

TOWN OF CENTER
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
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ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2024

AND

2025 SPRING NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, April 15, 2025
7:00 p.m.

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(Garbage/Recycling Collection)

MEETINGS

The Town Board meets on the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall.

This year's Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Steve Schmeichel, Chairperson	920-716-2189
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Gary Timm.....	920-841-6177

The Planning Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. (as needed) to consider requests for zoning changes, special exceptions, conditional use permits or new developments within the Town of Center.

Would you like to be on the Planning Committee?

Every year in the month of May, there are 2-3 Planning Committee members who have their 3-year term expire. Members with their term expiring are given the opportunity to apply again or they can end their term. The Town Board selects the new term members based on applications received. If you have an interest in this volunteer position, please contact the Town Clerk for an application.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS...

As I am finishing my first two years as Chairperson, I believe we as a town have made many positive changes. Securing two grants to help with road improvements is probably by far the best thing to improve our roads without having town taxpayers cover solely the whole cost.

The pavilion in the park will be getting a facelift - something that will make it better for people who rent that building.

It is the Town's intention to continue to make improvements to the ball diamond as we are able to. Interest in using the diamond is growing as we slowly make improvements.

Our Director of Public Works, Tom Brown, and the rest of the employees that work for the town are doing a great job keeping our roads and buildings in great shape.

Finally, the Fire Department and First Responders serve our town very well and both of their fundraisers help to supply equipment for their use. The Fire Department will be taking delivery of a new fire truck later this summer.

I am looking forward to serving another two years as your Chairperson if I am re-elected on April 1st.

Respectfully,
Gary Timm

Town Office Hours

Wednesdays – 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM
Or By Appointment

The Town Clerk/Treasurer is at the office at other various times and days. If you need assistance or information from the Clerk/Treasurer, please call the town hall at 920-731-7229 or send an e-mail to clerk@centerwi.gov. If you require immediate assistance, please call 920-213-2119.

TOWN WEBSITE

www.centerwi.gov

Some of the information available on our website includes:

- Town Board agendas and minutes
- Town Ordinances
- Contact information for the Town
- Calendar of Events - includes garbage/recycling dates and Hall/Pavilion Rental availability.
- Hall Reservation Form
- Ball Diamond Reservation Request Form & Calendar (form available April 1st)
- Election information
- Dog License Application

Would you like to stay current on town news? Click the “Contact Us” drop down menu on our website and then click on “Subscribe to Updates” to subscribe to e-mails or text alerts for the latest news, notices and meeting information.

Follow our Facebook page! Search “Town of Center WI” on Facebook to find us. The page is intended to be used as a message board to inform you of upcoming meetings, election information, road reports and other general town information. In the event of an emergency, it will also be a quick and easy way for us to communicate with residents. We will not be allowing public comment on the page. If you have a comment or question for the town, please call or e-mail us, or go to our website and click on “Contact Us” and we will be happy to get back to you.

APRIL 1, 2025 – SPRING ELECTION

Voting hours are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Town of Center's polling location is our town hall:
N3990 State Road 47, Appleton

Photo ID is required! Generally, if your WI Driver's License is unexpired and has your current name, you are all set. Just bring it with you on Election Day!

Who needs to register?

- New residents who have lived in the Town of Center for at least 28 consecutive days.
- New voters at least 18 years of age on Election Day.
- Voters who haven't voted within the last 4 years.
- Your name has changed since you voted last.

You can register by mail or online at myvote.wi.gov if you do so at least 20 days before the election. You can also register in person in the clerk's office until 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election or on Election Day. You will need Proof of Residence (POR) and you will need to know your Driver's License number (or present your Driver's License). You can use your Driver's License for POR if your name and address are both current. Other acceptable POR documents are: A bank statement, utility invoice or paycheck stub showing your name and current address. For a complete listing of acceptable POR, go to: myvote.wi.gov.

Absentee Voting: Any registered voter may request to vote an absentee ballot. ***You must provide a photo ID before an absentee ballot may be issued.***

For the April 1st election, you can vote absentee in-person at the town hall on the dates listed below without an appointment.

- Wednesday, March 19th from 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 26th from 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

If the above-mentioned days don't work for you, please call the Town Clerk to schedule an appointment between March 18th – 28th. ***No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election.***

If you would like an absentee ballot mailed to you – go to myvote.wi.gov to make your request. *All absentee requests must be received in the clerk's office by 5 p.m. on the Thursday before the election.* **Note:** Special absentee voting provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you or if you have any questions, contact the Town Clerk.

UPDATE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Hello Town of Center Residents, I just want to share with you all what the Town of Center Department of Public Works (DPW) has been up to for the past few years. If you have been following our posts on Facebook, you know we have been busy. When I came aboard in the fall of 2022, I had huge shoes to fill. A lifelong town resident, leader and family friend decided to step aside after 50 plus years to spend more time with his wife and family. To try to absorb all of the great things Wayne did and his knowledge about town government is nothing less than amazing. Thank you Wayne for so many years of service.

After taking over in the fall of 2022, I walked into some pretty exciting projects that were already in motion. First being Pleasant Rd west of Twelve Corners Rd. That was a reclaim and repave project that had its share of bumps, but we were able to get through it. Autumn Hills had some drainage issues that we worked through but will be ongoing for some time. I have learned so many things about what needs to happen in subdivisions. The legalities and covenants make things very difficult to work around. The one thing that the Board and I have learned is that if everyone works together, projects get conquered. We also did a wedge and overlay in Highview Heights and so far that seems to be holding up really well. We have done a little smear patching and chip sealing, as always, along with lots of culvert replacements, tree clearing and ditch clean outs to improve drainage. This list goes on and on. Last spring we reclaimed and repaved one mile of Wege Rd west of county road A. That project went insanely well.

Chairperson Timm and I had attended some meetings about available grant money that was being offered to local townships, cities and counties across the state. With the assistance from MSA, we were able to land an ARIP grant for \$718,854 to reconstruct Center Valley Rd between County Rd A and Hample Rd. This was an agricultural driving grant and we felt this was the best place to utilize these funds. We are required to spend \$100,820 of our own money for this project which brings the total dollars spent to \$819,675. The other grant that was awarded to our township, with Chairperson Timm's involvement, was the LRIP grant for \$74,000 in reimbursement funds for our Wege Rd project this past year. So lots of exciting projects have been done and some very large projects ahead for very little town tax dollar involvement.

The town had already ordered a new 2022 tractor and a bush cutter, I think in 2021 before I started, but I was lucky enough to be here when we took delivery of it in the late summer early fall of 2022. With the purchase of this new tractor, we have since traded in our old disc mower with a new eight foot flail mower. We have had nothing but rave reviews from our town taxpayers and from people who are passing through on how nice our ditches look throughout the summer and fall. One of our town employees that had been operating the new tractor come forward and said he was interested in plowing snow. We then looked into what it would take to put a snowplow on the new tractor. For \$30,000, it financially made sense to put it on and have a third snowplow. The town had two other snowplow trucks, a 2005 single axle five-yard and a 2006 tandem axle. The five-yard truck is in fairly decent shape but our tandem needed tons of love because it was a state highway snowplow on the western side of our state. I plowed snow on interstate 41 for roughly ten plus years and these trucks take a beating. There are so many moving parts with these trucks and the state requires them to stay loaded with salt and brine for most of the winter because they need to be ready to roll at the drop of a hat 24/7 through the winter months. We did some pretty extensive repairs to this truck to be able to use it but there was one problem after another, and it just kept breaking. Finally, the motor went out of it. After having our own employees work on it and other people look at it, it was determined that the repairs were going to far exceed the value of the truck.

