

TOWN OF CENTER
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
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ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2025

AND

2026 SPRING NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, April 21, 2026
7:00 p.m.

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APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND OTHER NUMBERS

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Harter's Fox Valley Disposal..... 1-888-804-8556
(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 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Steve Schmeichel, Chairperson	920-716-2189
Al Kramer, Jr., Vice-Chairperson	920-841-9392
Josh Boucher	920-810-2653
Bob Dorn	920-428-4529
Ryan Kramer	920-841-1041
Greg Nettekoven	920-470-7659
Patrick O'Brien	920-450-7504
Gary Timm.....	920-841-6177
Dennis Wagner.....	920-427-1441

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 exception permits or new developments within the Town of Center.

Would you like to be on the Town's Planning Committee?

Each May, the terms of two to three Planning Committee members expire. Members whose terms are ending may reapply or choose to step down. The Town Board appoints new members based on the applications received. Individuals interested in this volunteer position should contact the Town Clerk for an application. Applications must be submitted by Wednesday, April 8, 2026, for consideration for the term running from May 1, 2026 – May 1, 2029

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS...

Greetings Town Residents,

As I near being your Town Chairperson the last three years, I know a lot of changes have accrued. The DPW department has two newer tractors with plows to clear our roads along with a single axle dump truck. The dump truck is over 20 years old and is nearing the point where we will be needing to replace it within the next five years.

Center Valley Road between County Road A to Hample Road will be rebuilt this year after receiving a state grant from the Agriculture Road Improvement Program. The grant will cover 90% and the town will be responsible for the remaining 10% of the project cost.

The pavilion was updated last spring with a new metal ceiling, lighting and added receptacles. The pavilion can be rented by contacting our Town Clerk, Amy Olson.

The baseball field's outfield fencing was installed last fall. To help save cost installing fencing, the town's employees and some gracious volunteers gave their time and equipment to finish this project.

I want to thank the Fire Department and First Responders for donating their time helping the residents of the town in their time of need. The Fire Department received their new fire engine last June which replaced a truck that was 33 years old.

Respectfully yours,
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 Reservations & Calendar
- Election information
- Dog License Application

Sign up for text or email alerts to stay informed about upcoming meetings!

Click on the Community menu on our website and then click on “Subscribe to Updates” to receive e-mails or text alerts for the latest news, notices and meeting agendas.

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. There is no 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.

2026 ELECTIONS

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

- April 7, 2026 – Spring Election
- August 11, 2026 – Partisan Primary
- November 3, 2026 – General Election

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.
- Voters who have changed their name since voting last.

You can register by mail or online at myvote.wi.gov if you do so at least 20 days before the election. If you need to register within the 20 days before the election, you will need to register in person in the clerk's office. You have until 5 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 list 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 7th election, you can vote absentee in-person at the town hall on the dates listed below without an appointment.

- Tuesday, March 24th from 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 1st from 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

If the above-mentioned days don't work for you, please call or text the Town Clerk at 920-213-2119 to schedule an appointment. ***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. ***Please order early to allow enough time for mail processing!*** 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 Folks, I just wanted to give a quick summary of some completed projects from 2025 and what we have going on in 2026.

As always, we did our usual amount of smear patching and chip sealing. We did several culvert replacements including one very large multiplate on Center Valley Rd. This pipe was seven feet tall and ten feet wide. This type of culvert comes delivered in many pieces. Our town employees along with a few other town volunteers took it upon themselves to put this together. I've helped build several of these pipes in the past and it's no easy task. So, I would like to personally thank everyone who helped with this pipe. I can't emphasize enough how important it is for small townships to try to help themselves or work together. The cost savings allow the town to keep equipment updated and to provide better services to our taxpayers. We have a very large project happening this summer in the Center Valley community. This project is part of the ARIP grant money that we were awarded in 2024. This is a total reconstruct to widen and strengthen the road for the heavier agricultural equipment and trucks to deliver their commodities to the CO-OPs of their choice in that area. There will be an informational meeting held mid-March and bid opening in April. I'm praying that this project goes well. We replaced four culverts on Rock Rd between Hwy 47 and CTY Rd EE. Those projects all went well. Lastly, we replaced one pipe on Twelve Corners Rd and I wish I could say this went as smoothly. We will be doing ditching in multiple different areas of the town and replacing a small catch basin that has failed in the bottom of the ditch in Autum Hills. One of my main goals for 2026-2027 is to work with the residents, DNR and the drainage board to find some relief for the residents in the Twelve Corners/Rock and Wege Rd area. This has been an uphill battle to figure out a way to get that water moving.

