to be in the future. It provides for the growth and development of the town over the next ten years in such a way as to balance individual private property rights with the town's need to protect property values communitywide, minimize conflict, and keep the cost of local government as low as possible. The plan is used to influence decisions regarding management of growth





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and regulation of development to maintain the desired community character and to set priorities for public expenditures. Specific goals and objectives are developed along with a time frame for implementation. A plan includes the following elements:

- 1. Demographics
- 2. Natural Resources
- 3. Housing
- 4. Utilities and Community Facilities
- 5. Transportation
- 6. Economic Development
- 7. Land Use (both existing and future)
- 8. Intergovernmental Cooperation
- 9. Implementation Plan

The last plan was developed and adopted in 2010 and it should be reviewed at least every 10 years. A copy of the comprehensive plan can be found on the Town of Wausau home page: https://townofwausau.com. We hope to see you at the public hearing.

5th ANNUAL TOWNWIDE RUMMAGE SALE FRIDAY, MAY 14 & SATURDAY, MAY 15 8 A.M. TILL 5 P.M.

SUNDAY, MAY 16 (Usually 11 – 4, often most items ½ price)



Interested in selling your unwanted treasures? The 2021 townwide rummage sale is scheduled for the 3rd weekend in May. Join fellow residents for a weekend of rummage sales, food stands, prize drawings, and fun! There are usually between 30-40 sale addresses to visit.

You set up your sale at your residence and put up your signs by your road and driveway. The event will be advertised in the area Buyer's Guide, Wausau Daily Herald, bag stuffer fliers, posters, online, and with signs on the main roads. A list of participating addresses with a description of items for sale and the days open along with general maps will be available at the starting point sales from each direction, Sunset Store, etc.

Thanks to the generosity of our local businesses all advertising costs are paid, and ALL the extra money is donated to the Town of Wausau Fire Department. The 2020 sale, which was postponed until September due to COVID, had 19 businesses contributing to the event and

a check for \$980.05 was donated to the Fire Department.

Contact Nancy at and-nancy@gmail.com or 715/845-2699 with questions or to sign up by Sunday, May 9, to be included on the lists.

Businesses willing to contribute, please contact Nancy by April 23 to be included on the fliers and posters. All local businesses, clubs, and groups are encouraged to participate.

2021 PROPOSED ROAD PROJECTS



The Town of Wausau Road Committee met in January to review the 2020 WISLR ratings to consider what road projects would be tackled in 2021. The Road Committee recommended to the Town Board that Evergreen Rd east of Jim Moore Creek be reconstructed. A grant is being pursed to reconstruct Evergreen Road west of Jim Moore Creek in 2022. If resources are available, Batten Drive, Viewpoint Road and Del Rio south of Evergreen will also be blacktopped. Prahl Creek Road is being considered for treatment called GSB88. The product can enhance the life of a blacktop road and should be applied within a few years of it being blacktopped. Lastly, Lori Jodi west of Shenandoah Ridge Road is now ready for a chip seal coating.

It is estimated this year that blacktop will see a 30 percent increase in cost, crack seal 3 percent, and chip seal 10 percent. Some projects may have to be put on hold, depending upon the cost of these projects. Let's hope most of these projects can be completed so the Town continues on its long-range maintenance plan.

NEWS FROM THE TOWN TREASURER

Tax season has come to an end for sending tax payments to the Town of Wausau Treasurer. If you made a partial payment in December or January, you would need to send the second installment to the Marathon County Treasurer (see your tax bill for directions). If you need to license your dog, please visit: http://www.townofwausau.com and download the dog license form and send it to Town of Wausau Treasurer along with your payment. Thanks Susie Borchardt





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SPRING CLEAN UP SATURDAY, APRIL 24 8:30-11:30 A.M. TILL NOON



Do you have items you want to throw out that you cannot fit into your trash can? If so, bring these items to the Town of Wausau Municipal Building between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 24. 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 trash. There is a charge to dispose of the below items:

Microwaves	\$15	Car Tires without rims	\$ 6
PC Towers	\$15	Car Tires with rims	\$12
Small Printers	\$15	Tractor Tires	\$28
Monitors	\$15	Truck Tires	\$15
TVs	\$25	Appliances with Freon	\$75

OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW

The Town of Wausau open book session will be held on May 20 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Board of Review is scheduled for May 25 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Both are held at the Town Municipal Building.

