



TOWN OF WAUSAU NEWSLETTER

October 24, 2024

ELECTION NEWS

The final election for this year will be held on Tuesday, November 5. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. If you are not registered to vote, you may do so on election day. Please bring along approved 'proof of residency' to register. Approved forms include your WI Driver's License, real estate tax bill, paycheck, and a bank statement. If unsure, contact the clerk or visit MyVote.Wi.gov. This 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.

TOWN OF WAUSAU TEMPORARY CLERK POSITION

The Town of Wausau Board will be appointing a municipal clerk to complete the term of the current Clerk. To fill the position, the Town Board will accept resumes from interested Town residents. Resumes are due November 1. Interviews will be conducted the week of November 3, and the Clerk will be appointed at the November 11 Town Board meeting. The appointment of the municipal clerk will begin on December 1, 2024, and ends on April 15, 2025. In December, residents interested in running for the Town Clerk can take out nomination papers. The municipal clerk will be elected on April 1, 2025, for a two-year term.

Interested individuals should have:

- Appropriate computer skills.
- Effective verbal and written communication skills.
- Financial bookkeeping experience.
- Data management skills.
- The ability to work independently.

Email your resume to Cindy Worden, Town Clerk, at clerk@townofwausau.com Visit: townofwausau.com for more details.

IT'S ALMOST TAX SEASON

Here are a few reminders about the upcoming property tax bills that will be mailed in December:

- Need a receipt? You can access your receipt online or you can send a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with your tax payment to the Town of Wausau Treasurer.
- Double check that your check is written out for the correct amount and made payable to the Town of Wausau.

- The Town of Wausau Treasurer cannot accept payments after February 1, nor can she accept second payments that are due in the summer.
- Dog license: please download the dog license form on the Town of Wausau website and return it to the Town of Wausau Treasurer with a copy of the rabies certificate from your veterinarian.
- You can access all your tax needs online. If you lose your bill, need a receipt, or want to check if your taxes have been paid, access this information online at: <https://ascent.co.marathon.wi.us/AscentLandRecords/>

Any questions please do not hesitate to call Susie Borchardt 715-551-2868.

BE SURE TO TEST YOUR SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR

November 3 is day lights savings time. This is a good time to test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they are working and to replace the batteries if needed. If you do not have these items in your home, it is a good idea to install them as soon as possible. Please follow the instructions as to when to replace these devices. The rule of thumb is anything over 10 years old should be replaced. Both items could save your life!



RUMMAGE SALE WRAP-UP FOR 2024

The 8th annual township wide rummage sale weekend seemed a bit slower, yet most reported great sales.

Twenty-seven businesses contributed to the advertising and printing costs. The remaining funds of \$1,904.81 was presented to the Town of Wausau Fire Department. Cub Pack 435 made about \$2,000.00 with their food stand.

THE 2025 RUMMAGE SALE WEEKEND WILL BE MAY 16, 17, AND 18.

URGENT!! Nancy Anderson WILL NOT be able to continue organizing the sale. Please consider stepping up to take over her duties. Please call Nancy for more information at 715-845-2699. Thank you for your continued support. Nancy A., Susan C., and Nancy W.



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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER: Thank you to everyone who attended, donated, or supported the Annual Fire Department Fundraiser. It was a very successful event. Proceeds from this year's fundraiser have been designated to offset the cost of the new engine.

NEW FIRE ENGINE: At the April 2024 Annual Meeting the Fire Department presented to the Town Board and residents' concerns about the almost 30-year-old fire engine. Information was shared regarding the engine's condition, its longevity as well as the potential options for replacement. After three months of discussion, research, and investigation, the Town Board passed a motion to move forward with the purchase and replacement of the town's oldest fire truck. This was the first fire engine purchased by the township back in 1994.

You may be asking yourself how is this purchase going to affect my taxes? There will NOT be any increase in your property taxes due to this purchase! Together, the Town Board and Fire Department developed a plan to use current taxpayer dollars with Fire Department Reserve money to fund the new engine. In mid-July the Fire Department entered into a contract with Midwest Fire of Luverne, Minnesota, for construction of the new fire engine. Midwest Fire is a factory direct designer and builder of custom fire apparatus and equipment across the United States and Canada. The expected completion date is August of 2026.

With two years before the delivery of the truck, the Fire Department will have time to secure nontaxpayer funding to help defray its cost. The Fire Department is currently researching and applying for grant opportunities.

If you would like to learn more about the new fire engine, please contact Chief Kyle Borchardt at 715-340-3561, or Deputy Chief Ben Schlund at 715-297-3396.

The total Fire Department responses currently for 2024 are 14 fires, 4 crashes, 6 mutual aid calls, and 63 med calls for a total of 87 responses.