Winter came late fall of 2025 this year, with several different twists in weather patterns which made for many difficult challenges. Going from warm and sunny to raining, plummeting temps, sleet, wind and snow all within a few hours. What a mess! Our operators did a really good job keeping the roads plowed and open so people could move around as needed. I want to touch on the issue of icy roads. The Town of Center is a rural township. This means a lot of wide-open areas for the wind to blow. In these areas the wind and snow can get blowing across the roads and will create icy areas. As hard as we try to prevent this from happening, it just does. So, that being said, I'm going to ask our residents to please drive with caution. Remember we as parents and adults are responsible for our families and friends that are in your vehicles. If you have an up-and-coming driver, take them out and practice driving on snowy roads or in an empty snow-covered parking lot. I did this with my daughters, and I can say with confidence that it helped keep them safe.

As I bring my letter to a close, I strongly encourage people to continuously check the town's website and read the agendas and the meeting minutes because you never know what may pertain to you and your neighborhood.

I would like to say thank you to all of our town employees - Amy Olson, Matt Harrison, David Brandt, Logan Farrell, Marv Ebben, Ross Jens, Steve Schmeichel, Katie Timm and Tom and Larry Krueger, along with our Fire and EMS volunteers for keeping our community safe.

Lastly, I would like to say that I really enjoy talking and working with our residents when they have questions. Even though some of the conversations are not easy, we all have to work together to figure things out. This makes the Town of Center a strong community!

Thank you!

Tom Brown, Town of Center DPW
920-851-5826

TOWN ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY GUIDELINES

To help keep water flowing properly and reduce drainage issues, the Town will continue maintaining ditches by removing cattails, phragmites, noxious weeds, brush, and trees. While we understand that this approach may not align with everyone's preferences, clear and well-maintained ditches are essential for preventing flooding and protecting roadways and properties. Applying these practices consistently across the Town helps ensure effective drainage for the entire community.

Planting Trees – Some landowners may wish to plant trees near the highway to reduce road visibility or help limit noise. Please note that Wisconsin Stat. § 86.02(3) requires landowner approval from the Town before planting trees within 10 feet of the road right-of-way.

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

To reserve the Town Hall or Park Pavilion, please contact the Town Hall Office. If you would like to check date availability before calling, you can view the “Calendar of Events” on the Town’s website. The person renting either facility **MUST BE A RESIDENT & PROPERTY OWNER** in the Town of Center and over 21 years of age. Effective January 1, 2026 rental fees are \$100 for the Town Hall and \$45 for the Pavilion. A security deposit equal to the rental fee is required and must be submitted with a separate check along with the rental payment. If the facility is left in satisfactory condition, the security deposit will be returned after the event. If the facility is not left in acceptable condition, the deposit may be forfeited. The renter is responsible for any damage to the building 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. However, the opening date may vary depending on weather conditions and when the grounds are dry enough to 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. A ball diamond calendar is available on the Town’s website, allowing you to easily 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's education and outreach continued to expand in 2025 through ongoing Recycle Right Master Class. This in-depth program goes beyond basic recycling rules to help residents better understand how the Tri-County Recycling and Solid Waste system works. Participants move through a series of classes covering curbside recycling, materials beyond the bin, recycling markets, and the importance of public outreach, followed by volunteer service in their communities. Graduates become trusted recycling ambassadors, helping to answer questions, reduce contamination, and build confidence in recycling across the county. The Recycle Right Master Class strengthens local knowledge and creates lasting connections between residents, municipalities, and the recycling system. Find out more information about upcoming classes on their website. <https://www.recyclemoretricity.org/classes/>

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.

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/Scanners/Printers
- DVD or VCR players
- Cell Phones

Residents can bring their electronics to the Outagamie County Resource Recovery Park (RRP) (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/

2026 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!

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 – 5/6, 6/10, 7/8, 8/5, 9/9, 10/7

Saturdays – 5/9, 6/13, 7/11, 8/8, 9/12, 10/10

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

Resource Recovery Park (RRP) (1919 Holland Rd, Appleton) – 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 accepted at the RRP to keep this lightweight but bulky material out of the landfill. Please make sure all items are clean, dry, and free of food residue before dropping them off.

