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From your new **TOWN CHAIR**

I will start by introducing myself as I am your new Town Chair. My wife Kathy and I have lived in Seymour since 2010. We both think it is a beautiful place to live and have greatly enjoyed our time here. We have developed friendships with many of our neighbors and enjoy the sense of community. We are blessed to have four married children and have nine grandchildren, three close by, four in the Twin Cities, and two in Tennessee (see the family photo). My wife grew up in Bloomer and later by Cornell where her parents had a 400-acre dairy farm. I grew up on a farm in Minnesota where I spent much of my time outdoors fishing, hunting, snowmobiling and enjoying God's creation. Kathy and I have lived in six states (MN, MT, MI, AR, & TX). More recently I have served at Hope Gospel Mission in several capacities for the last 17 years and have been reducing my hours over the years and my wife formerly served at Hope Gospel Mission for 10 years. I am also in my fifth year serving as Chaplain for men in the Chippewa County Jail which is a part-time volunteer position.

I want to give a big thank you to Jessica Janssen, my predecessor as Seymour Chair, for her faithful service to our township. She was very devoted and helped me in many ways as I attended numerous meetings and in my transition into becoming the new Chair.

I have now been learning a lot about our township and how we relate to the county, city, and state governments. I have been very impressed and am thankful for the great staff we have in our township. I see them serving very faithfully and many of them have a depth of experience that is a real asset to our community. We have a good team spirit as we serve together. I am also meeting and working with the towns of Union, Brunswick, Washington, and Pleasant Valley through our fire departments as the five townships work jointly in providing many valuable services.

Wisconsin has a Wisconsin Towns Association that provides many important resources including education, lobbying on our behalf, regional and state workshops, and legal help. I have attended several of these meetings and interacted with town officials from other counties. Many townships in Wisconsin are quite rural in nature and have a low population. What surprised me, until I thought more about it, is that these townships have no or very few township roads that are paved. In Seymour Township all our township roads are paved. We should be very thankful to have such good roads in comparison to most other townships in our state.

Our Town of Seymour Family Night Picnic in August had a great turnout of community members and we had nice weather. I enjoyed seeing all the people and loved having so many children in attendance. A big thank you to the many organizations and businesses, and the ball club, and our Fire Department who were all an important part of this fun gathering. It was especially enjoyable to see all the animated conversations as people enjoyed being together. So much so that it was hard to do the program with all the robust talking. We will look to have some kind of a sound system next year. Thanks to everyone who provided door prizes! As I mingled, I had the opportunity to meet a lot of people and learn some of their background and hear their positive comments. Many people have deep roots going back many generations in Seymour.

Finally, we had a lot of hail damage this summer. So that produced a lot of activity of salespeople, insurance adjusters, repairs, and many additional vehicles on our roads and in our driveways. I hope the repairs have gone well and are completed or are being wrapped up.

I wish you all a wonderful fall season!

John Ellis



From Your Board Supervisor

Hello. I hope you've all recovered from Mother Nature's hissy fit hailstorm last May. Oh, what a time to be in the shingle and siding businesses!

Our road projects on Peterson Ave, Woodhaven Rd, and Lassek Ct are complete. John and Dakota did a wonderful job of getting Woodhaven back into shape after each of the downpours this summer. Our joint road project with the Town of Hallie is wrapping up. Shouldering is being done on our section of Vance at this time.

Our bridge replacement project on S. 140th Ave is still on hold. When we applied for a grant to replace the bridge the cost was estimated at \$900,000. We were awarded a grant for \$687,601.32. Because of the delays, and soaring costs, the last estimate we received to complete the project ballooned to \$1,500,000. We are continuing to seek new grant monies.

We have not heard anything new on the transmission line project recently. I would like to think they have chosen an alternate route. But I'm not holding my breath.

The multi-use path along McKinley Rd is still in the works. After the meeting with residents where support was shown for the project, the Town Board agreed to contribute the requested 1% (\$2,307) to the project. The last estimate I saw for construction was starting in 2027.

The weather folks are saying the warm weather this late in the year should make the autumn colors more vibrant. Please enjoy responsibly. ☺

Have a fantastic winter. We'll chat again in the spring.