We started to look at buying a new plow truck and quickly learned that to replace our tandem with something similar, it was going to cost anywhere from \$325,000-\$350,000. "Ouch!!!" We started to look into alternative things to plow snow with. After operating our new tractor a few times with the snowplow, I realized how versatile and maneuverable it was. After more research and talking with different municipalities from surrounding townships, cities and counties, I discovered that a few of them were also using tractors for plowing snow. I loaded up a few of our Town Board Supervisors and met with these townships in different counties. The people we chatted with said they absolutely loved running these tractors for plowing snow for many reasons:

1. Visibility
2. Maneuverability
3. Versatility
4. Resale

We put together another meeting and discussed it with the rest of the board. I was then instructed to start putting together some specs to send out to different machinery dealerships. Chairperson Timm and I finalized it and sent it out. We ended up putting together a 150-horse tractor with an 18ft HLA snow blade and designed a 3-point salter set up. With the help from Matt Hofacker, it became a reality. Now we have another new snowplow set up for roughly \$187,000. The really neat thing about this is we can use these tractors year-round for many different things without requiring the driver to have a CDL driver's license, which costs around \$4,500 to get. The town now has become independent from relying on the county to plow its snow. The last few years we have seen huge cost savings by becoming independent. This large upfront investment for this equipment is a lot of money, but by being able to keep things under warranty it will help keep large repair expenses down and will allow us to put more money back into our own infrastructure and keep updating our equipment.

The parks department has been and hopefully is going to continue to see some nice improvements. We have removed a lot of dead or dying trees, freshened up the bark on the playgrounds along with repainting the outside restrooms. The ball diamond has been given a huge facelift from our ball diamond expert Steve Schmeichel. Ball teams from all over are lining up to use it for practices. Supervisor Vander Bloomen and I are looking to raise some funds to finish this diamond off with some fences for the outfield and dugouts. Surrounding athletic associations have already offered to rent the diamond for tournaments so this is something that we are looking to get finished sooner than later. The biggest news that I have to share about the park is our pavilion has been finally approved for a much overdue facelift. This will hopefully be ready to go by spring. The project has been awarded to Frontier Builders, Kevin Hawley.

Lastly, I would like to give a very special thank you to all of our town employees who do a great job taking care of all the things needed to be done around the town under very little to no supervision.

Roads Department: David Brandt, Logan Farrell, Marv Ebben

Parks Department: Steve Schmeichel, Tom Krueger, Larry Krueger

Custodian: Katie Timm

Town Clerk: Amy Olson

Town Board: Gary Timm, Pete Hofacker, David Vander Bloomen, Gary Blank, Ron Klemp

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Brown, Director of Public Works

TOWN ORDINANCE UPDATES

The Town Board reviewed all of the Town's ordinances in 2024 and made minor revisions throughout. In October 2024, a new Chapter 27 Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Holding Tanks for New Construction was approved.

You can view all Town ordinances on the Town's website.

TOWN ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY GUIDELINES

In an effort to maintain water flow in town ditches, all cattails, phragmites, noxious weeds, brush and trees will be cut from ditches going forward. Although this may not please everyone, proper water flow has been a critical issue and it is important to be consistent with town policies throughout the town.

Planting Trees - Sometimes landowners want to plant trees adjacent to the highway to block the view of the road from their land or to cut down on noise. Wis. Stat. § 86.02(3) requires a landowner to get permission from the town before a person can plant trees within 10 feet of the right-of-way. Also, a town may, on behalf of another person, seek permission to plant trees or shrubs on town land adjacent to highways maintained by other authorities, such as a county or the state.

Objects in Town Right-of-Way - With the exception of mailboxes, no objects may be installed within five feet from the edge of the roadway blacktop in the Town road right-of-way. The front of the mailbox should be 2 feet from the edge of the blacktop or 13 feet from the center of the road.

Working in Town Right-of-Way - No boring, filling or changes of any kind shall be made to the Town of Center road right-of-way without being approved & obtaining a permit from the Town of Center. An application for a permit must include a detailed written description of the work to be performed along with a map of the work area. Permit applications and required specifications are available on the Town website or at the Town Clerk's office.



Helpful Tip:

You can find this newsletter on the homepage of the Town's website. Viewing it online can help navigate the links that are found within.

DOG LICENSES

Dog licensing is a state law and licenses must be purchased annually by March 31st for any dog over 5 months of age. Please remember, if your dog does not have a current State license and is found running at large, we may not be able to contact you to inform you that your pet has been found and your pet may be taken to the Fox Valley Humane Society. The fee to get your dog released from the Humane Society can be expensive, plus they will not release your dog until a current license is issued by the municipality. Waiting to get a license issued, may cause a delay in getting your dog released. A \$5 penalty fee is due if you fail to obtain a license by March 31st.

APPLICATION FOR A NEW DOG

(this form is not required if you are renewing a license and there is no change in the information)

Information Needed:

Owner's Name:

Owners Address:

Owners phone number:

Name of dog:

Breed

Sex: F

 Spayed Female

M

 Neutered Male

Color

Please submit the following to obtain a dog license for NEW APPLICATIONS AND RENEWALS:

1. New Dog Application (New dogs only)
2. Proof of rabies "Certificate of Vaccination" - A copy of your vet invoice is **NOT acceptable** (unless it includes the vaccination serial # and rabies manufacturer information). *This will be returned to you with your issued license.
3. A self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of your tag(s).
4. A check made payable to: "**Town of Center**" for the applicable amount.

The license fee is:

\$4.00 if spayed/neutered
\$9.00 male/female (not spayed/neutered)

****** If you fail to obtain a license by March 31st, please send an additional \$5.00 penalty fee for each tag requested. **Mail to:**
Town of Center, N3990 State Rd 47,
Appleton, WI 54913

TOWN HALL AND PARK PAVILION RENTALS

Please call the Town Hall Office to make a reservation. If you would like to check available dates before calling, you can go to the “Calendar of Events” on the town’s website. The person renting the facilities **MUST BE A RESIDENT & PROPERTY OWNER** in the Town of Center and over 21 years of age. The rental fee is \$75.00 for the Hall and \$25.00 for the Pavilion. A security deposit equal to the rental amount must be paid with a separate check and enclosed with the rental payment. If the facilities are left in a condition not satisfactory to the Town Board or their authorized agent, the security deposit will be forfeited. The security check will be returned to the renter after the event if the facility is left in an acceptable condition. The resident renting the facilities will be responsible for any damage to the building(s) or equipment. Reservations will be accepted up to 1 year in advance of the desired date.

The reservation form is available on the town’s website or at the Town Clerk’s office. Hall/Pavilion reservations are not secured until payment has been received. The Park Pavilion is available May 15th - October 15th each year.

Bounce Houses – If you would like to bring a bounce house to your event please notify the Town Clerk. Due to underground utilities, there are limited areas where it is safe to stake down the bounce house.

BALL DIAMOND

The goal is to have the ball diamond ready for use by May 1st each year. Opening may fluctuate, however, based on when weather conditions allow for required annual maintenance. Starting April 1st, you can go to the town’s website to make ball diamond reservation requests for reservations starting May 1st. You will also find a ball diamond calendar on the town’s website so you can check availability.



Helpful Tip:

Most of the information in this newsletter is also found on the town’s website. For the most current town information go to centerwi.gov.

