



TOWN OF WAUSAU NEWSLETTER

October 17, 2025

TOWN OF WAUSAU 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 is accepting resumes from interested Town residents. After a resume is received, an interview will be conducted. The appointment will begin after the Town Board meets at its monthly Board meeting. The appointment will end on April 20, 2027. The clerk receives a monthly salary as well as an annual travel allowance. The clerk can work from home or at the Town of Wausau Municipal Center.

The clerk has the following responsibilities:

- Attend scheduled Board meetings.
- Take meeting minutes.
- Complete financial reports.
- Process and pay the monthly bills and payroll.
- Maintain the Town's database.
- Complete required government forms.
- Conduct elections.

Questions, please contact any of the Town Board members. Email your resume to Sharon Hunter at supervisorhunter@townofwausau.com You can visit: townofwausau.com for more details.

NEW TOWN EMPLOYEE



The Town Board would like to introduce Taylor Britten as our new road worker. He is joining us just in time to get ready for the winter season. Taylor served in the Marines for over 20 years. He brings with him an array of different experiences from his time in the military and with his current work experience. Taylor grew up in the Laona area and now resides in Merrill. We are very pleased to have Taylor on board. When you see Taylor working throughout the township, we hope you will wave hello and make him feel welcome.

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.
- No refund checks will be issued for overpayments of less than \$5.00.
- The Town of Wausau Treasurer cannot accept payments after February 1, nor can she accept second payments that are due in the summer.
- Dog licenses this year are being increased due to Marathon County increasing their fees.
- 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.



THE 2026 RUMMAGE SALE WEEKEND WILL BE MAY 15, 16, AND 17, 2026

The 2025 Town of Wausau Rummage Sale Weekend was again a success. Thanks to the generosity of our business sponsors, the Volunteer Fire Department was presented a check for \$ 1,820.29. The Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts pleased everyone with their special hamburgers, brats, and hot dogs. The dates for the 10th Annual Town of Wausau Rummage Sale Weekend will be May 15, 16, and 17, 2026. Email your questions to:

TownOfWausauGarageSale@gmail.com

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THANK YOU, RIVER COUNTRY CO-OP!



The Town of Wausau Volunteer Fire Department is incredibly grateful for River Country Co-op's \$5,000 donation. This donation will be used towards our goal of purchasing a Bullseye Fire Extinguisher Training System!

This system will allow our firefighters to train with real extinguishers and bring hands-on fire safety education to schools, businesses, and individuals in our community. Teaching proper extinguisher techniques can help stop small fires before they become big ones, making our area safer for everyone.

Our fundraising goal is \$15,000, and this generous gift gets us off to a great start! If you or your business would like to help us reach our goal, please contact the Town of Wausau Volunteer Fire Department. Every contribution helps protect our community! Questions? Please contact Chief Borchardt 715/340-3561. Interested in donating? Reach out—we would love to hear from you!

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

THANK YOU! Thank you to everyone who came out, donated, or supported our Annual Fire Department Picnic and 5k. It was another successful fundraiser. The money raised will help pay for our new fire truck scheduled for delivery sometime in June of 2026.

The total number of calls currently for 2025 are 12 fires, 8 crashes, 3 mutual aid calls, 57 med calls, and 1 MABASA for a total of 81 responses from the Fire Dept.

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 or you can obtain a permit at Sunset County Store 715/842-9235. We are currently working on an online option to obtain burning permits starting January 2026. Please look at the town website for the link and other updates.

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 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 to prevent the fire department from responding.

VOLUNTEERS: The Town of Wausau Fire Department is always looking for volunteers to join our 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 715/340-3561.

KEEPING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY CLEAN

Over the years, the Town of Wausau has been working diligently to keep the right-of-way clear. What is the right-of-way? The right-of-way provides space for storm drainage, vehicle recovery, utility poles, and safe operation of the road. It is usually 33 feet from the center line of the road. The town has the right to mow, trim, and remove trees, brush, and other obstructions within the right-of-way to ensure safety and visibility. In order to keep the right-of-way, clear it is important the property owners do the following:

Do not install obstructions: Avoid placing items like fences, sprinklers, or significant landscaping within the right-of-way.

Maintain the area: If you wish to prevent the town from mowing or trimming along your property, keep the right-of-way area clear of trees, plants, crops, shrubs, brush and avoid planting crops in the right-of-way.

The Town Board does appreciate property owners who keep the ditch in front of their property, mowed and clean.



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2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

	2025 Budget	2026 Proposed Budget	Levy Change
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$718,477.00	\$769,962.00	5.97%3 levy increase plus
Managed Forest crop	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	1.265% new construction
Personal Property Assistance	\$0.00	\$6,600.00	
Special Assessments	\$186,160.00	\$222,000.00	
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$574,721.00	\$329,952.00	
Licenses & Permits	\$9,450.00	\$12,000.00	
Fines, Forfeitures, & Penalties	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Public Chrgs. for Services	\$7,300.00	\$8,000.00	
Misc. Revenues	\$30,362.00	\$43,000.00	
Granite Pit Contract Royalty	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00	
New Long Term Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Revenues	\$1,563,470.00	\$1,423,514.00	
Cash Balance Applied	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	
Reserve ARPA Funding	\$0.00	\$0.00	
R/S carryover	\$64,000.00	\$0.00	
Future Equipment Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Revenues	\$1,667,470.00	\$1,463,514.00	
Expenditures:			
General Government	\$128,759.00	\$140,123.00	
Public Safety	\$98,700.00	\$102,600.00	
Public Works	\$1,165,851.00	\$912,791.00	
Debt. Service	\$31,000.00	\$31,000.00	
New Debt Service	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	
Garbage/Recycle Contract	\$186,160.00	\$222,000.00	
ARPA expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Future Equipment Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Fire Dept. Reserve	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
Total Expenditures	\$1,667,470.00	\$1,463,514.00	
Mill Rate	\$2.47	\$2.62	\$.15
Reserve Funds as of: 10/6/2025			
Fire Dept. Equipment		\$129,737.00	
Fire Dept. 2% fire dues		\$27,197.00	
Future Road Equip. Fund		\$0.00	



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Town of Wausau
231256 Shenandoah Ridge Road
Wausau WI 54403

NOTICE TOWN OF WAUSAU SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO EXCEED THE LEVY LIMIT

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 at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2025 pursuant to 66.0802(5) of WI. Stats. for the following purpose:

1. Vote on whether to endorse the Town Board's written resolution to exceed the levy limit.
2. Vote to approve the 2025 total tax levy to be collected in 2026.

Dated this 7th day of October 2025 by the Town of Wausau Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING FOR TOWN OF WAUSAU MARATHON COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town of Wausau Municipal Building, 161484 Cty. Rd. Z, a Public Hearing on the proposed 2026 budget of the Town of Wausau, Marathon County, WI be held pursuant to §65.90 (4) of WI. Stats. The proposed detailed budget is available online at <http://www.townofwausau.com>. Dated this 7th day of October 2025 by Town of Wausau Board

HAPPY HALLOWEEN OCTOBER 31, 2025 TRICK OR TREAT HOURS 4-7 P.M.



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

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.

TOWN OF WAUSAU CONTACTS

Chair: Matt Baer	715/581-3205
Supervisors:	
Steve Buntin	715/551-9134
Sharon Hunter	715/212-1672
Clerk:	Vacant
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