If you have concerns regarding your property tax assessment, this is your chance to ask questions. The Board of Review can:

- 1. Adjust any assessments when they have been proven incorrect by sworn oral testimony.
- 2. Correct any errors or omissions in the descriptions or computations found on the assessment roll.
- 3. Check the assessment roll for omitted property and double assessments.

For Wisconsin property owners who want to appeal their property assessments, the first formal step in the appeal process starts at the Board of Review. The property owner must provide written or oral notice of intent to file an objection to the Town Clerk at least 48 hours before the Board of Review meeting. If the owner is requesting that a Board of Review member be removed, that must also be stated at this time along with an estimate of the length of the hearing. The property owner must complete a written objection form and file it with the Town Clerk. This must be done two hours prior to the meeting. This includes giving an estimate of value and

present factual evidence that supports the opinion of value stated on the objection form.

Please contact Kurt Moeller, Town of Wausau Assessor, at 715/298-2061 for an appointment or to answer questions about your assessment. You may also contact Cindy Worden, Town Clerk, to schedule an appointment at 715/297-1157. This is a single annual opportunity to change an assessment if found unfairly assessed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS



Thank you for your support if you bought a raffle ticket. The raffle was held on March 2, 2021, live on Facebook. The next raffle drawing hopefully will be in person.

Are you thinking of burning? Be sure to check the Town's website for burning information. If you do not follow the Town of Wausau Burning Ordinance and the Fire Department is paged out to your property, it will cost \$500 for the call. Legal permits to burn are issued by the Town only. The DNR permit does not replace the Town's permit.

Just a reminder to test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors frequently to make sure they work properly and replace the batteries if needed. If you currently do not have either of these devices, it is highly recommended you purchase and install these in your home. Both devices can save your life. Remember, carbon monoxide is odorless and cannot be seen. Please follow the instructions as to when to replace these devices. Rule of thumb: anything over 10 years old should be replaced.

The Town of Wausau Fire Department is always looking for volunteers to join the team as a first responder, firefighter, or both. For more information, please contact Chief Kevin Yolitz at 715/432-3602.

MEET THE CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR OFFICE THIS SPRING

Following is information about the candidates running for office in the Town of Wausau. Each candidate was asked why they are running for office and to share something about themselves.





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MEET MATTHEW BAER

I am running for Town Chairman. I feel the Town of Wausau needs some new ideas and a new direction. I think I would be a great asset for the residents of the Town of Wausau. I have a plan to improve the township and help the residents.

I am a business owner that lives here and runs a business in the Town of Wausau. I have lived here my whole life and so have my grandparents and parents. I feel the Town of Wausau is a great place to raise my son, Sawyer. I am very proud to live here and call this place home.

MEET JOHN PRAHL

I am running for Town Chairman. I am experienced at financial management, long range planning, negotiating vendor contracts, and employee management. Real knowledge of road maintenance that has resulted in record numbers of miles of roads being repaired or rebuilt at substantial savings to town residents. By serving as Town Chairman for 4 years, I have learned the issues of town residents that needed to be addressed and have worked at resolving them.

Your town board is responsible for enforcing town ordinances equally for everyone. I am working to ensure that the Town Board continues that path. I also want to protect landowners' rights to use and enjoy their property. I do not want our township to become so controlled that we need a permit for every activity.

I am self-employed as owner/operator of John Prahl Excavating, LLC and Preble Creek Sugar Bush, LLC. Dad to 2 daughters, Tina and Nicole. Grandpa to granddaughter Elin.

MEET CYNTHIA WORDEN

I am again running for Town Clerk because the position has given me the opportunity to serve our town residents and get to know many of them. There are so many different divisions of the town clerk's duties that it never fails to be interesting and challenging. Being the 'go to person' when there is a question about almost anything keeps me on my toes. I would like to think after all the experience I have had, I can be an asset to the Town of Wausau.