TRI-COUNTY RECYCLING GUIDE

A printable version of the Tri-County Recycling Guide can be found at www.RecycleMoreOutagamie.org.

The Outagamie County Recycling & Solid Waste Department Hours are every Mon-Fri, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and every Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information and prices, please call 920-832-5277.

The recycling & solid waste management department remains committed to community learning. Through customized on-site and off-site presentations for schools, businesses, and community groups, their team led over 80 tours and presentations, reaching more than 620 residents with important information about recycling and waste management. Their guided tours also offered a close-up look at their operations.

In 2025, they aim to surpass this achievement by hosting even more tours and presentations. Be part of the journey and see firsthand how they're driving sustainable waste management. Learn more or schedule your own visit at <https://www.recyclemoreoutagamie.org/education-center/>

Is that really recyclable? The recyclable materials collected curbside throughout the Outagamie County municipalities is processed at the Tri-County Recycling Facility at 1419 Holland Road in Appleton. The Tri-County Recycling team introduced a "Waste Wizard" website material search tool as an easy way for residents to look up the proper disposal of common household items in Brown, Outagamie, & Winnebago Counties.

Outagamie County Recycling & Solid Waste Social Media Accounts:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OutagamieCountyRecycling/>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/recyclemore_oc/

YouTube: <https://bit.ly/3e0uNsQ>



Get the Betterbin App! – With the Betterbin app users can scan the UPC barcode on any household product and its packaging OR search for any product by name to get detailed recycling or disposal instructions that are verified to match your local recycling guidelines. The Recycling and Solid Waste Department has business cards available that easily direct users to the Tri-County Recycling Waste Wizard & app stores to download Betterbin by scanning the QR code. These cards can be made available to all; call (920) 832-2010 or email recycle@outagamie.org if interested.

Electronics Recycling

The following electronics cannot be recycled in curbside bins and must be recycled with an approved e-waste collector per State law:

- TVs & Video Display Devices
- Monitors
- Computers
- Gaming Consoles
- Fax Machines/Scanner/Printer
- DVD or VCR players
- Cell Phones

Residents can bring their electronics to the Outagamie County Resource Recovery Park (Drop-off Site) at 1919 Holland Rd, Appleton. Fees and restrictions apply: <https://www.recyclemoreoutagamie.org/disposal-rates/>.

For a full list of electronic collectors in Wisconsin, visit the Wisconsin DNR website at: www.dnr.wi.gov/topic/ecycle/

2025 Household Hazardous Waste Collections – 3414 N French Rd

Residents are encouraged to dispose of household hazardous wastes, by appointment only, at hazardous waste collections held at Outagamie County Recycling & Solid Waste's satellite location at 3414 N French Rd, Appleton.

Appointments are required for ALL collection dates!

The online appointment calendar will be open in March of 2025 for scheduling. Appointments can be scheduled online at www.recyclemoreoutagamie.org or by phone at (920) 832-5277. All collections run from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Program runs May – October

Wednesdays – 5/7, 6/11, 7/9, 8/6, 9/3, 10/1

Saturdays – 5/10, 6/14, 7/12, 8/9, 9/6, 10/4

If residents are unable to attend a scheduled collection date and time, Outagamie County residents may utilize the Brown County permanent facility. For their information visit <https://www.browncountyrecycling.org/hmr-hours-location>

Brown County Hazardous Material Recovery Facility, 920-492-4950
2561 S Broadway
Green Bay, WI 54304

Polystyrene Foam & Latex paint is accepted at the Resource Recovery Park (RRP) – The RRP has been in operation for over three years and has received rave reviews from customers! The RRP features a total of 30 source separated bins all colorfully coordinated to their designated materials. They focus on 8 different material outlets: Clean Wood, Construction & Demolition, Metal, Recycling, Rigid Plastics, Furniture, Mattresses & Box Springs, and Trash. Fees and restrictions apply: <https://www.recyclemoreoutagamie.org/disposal-rates/>

Stop by the Foam Dome! Polystyrene foam is being collected at the RRP. This is a FREE drop-off program that accepts the following materials only:

- CLEAN Expandable Polystyrene (EPS): hard, white packaging foam used to protect your televisions and other appliances.
- CLEAN Food Packaging Foam: foam egg cartons, foam takeout containers, and foam cups.

The polystyrene foam recycling program is DROP-OFF ONLY. If you put these materials in your recycling bins, it will not get recycled. So if you've got foam at home... drop it off at The Foam Dome... FOR FREE!

Latex Paint

Bring all of your unused and unwanted latex-based paints to a pour off tote at the RRP. This station is self-service. For ease of use it is advised to transfer the paint into a pourable container such as a 5-gallon pail or ice-cream bucket prior to arriving. Once you have finished pouring off your paint into the tote, you may dispose of the container in the adjacent dumpster. Disposal cost is \$1 per container, up to a 5-gallon container. There is no limit to the amount of paint you can bring in.

Proper Sharps/Needle Disposal

For the safety of the recycling and solid waste staff, all needles, lancets and syringes must be properly disposed of and NOT placed in the garbage or recycling. Wisconsin law requires all citizens to manage these sharps safely. For more information visit Outagamie County Public Health at <https://www.outagamie.org/government/departments-f-m/health-human-services/public-health/household-sharps-disposal/-fsiteid-1>

Compost Bins for Sale at Mosquito Hill Nature Center

Compost bins are available for purchase at Mosquito Hill Nature Center at N3880 Rogers Road, New London, (920) 779-6433. <https://www.outagamie.org/government/departments-n-z/parks/parks-and-natural-areas/mosquito-hill-nature-center/compost-bins-and-home-composting>

TOWN OF CENTER ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 16, 2024

The Town of Center Annual Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Timm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the 27 residents in attendance.

Steve Schmeichel moved, seconded by Lucy Valitchka to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023 Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Timm introduced the Board Members and the Town Clerk-Treasurer and welcomed Supervisor Vander Bloomen and Supervisor Hofacker back to the board, as they were re-elected to their positions.

Open Forum –

Ron Comer asked if the train crossing signs on County Road O and Wege Road could be updated.

Clark Schabo noticed violations of the posted weight limits on Center Valley Road and Twelve Corners Road.

Lucy Valitchka thanked the town for keeping up with the noxious weeds in the ditches.

Chairman Timm informed the residents that the board decided to skip the spring tire collection due to new fees that will be charged by Outagamie County for the service. The board decided to have the residents discuss the future of the tire collection program at this meeting. There were some residents concerned about tires ending up in the town's ditches. Town Board members explained the new costs the town would incur. There was discussion about requesting a donation per tire.

Al Kramer moved, seconded by Jerry Lingnofski to have one last fall tire collection and have the board determine a fair donation per tire; evaluating after the tire collection if the donations are feasible to keep the program running. Motion carried.

Steve Schmeichel moved, seconded by Logan Farrell to authorize the Town Board the right to borrow money as required. Motion carried.

Joe Hofacker moved, seconded by Sam Dillenberg to increase the hourly wages from \$15 to \$25 for all extra hours of work for the Town Chairman and Town Supervisors 1 & 3 elected in 2025 and to keep salaries the same (\$6,000 for the Chairman; \$3,000 for Town Supervisors; \$30 per diem; and current Federal Rate for mileage). Motion carried.

Chairman Report – Chairman Timm reported in the past year the board created a developer's agreement for new sub-divisions to eliminate some of the problems incurred with previous sub-divisions and the board approved a Responsible Bidder Ordinance to allow the board to only accept trusted bids. Chairman Timm praised the work being done by the Public Works Department overseen by Tom Brown. The town purchased a snowplow for the tractor, and it is working well.