Kerry Parker
Town Supervisor

Poll Workers Needed for 2026-2027

The Town of Seymour is looking for Election Inspectors for the upcoming 2026–2027 term. The Town Board will make appointments this December, and we'd love to have YOU on the team!

👉 Interested? Simply fill out the application form on our Town website and submit it to our office by **November 30, 2025**.

This is a great way to serve your community while meeting new people and supporting fair elections.

Training provided – learn the ins and outs of the voting process.

Flexible shifts – most inspectors won't work a full day.

Hourly Wage – \$10.50/hour pay and lunch on us.

TOWN OFFICIALS

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Fred Hankel, Building Inspector	(715) 577.7983
Alyssa Schultz, Assessor	(715) 835.1141

Office Closed:

November 27 & 28 for Thanksgiving

December 24 & 25 for Christmas

January 1 for New Year's Day

❄️ Get Out & Enjoy Fall and Winter! ❄️

Don't let the chilly air keep you cooped up—there's so much to enjoy this season! Here are some fun ideas to get you out of the house:

- *Cozy up around a bonfire with s'mores & friends
- *Test your courage on a haunted hayride or ghost tour
- *Try snowshoeing or cross-country skiing on the trails
- *Take a frosty hike in a state park (bonus: fewer bugs!)
- *Stroll through sparkling holiday light displays
- *Go sledding, tubing, or build the ultimate snowman

2025 Tax Bills- Payable in 2026

Taxes bills will be mailed in December. First payment must be post marked by January 31st. To avoid late mail delivery a drop box is located at the Town Hall for your convenience. Make sure to include your payment stub from the tax bill so the correct property is credited. Receipts will only be mailed if you enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope along with your payment.

Dog Licenses

A courtesy letter will be sent in December with your Tax statement to those who licensed their dog in 2025. Dog owners that are new to the Town of Seymour will need to license their dog for the upcoming year. Applications are available on our website or at the Town office. If you no longer have a dog in the Town, let us know so we can remove them from our list.

2025 Dog License Fee
Spayed/Neutered \$15
Unaltered- \$25



Rabies vaccination reminder! Getting dogs and cats vaccinated is their best protection against the rabies virus. Dogs and cats (indoor and outdoor) shall be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian on or before they are 5 months old, a year later, and then every 1 to 3 years for the rest of their life. Rabies vaccination shots do not last the lifetime of your pet!



Seymour Ball Club News



We had another great year at the Ball Club! Our spring league and travel programs had around 450 kids participate. We held four tournaments, all of which were very successful.

This year marked the fifth annual Fever Fest — and for the first time, we added fireworks to the mix! It was a huge hit with the community, and we had our second-highest attendance ever. It was a great weekend, and the club truly appreciates all the support from the community.

The year then wrapped up with fall ball, where we had over 500 children playing in a five-week season. The Ball Club is very proud to be part of the Seymour community, and we look forward to serving the youth of the area for many more years to come.

Mark your calendars — next year's Fever Fest will be **August 28-29!**

Thanks for all the support,

Jason Woodford, President Seymour Ball Club

Stay Safe This Fall & Winter!

As the temperatures drop in Northwest Wisconsin, it's the perfect time to cozy up—but also a good time to brush up on fire safety!

- Have your furnace, chimney, and woodstove inspected and cleaned.
- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet from anything that can burn.
- Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly.

🌸 Family Night Sponsor – Thank You! 🌸

A huge THANK YOU goes out to all of our amazing sponsors who helped make this year's Town of Seymour Family Night such a success!

We truly couldn't hold this event without your support, and thanks to you, this year's turnout was bigger and better than ever. It was wonderful to see so many families, friends, and neighbors come together for an evening of fun, food, and community.