I have resided in the Town of Wausau for most of my life. My husband Darrell and I have 5 children and 6 grandchildren. We operate one of the few remaining

dairy farms in the township. I was asked to run for the clerk's position in 1995 by then Town Chairman Franklin Radke and have never looked back. Faith, family, farming, and town government occupy my time.

MEET SUSIE BORCHARDT

I am running for the Town of Wausau Treasurer because I truly enjoy what I do and love getting to meet so many residents who live in the township. I have had the pleasure of serving you for the past 10 years and I am looking forward to many more.

I have lived in the township for the past 20 years with my husband and two daughters. Our family loves to go camping, playing cards, being with family and friends, and going to any type of races.

MEET STEVEN BUNTIN

I am running for Supervisor to be a fresh voice for the Town of Wausau. I have a desire to remain committed to serving the needs of the township by thinking long-term and planning while addressing the needs of today. Some of my goals as Town Supervisor are to:

- Enforce the current town ordinances in a consistent manner.
- Expand tax base by supporting the growth of families and small businesses in the township.
- Assess roads and implement a long-term plan for road and ditch maintenance for both paved and unpaved roads in the township.
- Work with Broadband companies to provide their services to all residents of the township.
- Maintain relationship with the City of Wausau for ambulance service.

I have been a resident of the township for the past 30 years with my wife, Lisa, who is a lifelong resident. Our ties to the Town of Wausau are deeply rooted. We built our home on the same property that Lisa's grandparents built their home in the 1930's. We have three adult daughters and one grandson.

After 46 years of working as an auto mechanic, I am now retired and spend my days working on our property, woodworking, riding my four-wheeler, catching up with neighbors and spending quality time with family. Being retired will also allow me the time to devote to the town's needs.

As a concerned citizen, I have been attending town meetings the past eight years and have a clear understanding of the needs of the residents and the township.



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MEET SHARON HUNTER

I am running for Town Supervisor. I have had the honor of serving the Town of Wausau residents as Supervisor for several years and before that Town Treasurer. I would like to continue to serve as Town Supervisor for the following reasons to:

- ✓ Keep the cost of local government as low as possible.
- Ensure individual private property rights are protected while the town protects the property values communitywide.
- ✓ Minimize conflict.
- Continue to maintain our 55 miles of roads and follow our long-term road improvement plan.
- ✓ Support our Volunteer Fire Department.
- Review and update our Town of Wausau Code of Ordinance which were adopted 2015.
- ✓ Maintain the rural atmosphere of our township.

I have been a resident of the Town of Wausau for 38 years and am married to Bill. We have two adult children and two grand-dogs. In my spare time I serve on the College Goal Wisconsin, Marathon County Public Library, and YWCA Boards. I also like to golf, play pickleball, and spend time with family.

As your Town Supervisor, I will continue to gladly take your calls, listen to your concerns, and get things done to keep our township a great place live. Feel free to call me at 715/212-1672.

MEET MICHAEL WATZ

I am running for Town of Wausau Supervisor because I want to give back to our community by serving as a good steward of our taxes and resources. A top priority is to ensure our Fire Department and Road Maintenance Department continue to be properly funded. Equipment must be regularly maintained and upgraded to keep the crews and residents safe. However, I do feel this can be accomplished with less taxpayer cost by annually accruing funds to reduce the need for financing.

I will work with the town board and residents to develop plans to pave or repair roads most in need of attention. Another way to save money is to share services or road construction projects with nearby townships.

The Town of Wausau is attractive and should remain that way. My concern is that some of the proposed zoning changes under consideration may lead to too much development and expansion. This may greatly affect the surrounding landowners and the overall atmosphere of our township. More review may be necessary, and requests for zoning changes should be evaluated on an individual basis.

I am in favor of enforcing items outlined in the Code of Ordinances regarding public nuisances and property maintenance. These measures keep people safe and the town looking nice, and they protect property values. I would also like to pursue adding a constable to enforce ordinances and improve safety.

I am open minded and will collaborate with residents and the board to find solutions, provide top notch services, and keep our taxes level.