Financial Report – The Clerk stated that the financial report was included in the Annual Report Book that was mailed to all residents. There were no comments or questions.

Fire Chief Report – Joe Hofacker reported they have a fire truck on order that is expected to arrive in the summer of 2025.

First Responders Report – Lori Pynenberg reported 153 calls in 2023. They currently have 14 members, soon to be 15. The ATV purchased last year from their fundraising efforts is ready to go for off road rescues or brush fires. They will be having another raffle and a brat/burger fry on May 10, 2024.

Park, Maintenance and Road Report – Steve Schmeichel reported there were 40 dead pine trees cut down in the park and Tom Brown is working to replant trees that would grow better in the clay soil and would be resistant to salt and saline damage. The ball diamond was re-shaped last fall and there is a full schedule of teams wanting to use it this summer. Tom Brown reported he has researched grant opportunities for a fence for the ball diamond, but he has not found any that would fit our needs. Construction on Wege Road from County Road A to Hample Road will start on April 24, 2024. The motor in one of the town's snowplow trucks is in poor condition and they are working to assess if it can be repaired or if it needs replacing. Tom has been looking at options to lease a tractor for snowplowing. Chip Sealing will be done mid-July and he would like the town to do its own smear patching to save some money.

Town Planning Committee Report – Steve Schmeichel reported the Planning Committee is a group of town citizens that meet on the first Wednesday of each month as needed. They meet two times on each issue presented to them – the first meeting is informational for the public and the second meeting is for the committee to vote on a recommendation to give to the Town Board. Ron Comer requested the notification radius be expanded for issues that come through the Planning Committee. Chairman Timm indicated notifications go out to all landowners within 500'. There was discussion about the town following county zoning ordinances and how the town has sometimes been overruled by the county zoning department.

Ron Comer expressed his concern over the lack of a noise ordinance that can enforce noise restrictions on bars.

Steve Schmeichel moved, seconded by Roy Valitchka to set the 2025 Annual meeting for Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Jerry Lingnofski moved, seconded by Al Tiedt to adjourn the 2024 Annual Meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Olson

Town of Center Clerk-Treasurer

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING – April 15, 2025

Call to order at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve the minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting

Introduce Board Members and Others

Open Forum

Authorize the Town Board the right to borrow money

Establish the salary, wages & mileage of town officials elected April, 2026

(Town Board Supervisor #2 and #4)

Chairperson Report

Financial Report

Road Report

Fire Chief Report

First Responder Report

Park and Maintenance Report

Town Planning Committee Report

Open for other business.

Establish the 2026 Annual Meeting date and time (Tuesday, April 21, 2026)

Adjournment of 2025 Annual Meeting

TAX LEVIES

	2023	2024
Freedom Schools	\$1,527,950.67	\$2,074,186.35
Hortonville Schools	\$1,662,020.61	\$1,752,326.68
Seymour Schools	\$445,161.84	\$507,345.06
Shiocton Schools	\$67,475.29	\$73,542.92
FVTC	\$468,640.23	\$490,429.13
State Taxes	0.00	0.00
County Taxes	\$1,922,783.81	\$2,014,741.39
Local Taxes	\$558,302.00	\$606,924.00

TAX RATE PER \$1,000 FOR EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT

	2023	2024
Freedom Schools	\$6.90	\$9.29
Hortonville Schools	\$7.75	\$7.98
Seymour Schools	\$10.71	\$11.24
Shiocton Schools	\$10.96	\$11.79

BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
CHECKING - AMERICAN NATL BANK	\$ 2,917,574	
MONEY MARKET - ROAD FUND	\$ 200,404	
MONEY MARKET - PARK FUND	\$ 78,022	
MONEY MARKET - EQUIPMT & BLDG FUND	\$ 200,363	
MONEY MARKET – ARPA FUND	\$ 0.00	
MONEY MARKET – FIRE DEPT 2% DUES FUND	\$ 91,184	
TOTAL CHECKING AND SAVINGS		\$ 3,487,547
OTHER ASSETS		
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE (Wege Road Local Road Improvement Grant)	\$ 74,444	
DEBT PRINCIPAL TO BE PROVIDED	\$ 57,336	
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS		<u>\$ 131,780</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 3,619,327</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
ACCRUED PAYROLL LIABILITIES	\$ 3,928	
ADVANCE PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION	\$ 2,779,593	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		\$ 2,783,521
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
NOTES PAYABLE	\$ 57,336	
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		<u>\$ 57,336</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 2,840,857
EQUITY		
RETAINED EARNINGS	\$ 603,090	
FUND BALANCE DESIGNATED		
NET INCOME	175,380	
TOTAL EQUITY		\$ 778,470
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		<u>\$ 3,619,327</u>

TOWN OF CENTER BUDGET SUMMARY			
	2024 AMENDED	2024	2025 AMENDED
<u>TOWN REVENUES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
TAXES:			
Local Tax	\$ 558,302	\$ 558,939	\$ 606,924
Woodland, Managed forest & PILT Tax	200	188	200
Mobile Home Fees	900	725	900
Use Value Penalty	375	6,798	375
TOTAL TAXES:	\$ 559,777	\$ 566,650	\$ 608,399
INTERGOVERNMENTAL:			
State Shared Revenues	140,006	\$ 140,276	142,901
Fire Insurance Dues	19,000	27,064	27,000
Local Transportation Aid	176,097	176,097	175,742
ARPA Funds	-	-	-
Exempt Computer Aid	70	73	73
Video Service Franchise Fee Aid	4,790	4,790	4,790
Personal Property Aid	1,901	1,901	1,203
Election Security Grant		369	
County Sales Tax Revenue	85,000	86,880	85,000
Recycling Reimbursement	56,000	60,113	57,475
Cash Balance Applied -			
LRIP Grant Reimbursement - Wege Road	-	74,444	-
Use of Fund Balance - ARPA	18,221	18,226	-
Use of Fund Balance - Park Savings	-	-	-
Use of Fund Balance - Equipment & Bldg			55,000
Use of Fund Balance - Road Const Savings	-	-	-
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL:	\$ 501,085	\$ 590,233	\$ 549,184
LICENSES AND PERMITS:			
Liquor and Bartender Licenses	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,890	\$ 3,400
Dog Licenses	300	312	300
Building & ROW Permits	24,000	34,054	24,000
TOTAL LICENSES & PERMITS:	\$ 27,700	\$ 38,256	\$ 27,700
PUBLIC CHARGES FOR SERVICES:			
Fire - Misc. Revenues	-	726	-
Refuse/Collection/Spec Assess	\$ 186,842	\$ 191,338	\$ 191,338
New Home Park Fee	-	2,400	-
TOTAL PUBLIC CHRG FOR SERV:	\$ 186,842	\$ 194,464	\$ 191,338
MISCELLANEOUS:			
Interest on Investments	\$ 1,200	\$ 3,623	\$ 1,200
Rental Income	3,000	5,075	3,000
Cable TV Franchise Fees	17,000	23,403	17,000
Misc Revenues - salvage, whely permits, etc	600	9,295	600
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS:	\$ 21,800	\$ 41,396	\$ 21,800
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,297,204	\$ 1,430,999	\$ 1,398,421

The 2024 budget was amended to increase by \$18,221 to utilize the remaining balance of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to replace old and damaged culverts. The 2025 budget was amended to increase by \$55,000 for the purchase of a different pickup truck.

