



GRAFTON
WISCONSIN

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www.townofgraftonwi.gov

STOP BY FOR TOWN INFO,
MEETING PACKETS, PUBLIC
HEARING NOTICES, & MORE!

Be sure to JOIN OUR EMAIL
Notifications LIST!!

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

MONDAYS - THURSDAYS

8:30am – 4:30pm

FRIDAYS

8:30am – 12:00pm

Closed Fridays –

June thru September

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

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WILL TAKE PLACE ON

JANUARY 8, 2024

AND

JANUARY 15, 2024

2024 ELECTION DATES

FEBRUARY 20 – SPRING PRIMARY

APRIL 2 – SPRING ELECTION

AUGUST 13 –PARTISAN PRIMARY

NOVEMBER 5 - PRESIDENTIAL

2024 ROAD PROJECTS

Ulao Parkway S

TOWN OF GRAFTON ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

2023 EDITION

2023 HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

TOWN OFFICE will be closed.
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS DAY ONLY

Town Office is open for final December Tax Payments on Friday, December 29
8:30am till Noon

2023 TAX BILL COLLECTION

TAX PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE AT ONE OF 3 PLACES:

1) TOWN OFFICE (1102 BRIDGE STREET)

Please feel free to use our drop box by the Bridge Street entrance door if office is closed. All payments placed in the drop box will be deposited the **next business day**. If paying by **mail or drop box**, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like mailed receipt.

2.) HORICON BANK (previously CORNERSTONE) – 2090 WISCONSIN – No REFUNDS

3.) PORT WASHINGTON STATE BANK – 2080 WASHINGTON STREET

You may pay in the Lobby or at the Drive thru. They will collect IN FULL PAYMENTS
OR 1st INSTALLMENTS only - DECEMBER through JANUARY 31, 2024

NEW THIS YEAR: HORICON BANK will ONLY EXCEPT exact amount checks – NO REFUNDS

If your Escrow check is more than your tax bill and you need a refund please go to Port Washington State Bank for immediate cash back. Or to Town Office for a check refund, which will take a few days to process.

ONLINE PAYMENTS: 2023 Taxes may be paid on the Town's website (www.townofgraftonwi.gov) by using a MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or American Express credit card. Please note that there is a convenience fee for this payment option – 2.39% of the total amount being charged to your card. **E-Checks** may also be used for fee of \$1.50.

OBTAINING A DOG LICENSE

All dog licenses are valid from January 1st through December 31st each year, regardless of when purchased. Puppies should be registered by 6 months of age (WI Stat. §174.05). Renewals are due by March 31st of each year, and a late fee of \$5.00 will apply for renewals after that date. Please bring in a current Rabies Certificate which includes the vaccine manufacturer, expiration date, and vaccine serial number (WI Stat. §174.07). If mailing, enclose a copy of the rabies certificate, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to receive your license and tag in the mail.

🐾SPAYED/NEUTERED DOGS: \$5.00 🐾UNALTERED DOGS: \$10.00 🐾MULTIPLE DOGS: \$35.00

ARE YOU TECH SAVVY??

- Would you like to know amount of your Tax Bill in late November instead of waiting for Tax bill to arrive?
- Or know we have posted your payment from your Bank Escrow?
- IF so, sign up for TEXT/EMAIL Notification Program directly through Oz County Tax Bill Text/Email Notification Program Sign Up Page:

<https://www.ascent.co.ozaukee.wi.us/AscentNotifications/index.html>

Tax Bill Text/Email Notifications Instructions:

<https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/DocumentCenter/View/14640/Text-Email->



FROM THE DESK OF TOWN CHAIRMAN
LESTER A. BARTEL, JR.



Greetings from all of us at your Town Hall. We hope that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday with your friends and families. With Christmas fast approaching and all the hustle and bustle that goes with it, let's all look around us and be thankful for all the blessings that we enjoy living here.

In last year's letter I wrote at length about the changes in Fire and Rescue Services. We are in discussions with the Village of Grafton, the Village of Saukville, and the Town of Saukville about creating a joint Fire and Rescue Department. Using part-time and paid on-call personnel is getting more and more difficult. We are not in a code red situation yet but responsible planning means making the changes before and not after we experience tragedies that could have been avoided.

I have been speaking about this eventuality for many years. This move will cost more money than we are paying now. This is because we are not consolidating 4 full-time departments into one. We are moving 2 departments with limited full-time personnel and mostly part-time and paid on call to full-time personnel staffing both Fire Houses 24/7. This will require a referendum to exceed State Levy Limits to cover our share of costs. At this writing those have not been established or finalized as there are still a lot of details to work out. What I can say with confidence is that the amount will far exceed our ability to cover out of our current budget. The Town portion of our property tax rate is just under \$1.90/thousand this year. I believe this will be the last time we see a sub \$2 dollar rate again going forward.

Progress on the move to a new Town Hall continues with construction plans out for bids. There is a chance that we will be ready to move by the end of 2024. Managing this has taken a considerable amount of my time but we will have a better product for it.

Roads continue to be our focus. In 2024 reconstruction of Ulao Parkway South is planned which will include raising the road through the area that floods and putting balance culverts in. We are continuing to remove dead and falling trees in the ROW. If you see one that is an imminent problem, please report it to the office.

As always, I implore everyone to put aside the strife and angst going on in the world and take time to appreciate what we have here. A friendly safe community, good churches, and schools. A plethora of activities for people of all interests to engage in. I am always encouraged when I see parents watching their kids' games, concerts, recitals, and other activities and pitching in with whatever needs to be done. If we have that we will continue to "make the best even better".

Merry Christmas to all of you and let's make 2024 the Happiest New Year yet.

Sincerely,

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Lester Bartel

Town Chairman

