



TOWN OF WAUSAU NEWSLETTER

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March 15, 2026

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

The general election will be held on April 7. 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 for a minimum of 28 days. Please bring along an approved 'proof of residency' to register. The approved forms include your WI Driver's License, real estate tax bill, paycheck, and bank statement. If unsure, visit <https://myvote.wi.gov>. The website is a useful resource to 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: a paper ballot or the 'Express Vote' touch screen machine.

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 email Amy Meyer at electionclerk@townofwausau.com

TOWN OF WAUSAU ANNUAL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 6:30 P.M.

On Tuesday, April 21, 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 to vote. The town chairperson will 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.

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!

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 move, please call the Marathon County Treasurer at 715/261-1150 prior to October so you will receive your 2026 tax bill in December. Thanks Susie Borchardt, TOW Treasurer

LOOKING FOR BOARD OF APPEAL MEMBERS

The Town of Wausau Board is looking for residents who are interested in serving on the Board of Appeals. The Board consists of 5 members and two alternate members. The term is three years and are staggered terms. Meetings are scheduled when necessary. All decisions of the Board of Appeals are final. The Board hears variance requests as well as other appeals as outlined in Sec.17.97 of the Town of Wausau Code of Ordinances. Training will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Supervisor Buntin at 715/551-9134. If you are interested, please email your name and email address along with a statement of interest by April 15 to Supervisor Buntin at supervisorbuntin@townofwausau.com



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10th ANNUAL TOWN OF WAUSAU



MAY 15, 16 & 17, 2026

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 8:00 - 5:00

SUNDAY 11:00 - 4:00

How it works: You will have your own sale at your address, you put up your own signs, and keep all your proceeds. We advertise the event and make up the address lists, maps, etc. which are paid for with donations from our sponsoring businesses. For more information contact:

- Email: TownofWausauGarageSale@gmail.com
- Facebook: Town of Wausau Garage Sale Online
- Town of Wausau Website
<https://townofwausau.com>
- Call: Laurie Gering at 715/432-6587 or Nancy Anderson at 715/845-2699

Deadlines: The deadline for business sponsors to be included on posters, flyers, etc. is April 23, 2026. The deadline for individual garage sale participants to sign up and be included on the address list and map is May 8, 2026. **Early signup is encouraged.**

SPRING CLEANUP CANCELLED

Due to the increased cost of conducting the spring cleanup at the Town of Wausau Municipal Center, there will not be a spring or fall cleanup.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

ISO (Insurance Services Office) UPDATE: A huge thank you to Lieutenant Dean Johnson for his hard work in fighting to retain our ISO rating. His many hours of documentation and submitting over 700 pages worth of data paid off. We were able to maintain our rating of six, which allows homeowners insurance not to be affected.

BELL RINGING: Thank you to everyone that came out and showed their support to the Town of Wausau Fire Department and Salvation Army during our annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing contest. Out of eight

departments, we raised the most money to win the competition!

GRANTS: We were busy this past year writing grants for the department. We were fortunate to receive \$16,000.00 in grants. Thank you to CHS, Wausau Mutual Insurance, and FAP (Funding Assistance Program).

5K RUN/WALK AND PICNIC: We once again had a successful fundraiser last September. We raised \$27,500.00 thanks to your continued support. The Town of Wausau Fire Department Picnic and 5K run/walk fundraiser will be held this fall on Sunday, September 20, at the fire department and town municipal center. Follow us on Facebook for more information about the event and what we do throughout the year. Please reach out the Chris Baer at 715/432-1912 if you are interested in being a sponsor for the 5K run/picnic or want to donate an item for our silent auction or raffle. All sponsors will have their name on the event t-shirts.

CALLS: In 2025, the Department responded to 122 calls: 13 fire, 86 med, 15 crashes, 6 mutual aid, and 2 MABAS.

CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES: Don't forget to change your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide (CO) detector batteries yearly. CO alarms are typically good for 10 years and then should be replaced.

THINKING ABOUT BURNING? New this year, burning permits are now available on the Town website. Please visit <https://townofwausau.com> for the burning ordinance and permits. It could cost 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. Please contact Ben Schlund at 715/297-3396, Dean Johnson at 715/573-1564, or stop at Sunset Country Store during regular business hours to obtain a burning permit.

VOLUNTEER: The Town of Wausau Fire Department is always looking for volunteer fire fighters, first responders, or both. Feel free to check out the department by attending one of our training sessions to see what it is all about. For more information, please contact Chief Kyle Borchardt 715/340-3561.

THANK YOU to our town residents and business owners for all your continued support of the department. We couldn't do what we do without your support.



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CONSTRUCTION SEASON

Welcome to the Spring of 2026 and road construction season! Please slow down so road construction workers can make it home to their families safely. Also please be aware of construction signs, road closures, and follow detours as posted. If you have questions or need to install/replace a driveway or culvert, please contact Jim Borelli on 715/803-8282. If you are planning to erect a building, need an address, or address sign, please contact Larry Vesely at 715/574-9186. Please do not remove or move your address sign. The sign is located on your property where it is clearly visible for emergency personnel to respond.