This tradition continues to grow each year, and it's all because of the generosity and commitment of sponsors like you. ❤️

Special thanks to this year's sponsors:

EMR Northern Metal Recycling
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Seymour Ball Club
Eau Claire Rod and Gun
Babes in Toyland Childcare Center
Culver's
Northland Excavating
Nashville North USA
Paint Creek Nursery
Chippewa Paws Unleashed
Jackson Family Farms
Markquart Toyota
The Fox Run
The Brown Hut
Festival Foods
Kwik Trip

As we head into the last quarter of 2025, a report to you from the Town's Road crew:

Winter was "not what they used to be" as you recall. Winter road clearing was performed for "full plows" of all town roads only a handful of times. Most events were clearing most heavily travelled roads with more sanding than plowing. We managed to make it through the winter season with no major equipment failures and a decent amount of salt/sand material left over.

Spring arrived, and we patched the potholes and rough spots that developed through winter and the spring thaw.

This summer, we pulverized and repaved 2.32 miles of road. Peterson Ave from North Shore Dr to Tower Dr, Vance Dr from the Town of Hallie line (roughly the 8000 block) to 90th Ave, and Woodhaven Rd & Lassek Ct (between Hwy 53 and Princeton Valley). We thank you for your patience through the construction process, and we hope to have a final product that holds up with just routine maintenance for 20-25 years. Prices for our contracted services were "cheap" enough to allow for us to repave greater than two miles (our average). This still represents the greatest cost of any of the Town's expenditures in any given year. The improvements for these roads will come in at around \$340,000.00.

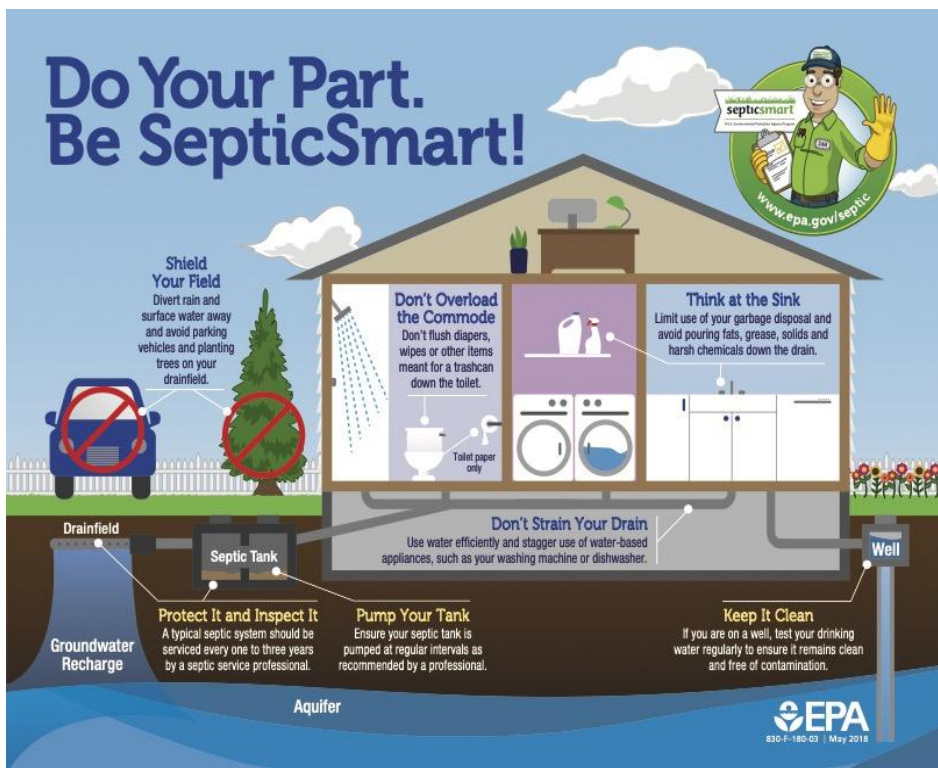
Headed into and through fall, we will continue to patch potholes as necessary, clear the taller grass and brush from along the roadsides, and start stockpiling the necessary salt & sand for the upcoming winter season.

Please take time as we head toward winter to check over your mailboxes and posts. While it's never our intention to damage them, each winter we do find an occasional post or board that just wasn't up to the challenge of withstanding the snow from our plows.

John Oxley
Roads and Buildings & Grounds Supervisor

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