	2024 AMENDED	2024	2025 AMENDED
<u>TOWN EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Town Board	\$ 29,000	\$ 26,640	\$ 29,000
Clerk/Treasurer & Admin Expenses	58,000	62,438	63,000
Admin Consultants (MSA)	10,000	9,681	10,000
Employee Assistance Program	1,900	2,030	2,100
Assessor	19,500	19,721	19,500
Board of Review	250	24	250
Monthly Accounting	3,100	3,425	3,500
Audit Cost	6,400	7,200	7,500
Elections	16,000	11,928	8,000
Attorney	10,000	3,307	10,000
Municipal Buildings - Utilities, maint'	60,000	42,294	60,000
Insurance	16,000	21,782	22,000
Payroll Taxes (Soc Security & Medicare)	8,000	11,779	15,000
Fire Dept 2% Ins Dues/Length of Service	19,000	6,940	27,000
First Responders Length of Service	5,000	4,100	5,750
TOTAL GENERAL GOVT:	\$ 262,150	\$ 233,289	\$ 282,600
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Animal Control Officer	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,340	\$ 3,000
Fire Department	65,800	53,501	65,800
First Responders	28,000	35,632	32,000
Building Inspector	20,000	18,027	20,000
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY:	\$ 115,800	\$ 109,500	\$ 120,800
PUBLIC WORKS:			
Highway Maintenance & Stone	\$ 70,572	\$ 92,065	\$ 50,471
Highway Construction	250,000	227,306	250,000
Pickup Truck Purchase	-	-	55,000
Smear Patch/Seal	180,000	160,150	180,000
Snow Removal	80,000	79,783	80,000
Town Vehicle Maintenance	10,000	21,715	10,000
Vehicle Fuel and Oil	12,000	12,481	12,000
Refuse Collection	186,842	182,433	191,338
Recycling Collection	57,160	55,554	57,475
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS:	\$ 846,574	\$ 831,487	\$ 886,284
RECREATION:			
Park Expense	\$ 16,000	\$ 6,684	\$ 16,000
TOTAL RECREATION:	\$ 16,000	\$ 6,684	\$ 16,000
CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT:			
Planning Committee	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250
TOTAL CONSERVATION & DEV:	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250
CAPITAL PROJECTS:			
Tractor	-	-	-
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS:	-	-	-
DEBT SERVICE:			
Long Term Debt (Principal & Interest)	56,430	56,430	92,487
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE:	\$ 56,430	\$ 56,430	\$ 92,487
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$ 1,297,204	\$ 1,237,390	\$ 1,398,421
	<u>2024 BUDGET</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2025 BUDGET</u>
REVENUE	\$ 1,297,204	\$ 1,430,999	\$ 1,398,421
EXPENSES	\$ 1,297,204	\$ 1,237,390	\$ 1,398,421
NET BALANCE	\$ -	\$ 193,609	\$ -

PAYROLL 2024 - Mileage paid at \$.67/mile

Gary Timm – Chairperson

Salary	\$6,000.00
35 meetings	\$1,050.00
Park Maintenance – 5.5 hours	\$137.50
Road Maintenance – 3 hours	\$75.00
Town Work – 53.5 hours	\$802.50
Total	\$8,065.00
Board Mileage	\$641.74

Gary Blank - Supervisor 1

Salary	\$3,000.00
23 meetings	\$690.00
Town Work – 19 hours	\$285.00
Total	\$3,975.00
Mileage	\$200.58

David Vander Bloomen – Supervisor 2

Salary	\$3,000.00
23 meetings	\$690.00
Town work – 17.5	\$262.50
Total	\$3,952.50
Mileage	\$163.08

Ron Klemp – Supervisor 3

Salary	\$3,000.00
24 meetings	\$720.00
Town Work – 56.5 hours	\$847.50
Park Maintenance – 1 hour	\$25.00
Total	\$4,592.50
Mileage	\$547.20

Pete Hofacker - Supervisor 4

Salary	\$3,000.00
24 meetings	\$720.00
Town work – 3 hours	\$45.00
Total	\$3,765.00
Mileage	\$76.69

Amy Olson – Clerk/Treasurer

Salary	\$40,666.63
25 meetings	\$750.00
Clerk Extra Hours – 88.75 hours	\$1,651.25
Total	\$43,067.88
Mileage	\$741.88

Tom Brown – Public Works Director

Public Works Director – 173 hours	\$5,190.00
Total	\$5,190.00
Mileage	\$124.06

David Brandt – Public Works Employee

Road Maintenance – 187 hours/14.25 OT hours	\$5,572.50
Vehicle Maintenance – 4.5 hours	\$112.50
Snow Removal – 91 hours/52.5 OT hours	\$4,273.76
Total	\$9,958.76
Mileage	\$16.08

Logan Farrell – Public Works Employee

Road Maintenance – 186.75 hours/28.5 OT hours	\$6,651.25
Snow Removal – 86 hours/61.75 OT hours	\$4,631.88
Park Maintenance – 8 hours	\$200.00
Tire Disposal – 8 hours/3.25 OT hours	\$321.88
Vehicle Maintenance – 14.5 hours	\$362.50
Hall Maintenance – 12 hours	\$300.00
Total	\$12,467.51
Mileage	\$209.71

Steve Schmeichel – Public Works Employee

Ball Diamond Maintenance – 33.5 hours	\$762.50
Total	\$762.50

Marv Ebben – Public Works Employee

Road Maintenance – 260.75 hours/14.5 OT hours	\$7,398.14
Snow Removal – 76.25 hours/14.25 OT hours	\$2,514.39
Total	\$9,912.53

Larry Krueger – Public Works Employee

Lawn/Park Maintenance – 172.75 hours/0.75 OT hours	\$4,426.25
Total	\$4,426.25

Tom Krueger – Public Works Employee

Lawn/Park Maintenance – 28.25 hours	\$706.25
Total	\$706.25

Katie Timm – Town Hall Custodian

Town Hall – 150.25 hours	\$3,163.75
Total	\$3,163.75
Mileage	\$53.42

Andrea Dobson – Animal Control

Animal Control Salary	\$600.00
Animal Control Extra Hours – 33.5 hours	\$556.25
Total	\$1,156.25
Animal Control Mileage	\$186.92

Matt Harrison – IT Support

IT Support – 9.5 hours	\$380.00
Total	\$380.00

Fire Department Payroll 2024

Joe Hofacker – Chief	\$1,200.00
Andy Timm – 1 st Assistant Chief	\$400.00
Keith Broehm – 2 nd Assistant Chief	\$400.00
Kevin Pullen – Secretary	\$400.00
Brian Jacobs – Treasurer	\$400.00
Kevin Pullen – Safety Officer	\$300.00
Craig Stadler – Captain & Training Officer	\$600.00
Cameron Kuba – Captain	\$300.00
Steven Brincks – Captain	\$300.00
Total	\$4,300.00

First Responder Payroll 2024

Lori Pynenberg – President	\$500.00
Lana Burchill – Vice-President	\$400.00
Liz Kurey – Secretary	\$400.00
Total	\$1,300.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Center Fire Department Summer Picnic

Saturday, August 2nd, 2025, 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Municipal Building, N3990 State Rd 47

Live Music by Star Six Nine!

Craft Fair, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Food, Cash Raffle, Petting Zoo and Family Fun



(Find us on Facebook for more details)

A big thanks to all who have supported our fundraising efforts!