NOTICE OF THE TOWN OF WAUSAU OPEN BOOK

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 70.45, the Town of Wausau 2026 assessment roll will be open for examination on Monday, the 20th day of April 2026, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Town of Wausau Municipal Center, 161484 County Road Z. Instructional materials will be provided at the open book to people who wish to object to their property valuations under Wis. Stat. 70.47.

NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the Town of Wausau, Marathon County, will be held on Wednesday, May 20 from 5-7 p.m. at the Town of Wausau Municipal Center, 161484 County Road Z. Procedures on how to appear before the Board of Review can be found at <https://townofwauau.com>, under News and Notices located on the homepage.

TOWN OF WAUSAU TAX LEVY

Last fall the Town of Wausau Board proposed an increase in the Town Tax Levy of \$43,400 to help cover operational expenses such as gas, oil, utilities, road maintenance, payroll, etc. The proposed increase would have increased the property tax at a rate of 15 cents per \$1,000 of the assessed property value.

Seventeen residents attended the budget meeting on October 16, and the majority present voted down the increase. As a result of the veto, the town was only allowed to increase the tax levy by the percentage of new construction which amounted to \$8,085.

One of the priorities of the Board is to maintain its roads. Unfortunately, the cost of maintaining the roads increases every year. For example, just paving one mile of blacktop costs \$250,000. That is just blacktop, not all the other expenses of reconstructing a road or maintaining the roads to make it safe to travel. The Town has 55+ miles of road and only 7 miles are gravel. As a result of the veto, the Board had to reduce the Road budget by \$78,267.

There are three major road projects being considered for 2026. These include reconstruction of Forest Lawn to Farm Ridge to Texas Line; reconstruction of Del Rio Road; or reconstruction of Chico Road. Grants have been submitted to defray the reconstruction costs of these roads. These grants are very competitive, and the Board is waiting to hear which projects will be selected for a grant. If a grant is not received, it is very unlikely that the Town will be able to do any major road work this year. Chip sealing and crack filling might be the only work that can be completed. On April 13 at 6 p.m., the Road Committee will meet to determine what road work can be completed this summer. The Town Board would like to invite residents to attend this meeting so you can learn more about the difficult decisions that need to be made to maintain our roads.

NEW FACES ON THE TOWN BOARD

You may have noticed that the town clerk position was vacant last fall. During that time, Supervisor Hunter and Supervisor Buntin filled in. The Board was informed in December that if the clerk's position was not filled, the town could not hold elections in 2026. The County would run the elections at a cost of \$1000/per election. As a result of this information and the Town's belief that it should hold its own elections, Supervisor Hunter resigned as supervisor and was then appointed clerk. Sharon will serve out the clerk's term which ends April 2027. In order to assist Sharon with elections, Amy Meyer agreed to serve as Deputy Clerk. Amy has served as Chief Election Inspector for 14 years so has a lot of experience running elections. Feel free to contact Amy with your election questions and Sharon with your other Town questions. Amy can be reached at electionclerk@townofwausau.com and Sharon at clerk@townofwausau.com. If you are interested in learning about the Clerk's position, please feel free to contact Sharon.



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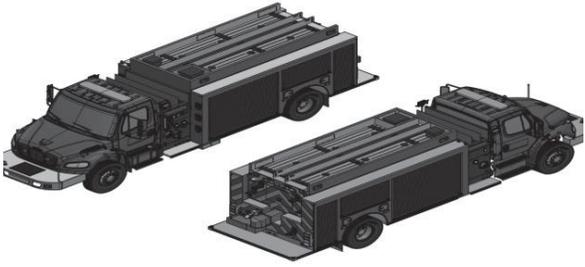
Chair: Matt Baer	715/581-3205
Supervisor: Steve Buntin	715/551-9134
Clerk: Sharon Hunter	715/212-1672
Deputy Clerk: Amy Meyer	715/571-4586
Treasurer: Susan Borchardt	715/551-2868
Fire Chief: Kyle Borchardt	715/340-3561
Assessor: Kurt Moeller	715/298-2061
Zoning Permits: Larry Vesely	715/574-9186
Municipal Center: Jim Borelli	715/803-8282



APRIL 7, 2026

**POLLS ARE OPEN
7 A.M. TO 8 P.M.
TOWN OF WAUSAU
MUNICIPAL CENTER**

FIRE TRUCK NEWS
THE NEW TRUCK IS ARRIVING
APRIL 3. THERE ARE TWO
OPPORTUNITIES TO COME SEE IT:
AFTER THE ANNUAL MEETING ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, OR THE
"PUSH IN" CEREMONY ON
SATURDAY, APRIL 25 AT 10 A.M.
PLEASE JOIN US FOR
REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE
CEREMONY!





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FIRE DEPARTMENT PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
 @ TOW Fire Dept 161484 CO RD Z

5K WALK/RUN @ 10 AM
BEER AND FOOD 11-3
BLOODY MARY BAR
RAFFLES, SILENT AUCTION
& PADDLE RAFFLES
KIDS' ACTIVITIES

FACEBOOK



5K SIGNUP