My wife Debbie and I have lived in the Town of Wausau for 26 years, where we happily raised our two children, Tommy and Ricky. I have worked at Greenheck for 28 years, and my wife teaches at Wausau East. Our boys both attend college at UW Madison. We are proudly a family of Badgers since my wife and I are both UW Alumni

As an engineering manager at Greenheck, I have led teams, managed departments and budgets, and handled personnel issues. I have also served as chairman on several committees within my industry in which we developed codes and standards.

In the local community, my wife and I are members of St. Agnes Parish. I am a graduate of the Leadership Wausau and Dale Carnegie courses, and I serve on the Board of the Johnathon Daniel Luoma Foundation.

Our children were involved in DC Everest sports, and I coached their baseball and football teams for several years. I served as league commissioner, treasurer, and vice president of DCE Youth Baseball. My proudest moments were helping the young men learn respect, sportsmanship, and responsibility.

On the township level, I headed two projects directly related to neighborhood safety. I helped implement a neighborhood watch program and I assisted in reducing residential speed limits. In doing so, I enjoyed collaborating with town residents, the town board, the sheriff's department, and the local Lions Club.

I enjoy traveling, hunting, and fishing with my family and spending time together at our hunting cabin.

TOWN OF WAUSAU ANNUAL REPORT 2020

BALANCE ON HAND: JANUARY 1,	2020	Fire dept donations + rebate	1,480.05
Ckg./savings/tax acct./res.	184,483.11	Tech & Civic Life - election grant	5,000.01
Fire Dept reserve	42,107.74	Chairs	114.00
Ord. enforcedogs	863.31	Misc.	485.72
viscan vacanidi Lapuvina	227,454.16	JD backhoe sold	16,680.50
2020 REVENUE			69,697.56
YR 2019 Tax collections	2,453,005.57		
Del. P.P. tax & int.	1,237.64	****TOTAL REVENUE****	\$3,356,008.18
Special assess./garbage	127,520.00		SACTOR SERBO
Lotto credit	30,934.11	2020 EXPENSES	
Co. settlement	179,254.01		
Tax overpay.	39.39	TOWN GOVERNMENT	
Forest crop prog.	12,994.16	Bd.salary/mileage/fica	29,632.28
State - personal prop. aid	6,316.81	Treas.salary /mileage/fica	12,513.06
City-annexation pay.	762.85	Treas. supplies/tax prog.	2,561.77
Particular this etc iodelico iliw	2,812,064.54	Clerk salary/mileage/fica	24,507.35
INTERGOVERNMENTAL		Clerk supplies	4,326.45
State shared revenue	55,936.33	Plan com/bd. appeals/exp	3,152.11
State hwy aids	148,613.40	Election exp.	14,902.28
State fire ins. dues	7,497.70	Assessor/Bd. Review	18,290.00
Co. culvert aid	6,296.51	Town pub./website	2,649.03
State-MFL + withdrawal	2,340.04	Zoning admin. salary/fica	7,750.80
State-exempt computer aid	484.29	Legal exp.	3,700.00
State-recycling grant	757.42	WTA mtgs./dues	<u>1,911.65</u>
State - election grants	6,914.00		125,896.78
	228,839.69	PUBLIC SAFETY	
LICENSES & PERMITS		Fire dept. exp.	9,710.24
Bus. licenses/publish costs	2,489.22	Wages/fica/edu/inspect/ser.prg.	38,349.83
Building/driveway	4,400.00	Equip.	16,783.82
Dog license	2,907.50	Standby ambulance fee	13,290.48
Utility policy permit	1,350.00	Loan prin/int. pay.	27,324.00
	11,146.72		105,458.37
PUBLIC CHRGS. FOR SERVICES		TOWN INSURANCE POLICY	16,475.00
Direct billed garbage	387.51	GARBAGE CONTRACT /CLN. UP	126,535.79
Zoning permits/fees	3,265.00	HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	
Sand/plow/culverts	1,653.00	Workman comp.ins./drug testing	8,166.75
Fire service calls	<u>1,500.00</u>	R/S wages/benefits/fica	132,615.41
	6,805.51	Equip. repair/tires	14,394.73
MISCELLANEOUS		Road signage/address	1,525.08
Building rent/dep.	670.00	Culverts	27,663.41
Int. income	7,832.68	Fuel/grease/oil	18,680.45
2020 land rent	500.00	Supp. exp./ blacktop patch	2,067.39
Granite pit lease	33,330.30	Road sand/salt mix	14,203.64
Dividend –WC audit	1,682.00	Granite/base rd. main.	12,000.37
Co.signage/fine/rd. damage	1,704.50	Blacktop/seal coat/crackfill	261,630.54
Recycle plow blades	217.80	Road base - RC	66,402.17

