

TOWN OF CENTER
N3990 STATE ROAD 47
APPLETON WI 54913

THE “CENTER” NEWS
Fall/Winter, 2025

CURRENT RESIDENT
(INSERT ADDRESS)

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2026 ANNUAL MEETING will be Tues, Apr. 21, 2026. An annual report will be mailed to residents in early April.

TOWN CONTACTS:

Chairperson: Gary Timm	920-841-6177	Fire Chief: Joe Hofacker.....	920-851-5864
Supervisors: #1- Travis Thiel.....	920-716-4686	First Responders: Lana Burchill...	920-595-0294
#2- David Vander Bloomen	920-562-2130	Building Inspector: Paul Hermes...	920-858-0102
#3- Ron Klemp.....	920-585-5386	Public Works: Tom Brown.....	920-851-5826
#4- Pete Hofacker	920-585-8551	Animal Control: Andrea Dobson...	920-427-0876
Clerk/Treasurer: Amy Olson.....	920-731-7229	Assessor, Borree Appraisal:	920-766-9166
Town Hall:	920-731-7229	Harter’s FV Disposal:.....	1-888-804-8556

Regular Town Board Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
Planning Committee Meetings: 1st Wednesday of each month (as needed), 5:30 p.m.
Office Hours: Wednesdays – 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. & by appointment
Clerk’s e-mail: clerk@centerwi.gov

TOWN WEBSITE — Go to www.centerwi.gov for information on dog licensing, hall/pavilion rental forms & calendar of availability, recycling and garbage pickup dates, Fire Department and First Responders, Town Board agendas, minutes and more.

Get Town Meeting Notices as soon as they are posted! Click the “Community” drop down menu on our website and then click on “Subscribe to Updates” to subscribe to e-mails or text alerts for the latest meeting agendas, minutes, news and notices.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK! 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 do not allow public comment on the page. If you have a comment or question, 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.

Hello Town of Center Residents,

After a lot of work put in by a number of town residents, and a few from out of town, we have a very nice baseball diamond. One weekend there was even a tournament held here, and a lot of people were very impressed.

We received an ARIP grant from the state of Wisconsin to rebuild Center Valley Road from Hample Road to County Road A. This will take place in 2026. The town is responsible for about 10% of the cost to rebuild it.

There will be a roundabout put on Highway 47 and County Road S in 2027. Then, in 2029, a roundabout will be put on County Road A and County Road S.

Thank you, Gary Timm – Chairperson

2026 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING will be held on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Immediately following, a SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS will be held to approve the 2025 town tax levy to be collected in 2026. A detailed summary will be available at the Town Clerk’s office or on the town website.

PROPERTY TAXES — 2025 Property Taxes payable in 2026 should be mailed to residents by early December. First Installments are due by January 31, 2026. After January 31st, payments need to be made to the Outagamie County Treasurer. **You have four different options to pay your taxes as noted below.**

- 1. ONLINE (preferred):** Go to www.outagamie.org and click on “Property Taxes”. **No fee for payments using an e-check.** The debit card fee is \$3.50 and the credit card fee is 2.2% of the paid amount with a minimum fee of \$1.
- 2. MAIL:** Mail to Town of Center, N3990 State Road 47, Appleton, WI 54913. Payments by mail will be **posted as paid by the post-marked date on the envelope.** Include your check, payable to the “Town of Center”, and the “1st INSTALLMENT OR FULL PAYMENT” stub from your tax bill. If you need a receipt, please also include a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with your payment stub and check. **Please be sure the numeral amount and written amount are the same on your check. If your escrow check is payable to you & the town, be sure to endorse the check.** *Please include your phone number on your check or your tax stub in the event of any issues with your payment.*
- 3. IN PERSON AT THE TOWN HALL:**

<u>DECEMBER OFFICE HOURS</u> - Wednesday, December 3rd from 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. - Wednesday, December 10th from 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. - Saturday, December 13th from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. - Tuesday, December 16th from 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. - Tuesday, December 23rd from 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. - Tuesday, December 30th from 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	<u>JANUARY OFFICE HOURS</u> - All Wednesdays in January from 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. - Saturday, January 17th from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. - Friday, January 30th from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
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- 4. AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK:** The bank is open for payments through January 30th, located at 2200 North Richmond Street, Appleton. Bank lobby hours are 9:00 – 4:00 weekdays (drive through 8:00 - 5:00). You must present the tax bill stub and **exact payment** amount as stated on the tax bill.