FOR EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

For non-emergency assistance please contact:

Fire Chief, Joe Hofacker, at 920-851-5864

The department is looking for additional personnel to join. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please let us know.

ABOUT US: Firefighters have a meeting and a training night on the first and third Tuesday of every month. These meetings and trainings along with weekly apparatus inspections help keep firefighters and equipment in top condition.

**PLEASE
HELP
US KEEP
YOU
SAFE!**

1. **Keep Address Signs Visible!** Maintain your address sign and keep it visible at all times. It is difficult for emergency personnel to locate you when number plates have become weathered or overgrown by shrubs.
2. **Keep your driveway clear!** Please make sure we have the needed clearance to get an emergency vehicle down your driveway quickly. **The minimum clearance needed for our fire trucks is 12 ft wide by 12 ft tall.**

NEW FIRE TRUCK ARRIVING IN 2025! A new fire truck has been ordered and it should be arriving later this summer.

FIRE SAFETY: Home fire safety is more important today than ever! Modern homes are burning hotter and faster and may only allow three minutes to escape. What can you do to improve your safety?

- Install and maintain smoke and CO alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
- Have and practice a fire escape plan - including having an outside family meeting spot.
- “Close Your Door”. A closed bedroom door can decrease the temperature in that room by as much as 900 degrees!!

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Fire Prevention Week 2024 took place October 6th – 12th. The department visited St. Edward's children during that week to educate about fire prevention and to improve familiarization with firefighters.

Fire prevention inspections are completed bi-annually. They play an important part in keeping our businesses safe places to visit.

CONTROLLED BURNS: If you are planning to have a controlled burn, please contact Chief Hofacker. Please consider weather, wind and dryness when deciding to burn. See the Wisconsin DNR Burning Restrictions and Fire Activity website for more information.

2024 OFFICERS: Joe Hofacker (Chief), Andy Timm (Asst. Chief), Keith Broehm (2nd Asst. Chief), Craig Stadler (Captain & Training Officer), Steven Brincks (Captain), Cameron Kuba (Captain), Brian Jacobs (Treasurer), Kevin Pullen (Secretary & Safety Officer), Joe Thyssen (President) and Brett Miller (Vice-President)

CURRENT MEMBERS: Will Baum, Colby Bauman, Gary Blank, Steven Brincks, Keith Broehm, Dave Calmes, Shane Clausnitzer, Jed Court, Sam Dillenberg, Mike Ebben, Dan Emunson, Roxie Emunson, Logan Farrell, Mike Fromm, Matt Harrison, Joe Hofacker, Kyle Hofacker, Mike Hofacker, Brian Jacobs, Taylor Jacobs, Rod Koleske, Cameron Kuba, Dan Kuba, Eli Marks, Brett Miller, Jeremy Peterson, Kevin Pullen, Rachel Roche, Craig Stadler, Zack Stille, Joe Thyssen, Andrew Timm, Bryce Woelfel, Dao Vang.

SPECIAL THANKS: All donations received are greatly appreciated! We would like to recognize Appleton Auto Recyclers for their continued donation of vehicles for our valuable “Jaws of Life” training.

CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 2024 FIRE RUNS

FIRE RUN #	DATE	ADDRESS	TYPE OF FIRE RUN
1	1/3	Cty. A and Quarry Rd.	Accident clean-up
2	1/16	N3595 Hample Rd.	Exhaust smell in house
3	1/19	Mayflower Rd. and Autumn Hills Pkwy.	Vehicle roll over
4	1/21	5930 N. Rosewood Dr. (Grand Chute mutual aid)	Oven fire
5	1/26	N2974 Cty. A (access rd.)	Rubbish pile on fire
6	1/29	North of Hwy. 47 and Cty. S	Car vs. deer
7	2/10	N3509 Cty. EE	Vehicle accident
8	2/15	W4448 Country View Dr.	Investigate odor
9	2/23	Cty. A and Center Valley Rd.	Vehicle accident
10	2/28	Wege Rd., North of Mayflower Rd.	Vehicle accident
11	3/2	W4597 Pleasant Rd.	Wire Down
12	3/15	N4135 Meade St.	CO alarm
13	3/19	Mackville Rd. and Meade St.	Vehicle accident
14	3/25	W4998 Wege Rd.	CO alarm
15	3/28	N3827 Meade St.	Vehicle accident
16	3/28	W8493 Conradt Rd. (Shiocton mutual aid)	Controlled burn
17	4/2	W4126 Rock Rd	Low hanging wires
18	4/2	Mayflower Rd. and Center Valley Rd.	Tree down across road
19	4/2	N2511 Thornapple La.	Tree down across road
20	4/3	N3247 Hwy. 47	Wire down
21	4/3	Cty. A and Quarry Rd.	Wire down
22	4/3	N4724 Meade St.	Wire down
23	4/3	W4221 Wege Rd.	Possible structure fire
24	4/3	W3781 Wege Rd.	Possible structure fire
25	4/3	N4265 Murphy Rd. (Freedom mutual aid)	Possible structure fire
26	4/19	Hwy. 47 and Schabo Rd.	Wire down
27	4/21	N1127 North Rd. (Greenville mutual aid)	Structure fire
28	4/22	N4411 Cty. E (Freedom mutual aid)	Gas grill fire
29	4/30	Cty. S and Market Rd. (Ellington mutual aid)	Fire reported - controlled burn
30	5/1	Hwy. 47 and Cty. S	Vehicle accident
31	5/3	Hwy. 47 and Cty. S	Vehicle accident
32	5/12	N5331 Ballard Rd. (Appleton mutual aid)	Structure fire
33	5/17	W6008 Rock Rd.	ATV accident
34	5/26	N3935 Washington Ave. (Freedom mutual aid)	Structure fire
35	5/28	W4450 Wege Rd.	Landing zone for EMS call
36	5/29	I-41 at Hwy. 15 (Grand Chute mutual aid)	Vehicle Accident
37	6/4	N3830 Cty. A	Structure fire
38	6/3	N5103 Richmond St. (Grand Chute mutual aid)	Possible structure fire