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Equip. hire/rent	7,632.15	2020 TAX ROLL STATEMENT	
Bridge inspection	435.00		
Mining permits	3,910.00	VALUATION:	
Truck prin/int pay.	54,251.70	Wausau School District	117,751,200.00
	625,578.79	DC Everest District	46,659,500.00
EQUIPMENT OUTLAY	67,500.00	TOTAL VALUE	164,410,700.00
GARAGE & SHOP EXPENSES			
Supp./utilities	5,602.20	LEVIES:	
Outlay-concrete apron/well	12,823.42	State	
	18,425.62	County	846,330.73
MUNICIPAL BUILDING EXP.	elicioren il refi	Town	682,897.00
Repairs/utilities/cleaning	8,674.62	Wausau School District	1,369,827.00
Sec. dep.refund	140.00	DC Everest District	511,650.00
	8,814.62	NCTI CHATTASAN JA	234,693.98
TAXES & CREDITS PAID OUT		Overrun	0.45
Wausau School Dist.	924,238.45	GROSS TAX ROLL	3,645,399.16
DC Everest Dist.	344,434.42	Less school tax credit	339,444.10
VTAE	152,241.17	Less first dollar credit	71,588.54
County/forest programs	569,098.44	Less lottery & gaming credit	135,563.20
Co.share DNR + withdrawal	539.35	NET TAX ROLL	3,098,803.32
Co. share dog license	2,295.50	Garbage assessments	127,464.50
Escrow/garb overpay	177.01	Special charges	189.50
	1,993,093.84	Managed forest lands	13,157.36
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,087,709.31	TOTAL TAX ROLL	3,239,614.68
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31	l <u>, 2020</u>		
Ckg./savings/tax acct.	44,103.35	ASSESSMENT RATIO:	0.884584496
Fire dept. equip. reserve	46,979.71		
Ord. enforce. – dogs	2,215.81	TAX RATE PER \$1,000 VALUATIO	N
Res. road const.	175,000.00	LISTED ACCORDING TO SCHOOL	DISTRICT:
	268,298.87	Wausau: gross rate \$22.36	
****TOTAL BAL. & EXPEND.****	\$3,356,008.18	Less school credit-\$2.06 =	20.30
		DC Everest: gross rate \$21.69	Managera
Public Safety Loan Bal.	187,251.31	Less school credit-\$2.06 =	19.63
2019 International Truck Bal.	118,342.97	The stage of the s	Mark Market I
2017 Western Star Truck Bal.	82,970.51		
	388,564.79		

The following notice will be posted on 4/1/2021: 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 20, 2021 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 2020 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 purchase a copy for a cost of \$5.00. Contact Cindy Worden at 715.297.1157 by April 16th to order a copy of the report.



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Town of Wausau 231256 Shenandoah Ridge Road Wausau, WI 54403



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TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021
6:30 P.M.



SPRING CLEAN UP SATURDAY, APRIL 24 8:30-1 1:30 A.M. Town of Wausau MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Let's Keep Moving Forward



Re-Elect

John Prahl

Town of Wausau Chairman

Serving with Integrity – Experience – Knowledge – Common Sense Thank you for your support Questions or concern? Call 715-571-6217





BE SURE TO VOTE
TUESDAY, APRIL 6
POLLS OPEN
7 A.M. TO 8 P.M.
TOWN OF WAUSAU
MUNICIPAL BUILDING