THINKING ABOUT BURNING? If so, 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 to your property for not following the ordinance. Legal burning permits are issued by the Town only, not by the DNR. For more information or a permit

contact Ben Schlund at 715-297-3396 or Dean Johnson at 715-573-1564. You can also obtain a permit at Sunset County Store 715-842-9235.

FALSE ALARMS: Just a reminder to properly cancel a FALSE alarm with your alarm system such as a fire or carbon monoxide alarm. The alarm company will need the code that you set up. 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 to avoid the fire department from responding.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Town of Wausau Fire Department is always looking for volunteers to join the team as a fire fighter, first responder, or both. Want to check out the department to see if this is something for you? We would love to have you come during a training and see what it is all about. For more information, please contact Chief Kyle Borchardt at 715-340-3561.

Thank you to all our Fire Department supporters. We could not do it without you!

RUNNING FOR TOWN OFFICE

On April 1, 2025, Town of Wausau voters will once again elect a chairperson, two supervisors, a clerk, and treasurer for a two-year term. If you are interested in running for office, paperwork can be obtained from the clerk beginning December 1, 2024. Nomination papers with at least 20 signatures need to be returned to the clerk by January 7, 2025.

WINTER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

With winter approaching, please be cautious when driving, watch for the snowplow, keep your garbage dumpster off the road, and avoid plowing snow across and into the road. The Town of Wausau Ordinance Sec. 58.104: Depositing Snow Removal states: "No person may push or deposit snow, or cause snow to be pushed or deposited from his/her own personal driveway or parking area into the public streets and/or alley or roadway." Plowing snow across the road can cause unsafe road conditions as well as slush/icy conditions. To avoid receiving a fine, please refrain from plowing snow across the road.



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2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

	2024 Budget	2025 Proposed Budget	% change
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$718,058.00	\$718,477.00	0.06%
Other taxes	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	
Special Assessments	\$164,640.00	\$186,160.00	
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$308,503.00	\$574,721.00	
Licenses & Permits	\$11,350.00	\$9,450.00	
Fines, Forfeitures, & Penalties	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Public Chrgs. for Services	\$9,500.00	\$7,300.00	
Misc. Revenues	\$30,362.00	\$30,362.00	
Granite Pit Contract Royalty	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	
New Long-Term Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Revenues	\$1,277,513.00	\$1,563,470.00	22%
Cash Balance Applied	\$205,956.00	\$40,000.00	
Reserve ARPA Funding	\$102,417.00	\$0.00	
R/S carryover	\$15,000.00	\$64,000.00	
Future Equipment Fund	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	
Total Revenues	\$1,640,886.00	\$1,667,470.00	1.60%
Expenditures:			
General Government	\$150,927.00	\$128,759.00	
Public Safety	\$95,892.00	\$98,700.00	
Public Works	\$992,433.00	\$1,165,851.00	
Debt. Service	\$92,577.00	\$31,000.00	
New Debt Service	\$0.00	\$55,000.00	
Garbage/Recycle Contract	\$164,640.00	\$186,160.00	
ARPA expenditures	\$102,417.00	\$0.00	
Future Equipment Fund	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	
Fire Dept. Reserve	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
TOTAL Expenditures	\$1,640,886.00	\$1,667,470.00	1.50%

Reserve Funds as of: 9/16/2024	
ARPA 2021-2022 Reserve	0
Fire Dept. Equipment	\$129,737.00
Fire Dept. 2% fire dues	\$27,197.00
Future Road Equip. Fund	0



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NOTICE TOWN OF WAUSAU SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that a special town meeting of the electors, Town of Wausau, Marathon County, Wisconsin, will be held at the Town of Wausau Municipal building, 161484 County Road Z, Wausau, WI 54403 immediately following the completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed 2025 town budget which begins at 6:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To approve the 2024 total tax levy to be collected in 2025 pursuant to §60.10 (1) (a) of WI. Stats.

Dated this 23rd day of October 2024

Cynthia L Worden, Town of Wausau Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING FOR TOWN OF WAUSAU MARATHON COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Wausau Municipal Building, 161484 Cty. Rd. Z, a Public Hearing on the proposed 2025 budget of the Town of Wausau, Marathon County, WI will be held. The proposed detailed budget is available online at <http://www.townofwausau.com>.

Dated this 23rd day of October 2024

By Cynthia L Worden, Town of Wausau Clerk

ARE YOU THINKING OF BUILDING OR PUTTING ON AN ADDITION?

The Town of Wausau does require a zoning permit if you are building a home, garage, or pole building, expanding your deck, putting on an addition, etc. Please call Larry Vesely, Zoning Administrator, if you have any questions.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN OCTOBER 31, 2024 TRICK OR TREAT HOURS 4-7 P.M.



Be sure to turn on an outside light if you would like trick or treaters.

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