FIRE RUN #	DATE	ADDRESS	TYPE OF FIRE RUN
39	6/14	Hwy. 47 and Cty. S	Vehicle accident
40	6/14	W4450 Wege Rd.	Vegetation fire
41	6/16	N3198 Feather Ridge Dr.	False alarm
42	6/17	N3957 Washington Ave. (Freedom mutual aid)	Possible structure fire
43	6/28	W5450 Cty. JJ	False alarm
44	6/29	N3155 Reiland Rd.	False alarm
45	6/29	Krueger Rd. and Twelve Corners Rd.	Vehicle accident
46	6/30	Hwy. 47 and Cty. O	Vehicle accident
47	7/9	W8837 Miller Rd. (Cicero mutual aid)	Structure fire
48	8/20	Cty. S and Cty. A	Vehicle accident
49	8/22	W5584 Krueger Rd.	Medical assist
50	8/23	Cty. A and Center Valley Rd.	Vehicle accident
51	8/27	Hwy. 47 and Mackville Rd.	Power pole leaning over
52	8/28	Ballard Rd. and Mackville Rd.	Vehicle accident
53	8/29	W4738 Deer Run Dr.	Fire alarm (false alarm)
54	9/9	Cty. S and Cty. A	Vehicle accident
55	9/12	N2757 Alphorn Ln.	Structure fire (electrical short)
56	9/19	Hwy. 47 and Cty. S	Unknown fire called in (cancelled)
57	9/20	Cty. EE and Mackville Rd.	Vehicle accident
58	9/22	N3502 Mayflower Rd.	Vehicle accident
59	9/22	Cty. S and Cty. A	Vehicle accident
60	9/26	N3633 Hwy. 47	Combine fire
61	9/30	Cty. O and Mayflower Rd.	Vehicle accident
62	10/5	W4506 Glenn St.	Burn complaint (controlled burn)
63	10/15	Cty. S and Cty. PP	Vehicle accident
64	10/20	Center Valley Rd. and Hample Rd.	Tractor fire
65	10/21	N3100 Reiland Rd.	Underground gas line severed
66	10/22	W4039 Devine Rd.	CO Detector
67	10/29	W3855 Cty. S	Vegetation fire (controlled burn)
68	10/29	Cty. EE and Mackville Rd.	Vehicle accident
69	10/31	Cty. O and Mayflower Rd.	Wire Down
70	11/1	Cty. EE and Cty. S	Vehicle accident
71	11/2	W4092 Mackville Rd.	Wire Down
72	11/4	N4146 Murphy Rd. (Freedom mutual aid)	Structure fire
73	11/14	W4281 Krueger Rd.	CO check
74	11/27	W4514 Krueger Rd. (Black Creek mutual aid)	Structure fire
75	11/29	W3981 Wege Rd.	CO check
76	12/3	N3014 French Rd. (Freedom mutual aid)	Structure fire
77	12/15	Cty. A and Cty. JJ	Vehicle accident
78	12/20	Cty. A and Cty. O	Vehicle accident
79	12/22	Hwy. 47 North of Cty. S	Vehicle accident
80	12/29	Cty. S and Cty. PP	Vehicle accident

FIRST RESPONDERS

A Year of Dedication & Service

As we look back at 2024, we want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible efforts of our dedicated First Responder team and the unwavering support of our community. This year, our team responded to **133 emergency calls**, providing critical care and assistance to those in need. Every call we answered was a testament to the hard work, training, and commitment of our volunteers who stand ready to serve at a moment's notice.

Recognizing our Team

Our success would not be possible without the dedication of our amazing team members. We want to extend our gratitude to each of them for their service this year.

Heather Baum, Olivia Baum, Lana Burchill, Kim Calmes, Shane Clausnitzer, Sam Dillenberg, Logan Farrell, Liz Kurey, Kris Lamers, Tiffany Marks, Laura Pierre, Kevin Pullen, Lori Pynenberg, Rachel Roche, Tom Schupp, Gary Timm

Their hard work and commitment to our mission ensure that our community receives the best possible emergency care. We are proud of each and every one of them!

Looking Ahead: Cookout & Raffle Fundraiser

We are excited to announce our **Annual Cookout & Raffles on May 9, 2025!** This event is a great opportunity for the community to come together, enjoy good food, and support our mission. We will be hosting:

- Cash Raffle: A chance to win great cash prizes! Only 100 tickets are available at \$100 per ticket.
- Scheels & Local Business Raffle: We have great prizes this year, including Scheels gift cards, certificates, and prizes from local businesses. Our annual raffle has 1,000 tickets available at \$20 per ticket.

If you would like to purchase a ticket please reach out to any of our first responders.

All proceeds from these fundraisers will go directly toward **purchasing new equipment and funding additional training** for our responders, ensuring we can continue to provide the highest level of care.

Thank You to Our Community

We cannot do what we do without the ongoing support of our town. Whether it's attending our fundraisers, making donations, or simply offering words of encouragement, your support fuels our mission. On behalf of our entire team, **thank you for believing in us and for helping us make a difference.**

We look forward to another year of serving this wonderful community and hope to see you at our **Cookout & Raffles on May 9, 2025!**

Sincerely,

Lana Burchill
Town of Center First Responders
president@centerems.com

2nd INSTALLMENT PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS DUE JULY 31st GO TO OUTAGAMIE COUNTY

– Please do not mail or drop off the 2nd installment to the Town of Center. Your 2nd installment can be paid online at www.outagamie.org, or sent to the County Treasurer at 320 S. Walnut Street, Appleton, WI 54911.



Helpful Tip:

If you need a copy of your payment receipt or a duplicate copy of your tax invoice, you can get that information at www.outagamie.org. Click on the "Property Taxes" section. Enter your address and you can print your tax invoice, payment receipt, view property maps, etc.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT OPEN BOOK & BOARD OF REVIEW:

Every year the Town must hold an Open Book session to give landowners a chance to review their property assessments after the assessment rolls are complete. There is a Board of Review (BOR) Meeting one week after the Open Book session to consider written contested assessment of property from landowners. This BOR Meeting is usually held in July or August. BOR meeting notices are published in the Appleton Post Crescent, Town website, Town Hall, Kountry Bar, and Center Valley Convenience Store.

FREQUENTLY ASKED TAX QUESTIONS:

There is a special assessment charge for POWTS and/or DRAINAGE DISTRICT on my taxes, what is this? POWTS is for "Private On-site Waste Treatment System" and is a special assessment from Outagamie County for record maintenance; the DRAINAGE DISTRICT is a special assessment established by the County Drainage Board for a natural water flow district on your property which they have jurisdiction. The Town has no authority over these special assessments.

My lender has told me that our tax payment was made and we need a receipt for payment, can you provide one? Yes, but not until the payment has been received at the Town Hall office. Many times lenders/mortgage companies will "release payment" for the amount of taxes but will hold the payment until or near the due date. Please check with your lender/mortgage company as to their payment policy. The payment date used will be the post-mark date on the envelope.

I need a dog license, can I include the payment with my taxes? Yes! It is a good practice to renew your dog license(s) when you pay your taxes! You can write out one check with your tax payment and dog license payment combined. Dog licenses expire December 31 of each year, generally the new tags for the year are available the first week in December. Be sure to include your Certificate of Vaccination and a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your new license. (*More dog license information on page 11*)

BUILDING PERMITS:

Building Permits are issued by our Town Building Inspector, Paul Hermes, 920-858-0102.

Fees:

- Single Family including Plumbing, Electric, HVAC, Const, Erosion = \$850 (plus \$1.00 per thousand over \$200,000) + \$300 Park Fund + \$35 State Seal
- New Addresses = \$150
- New Culverts = \$50 + \$500 engineer fee to determine proper placement
- Detached Residential Garage/Shed = \$100 (plus \$1.00 per 100 sq ft over 1,000 sq ft)
- Residential Additions/Remodel including Plumbing, Electric, HVAC = \$300 (plus \$1.00 per thousand over \$50,000)
- Electric Service Inspection = \$75
- Const/Plum/HVAC = \$50
- Solar Inspection = \$150
- Commercial Buildings/new or remodeled work - Call
- Storage Buildings = \$100 (plus \$3.00 per 100 sq ft over 2,000 sq ft + Mechanical Fees)
- Razing a structure = \$50

If you are building a new home you will need to submit an online application for a permit at [https://esla.wi.gov/apex/Custom Portal Intro Page](https://esla.wi.gov/apex/Custom%20Portal%20Intro%20Page). Once the online application is complete, you can contact Paul Hermes and submit your plans and other required information to him.