2026 DOG LICENSES — Available at the Town Clerk’s office mid-December — *Can I include my dog license payment with my taxes?* Yes! It is a good practice to renew your dog license(s) when you pay your taxes! Dog licenses expire December 31st of each year. Per State Statute, you must get a new license every year from your municipality. The Certificate of Vaccination must be included with your payment. The fee is \$4.00 per spayed or neutered dog and \$9.00 if your dog is not spayed or neutered. If your dog is new to your household and more than 5 months old, you must obtain the license within 30 days of getting the dog. If the following information is included on the Vaccination Certificate, a separate dog license application form is not required: your name, address, phone #, dog’s name, color and if they are spayed/neutered. PLEASE INCLUDE A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE. Note: The Certificate of Vaccination will be returned with your license.

DECEMBER OFFICE HOURS CHANGE – During the last three weeks of December, the office will be open on Tuesdays from 1:30 – 5:00 instead of Wednesdays from 1:30 – 5:00.

2026 ELECTIONS– Mark your Calendars! (Polls are open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.)

- February 17, 2026 – Spring Primary (if needed)
 - April 7, 2026 – Spring Election
- August 11, 2026 – Partisan Primary
 - November 3, 2026 – General Election

Would you like an absentee ballot mailed to you? You need to reapply each year unless you are an Indefinitely Confined Voter. Per State Statutes, absentee requests must be received in the Clerk’s office by 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the election. Go to www.myvote.wi.gov to request an absentee ballot or send a written request by mail or e-mail to the Clerk’s office and include a copy of your Photo ID (*No verbal requests can be accepted*).

Check our website for In-Person Absentee Voting options as each election gets closer.

Do you need to register? Proof of Residence in the town is required. Most common is a current and valid WI DOT Driver’s License or State ID card, a real estate tax bill, a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or paystub. You can register at the town hall any time or at www.myvote.wi.gov up until 20 days before the election.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RUN FOR TOWN BOARD? - If you want your name included on the spring ballot, nomination papers can be circulated starting December 1, 2025 and must be returned to the Clerk’s office by 5:00 p.m. on January 6, 2026. Contact the Town Clerk for more information. The following municipal contests will be included on the spring ballot: Town Board Supervisor #2 and Town Board Supervisor #4.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE? – We occasionally have openings on the Town Planning Committee. If you are interested in serving in this volunteer position, please ask the Town Clerk for an application. Planning Committee Meetings are held on the 1st Wed. of each month at 5:30 p.m. as needed.

CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST RESPONDERS are always looking for new members to serve on one or both departments. If interested, contact Fire Chief, Joe Hofacker, or First Responder President, Lana Burchill.

Center First Responders would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Gold Cross Ambulance for their generous grant, which allowed them to purchase four new Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). This life-saving equipment enhances their ability to respond quickly and effectively in emergencies, ensuring the safety and well-being of the community. Your support makes a lasting impact, and they thank you for partnering with them to protect lives.

PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO HELP OUR EMERGENCY CREWS!

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.

TOWN HALL & PAVILION RENTALS – To rent town facilities, **you must be a resident and property owner in the Town of Center** and 21 years of age. You can check available dates on the calendar on the town’s website and then call the Town Clerk’s Office to make the reservation. The rental charges are \$75.00 for the hall and \$25.00 for the park pavilion. A security deposit equal to the rental amount must be paid with a separate check and enclosed with the rental payment. The security check will be returned to the renter if the premises are left in an acceptable condition. Reservations will be accepted up to 1 year in advance of the desired date. If you are planning on bringing a bounce house to your event, please notify the town clerk.

ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING WORK IN THE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY? The Road right of way is generally 33’ from the center of the road. **You must get a permit before starting any work!** No boring, filling or changes of any kind shall be made to the Town of Center road right-of-way without first 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. Any ditch enclosure in the Town right-of-way requires a Ditch Enclosure Agreement and/or Permit issued by the Town. The Ditch Enclosure Application shall be obtained from the Town Clerk or on the Town website. Permit fees are reviewed annually by the Town Board. All costs are the property owner’s responsibility.

DO NOT PLOW, BLOW SNOW OR MOW GRASS CLIPPINGS onto or across Town, County or State Roads. Persons found doing the above are subject to fines as established by Town, County and State regulations.

Thank you!

The Center Fire Department would like to thank Crystal Print for their generous donation again this year.

Thank you to the following sponsors of the Fire Department’s Annual Summer Picnic and EMS’ Annual Cookout!

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