Town building permits are not required for re-roofing, siding or replacement windows or doors of the same size. Town building permits are also not required for the following; however, you should contact the County Planning and Zoning Office at 920-832-5255 to see if there are county requirements/setbacks for these items:

- Fences
- Ponds
- Pools
- Signs
- Small buildings without concrete foundations

2024 TOWN ISSUED BUILDING PERMITS			
NAME	ADDRESS	TYPE	FEE
Patrick O'Brien	N4354 Mayflower Rd.	Garage	\$300
Dennis Langer	N4527 Meade St.	Solar	150
Vanderloo Farms	W4244 Wege Rd.	Grain Bin	100
WE Energies	W4985 Pleasant Rd.	Address	150
Brent VanderZanden	W6020 Quarry Rd.	House & Address	1,610
Todd & Rachel Tetzlaff	N4302 Twelve Corners Rd.	Remodel	300
Nicholas & Emily Tseffos	W3847 Highview Dr.	Solar	150
Dave Vatland	N4030 Winwood Ct.	Addition/Remodel	350
Jeff McLain	N3399 County Rd. EE	Garage	150
Sue Earl	W4722 Deer Run Dr.	Garage/Addition	150
Brian Jacobs	W4571 Edward St.	Addition	200
Nick & Rachel Sonnentag	W4226 Rose Tree Dr.	Remodel	250
Justin Hofacker	N3728 Hillview Dr.	Garage	150
Ron Jochimsen	N4417 Sandstone Ct.	Generator	75
Ron Klemp	W5511 Quarry Rd.	Generator	75
Patrick O'Brien	N4354 Mayflower Rd.	Culvert	550
Kurey Brothers	Mackville Rd.	Ag Building	600
Schumacher	W3927 Mackville Rd.	House	1,900
Larry & Nancy Steiner	N3088 Steeple Dr.	Deck/Pool	100
Dan Pendergast	W4671 County Rd. O	Addition	300
Jennifer Szmanda	W5737 Quarry Rd.	Garage	150
James Jens	N4432 Meade St.	Generator	75
Zander Vang	Wege Rd.	Shed	50
Greg Faulkner	W3843 Highview Dr.	Garage	150
Chase Simonis	N3408 Dax Daniel Ln.	Garage	150
Jon Baseman	N3049 Full Moon Ln.	Garage	150
Buckley Strutz	W6043 Autumn Hills Pkwy.	Addition	300
Andy VanHandel	N3415 County Rd. EE	House	1,470
Tyce Wheeler	N4301 Twelve Corners Rd.	Garage	150
Matt Beyer	N3395 Dax Daniel Ln.	House, Address & Culvert	2,110
Orlie Rode	W4390 Walter Wieckert Rd.	Generator	75
Rodney Wheeler	N3025 Steeple Dr.	Generator	75
Richard Olson	W4888 Country Gate Ln.	Culvert	550
Megan Thistle	W3861 Highview Dr.	House & Address	1,635
Ed Camis	N3502 State Rd. 47	Deck	100
Don Dorn	W4440 Countryview Dr.	Garage	150
Joe Olson	N3379 State Rd. 47	Generator	75
Maurice Brincks	W4862 Wege Rd.	Ag Shed	150
Merlin Doell	N2592 County Rd. A	Electric	50
Ned Johnson	N2740 Dreamweaver Dr.	Garage	250
Tim Walker	W3769 Wege Rd.	Electric	75

Dan Wilde	N3178 Steeple Dr.	House & Address	1,475
Chris Westra & Lisa Kokontis	N2839 County Rd. EE	Solar	150
Al Kramer	W5467 Center Valley Rd.	Garage	150
Tracie Stehofsky	W5937 Quarry Rd.	House, Address & Culvert	1,985
Cliff Easton	W3991 Center Valley Rd.	Ag Barn	150
Jerry Lingnofski	N3351 County Rd. A	Shed	100
Robert & Sharon Gunderson	W4205 Del Rose Ln.	Generator	75
Lana Burchill	N3945 Meade St.	Generator	75
Patrick Dewall	W3742 Willow Brook Ct.	Electric	50
Craig Smoll	W5964 Falling Leaf Trl.	Culvert	50
Amy Pomeroy	W6016 Falling Leaf Trl.	Remodel	200
Greg Fischer	W5182 Wege Rd.	Garage	190
Eric & Elizabeth Kositzke	Center Valley Rd.	Culvert	550
Jeff Wiza	N2769 Baum Ln.	Electric	75
Scott Gorr	W5888 County Rd. JJ	Electric	75
Stacy Westmoreland	N2993 Rip Van Winkle Ln.	Garage	150
Douglas Jacobs	W6091 Autumn Mist Trl.	House, Address & Culvert	2,093
Tom Rasmussen	N2823 Alphorn Ln.	Garage	150
Abraham Enter	W4401 Schabo Rd.	House & Address	2,120
Joe Murphy	N2812 Meade St.	Generator	75
Lynda Kasper	W4213 Champagne Ct.	House, Address & Culvert	2,285
Bob Dorn	Pine Grove Rd.	Culvert	550
Megan Thistle	W3861 Highview Dr.	Solar	150
Kurt Eaton	N2776 Baum Ln.	Generator	75
Nancy Wimberger	N2808 Buckhorn Ln	Generator	75
Faida Thao	W5857 Rock Rd.	HVAC	50
Sara Lutzewitz	N3388 Hample Rd.	Electric	75
Gerald Bauman	N3502 Twelve Corners Rd.	Electric	75
Andy VanHandel	N3415 County Rd. EE	Address	150

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICK UP

Harter's Fox Valley Disposal collects all household garbage and recyclables for the town. Garbage will be collected once a week on **Mondays east of State Hwy 47** and on **Fridays west of State Hwy 47**. Recyclables will be collected every other week, on the same day as garbage collection. Please have garbage & recycling carts at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on the day of collection (they will occasionally start earlier so you may want to set out the night before).

Please remember to remove your garbage and recycling containers from the curb after it has been picked up. The containers can tip over and become a road hazard if not removed timely. **Per Town Ordinance, Chapter 7, containers shall be removed within 12 hrs. after collection date.**

If you have any questions or problems, please call Harter's Fox Valley Disposal at 1-888-804-8556.

Have you noticed your garbage and recycling getting picked up by the same truck? There is no need for concern...your recycling is still being separated! Harter's has a new co-collection truck that can separate the garbage from the recycling. If you want to see how this type of truck works, there is a great video on YouTube that you can watch with this link: <https://youtu.be/AAbFLt1yBGM>

2025 Holiday Pickup – Please set out garbage & recycling carts the night before on a holiday week

Monday's pickup day will be changed to Tuesday on the following holiday weeks: Memorial Day and Labor Day

Friday's pickup day will be changed to Saturday on the following holiday weeks: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving & Christmas

Garbage Collection Rules and Policies

These items will not be collected: building demolition material, construction debris, yard waste, tires, lead acid batteries, toxic, hazardous or flammable wastes, waste oil, hot ashes or asphalt shingles.

For large household items (sofas, chairs, tv's, refrigerators, household appliances, etc), **you must contact Harter's for pricing and to get on the pickup list. Their number is 1-888-804-8556**

Note: The Outagamie County Recycling and Solid Waste Department can also help you properly dispose of items that Harter's will not pick up. See page 13-15 for more info.

2025

Town of Center Garbage & Recycling Pick Up Schedule

* **Monday pick up - east of State Road 47**

* **Friday pick up - west of State Road 47**

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Trash



Trash & Recycling

Large Item Pick-Up

(Please call Harter's office at 888-804-8556 for pricing and to schedule by 2pm on Wednesday before pickup day.)



Holiday Observance

Jan 1st - New Year's Day

May 26th - Memorial Day

July 4th - Independence Day

Sept 1st - Labor Day

Nov 27th - Thanksgiving Day

Dec 25th - Christmas Day