- Accepted items include block foam, packaging foam, and rigid polystyrene (NO flex foam or peanuts)
- Materials must be clean, white foam only
- Remove tape, labels, and other non-foam materials when possible
- Place foam into the designated polystyrene collection area

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 the RRP. This station is self-service and is designed for quick drop-off. 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 latex paint you can bring in.

Anti-Freeze/Coolant

You can bring your old and unwanted anti-freeze or coolant to the RRP for safe disposal. This station is self-service and easy to use. Pour anti-freeze/coolant directly into the designated tote (located to the left of the shingle pile). Containers may be kept or disposed of in the nearby trash hopper. Disposal cost is \$1 per gallon.

Batteries (All Types Accepted!)

The RRP accepts **all types of batteries**—and they are **free to drop off**.

Accepted batteries include:

- **Alkaline batteries** (*newly accepted for recycling!*)
- Lead-acid batteries
- **Lithium-ion batteries**
- Rechargeable and other household batteries

Good to know: Per the **Wisconsin DNR**, single-use alkaline batteries are also acceptable in the **general garbage**.

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.gov/Our-County/Parks/Mosquito-Hill-Nature-Center>

TOWN OF CENTER ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2025

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 37 residents in attendance.

Chairman Timm announced that weather radios are available for anyone who would like one.

Steve Schmeichel moved, seconded by Ryan Kramer to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Timm introduced the Board Members and other staff and thanked Gary Blank for the past two years of service on the Town Board.

Open Forum – nobody came forward to speak.

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

Steve Schmeichel moved, seconded by Joe Hofacker to increase the hourly wages from \$15 to \$25 for all extra hours of work for Town Supervisors 2 & 4 elected in 2026 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 the town received a \$75,000 grant for Wege Rd. and an \$800,000 Agriculture Road Improvement Project (ARIP) grant for Center Valley Rd. The Town is responsible for 10% of the total cost. The snowplow truck was replaced with a tractor.

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

Road Report – Tom Brown reported that the Town successfully secured the agricultural road improvement grant for Center Valley Road through a strong community effort, with support from local farmers and cooperatives. The Center Valley Road project is expected to start in 2026. Upcoming road work includes smear patching on Rock Road, Hillview Drive, Woodview Drive, Twelve Corners Road, and Rip Van Winkle Lane. Additional weight limit signs are also being considered. Garbage trucks are currently unable to turn around on Edward Street, and solutions are being explored. Pavilion renovations will include a new ceiling, lighting, and electrical upgrades. Purchasing a boom mower was considered but determined to be too costly; renting one will be more practical. A floor scrubber will be purchased for the town hall. A fence will be added to the ball diamond this year, with the work done internally to reduce costs. A bid process is being developed for upcoming culvert replacements. The Town is also exploring the creation of a Community Foundation 501(c)(3) to help secure grant funding for the Fire Department, EMS, and park improvements. Using tractors for snowplowing has been cost-effective, and they are planned to be replaced every five years to stay under warranty, no CDL is needed and the tractor can be used year-round.

Fire Chief Report – Joe Hofacker reported the new fire truck is expected to arrive this summer.

EMS Report – Sam Dillenberg shared that the EMS fundraiser brat fry event will be on May 9, 2025. They will be using money to buy new AED's and radios.

Park, Maintenance and Road Report – John Baum and Keith Broehm expressed the need for a fence and water for the ball diamond.

Town Planning Committee Report – Steve Schmeichel reported the Planning Committee is losing one of its long-time members, Jeanne Baum. The Planning Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month, as needed. Meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the town's website.

Lance Volkman asked about the tire recycling program. Tom Brown explained that the program had been abused by individuals bringing more than four tires or dropping off loads after hours. Chairman Timm stated that the county has started charging a fee and it is not feasible for the town to continue operating the program.

Jerry Ebben asked how much culvert liners reduce the size of a culvert. Tom Brown explained that the liners reduce the diameter by less than one inch, as they fill in the corrugated sections of the culvert.

Richard Piette shared his concerns about Japanese Knotwood growing in Highview Heights.

Joe Olson moved, seconded by Steve Schmeichel to set the 2026 Annual meeting for Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

John Baum moved, seconded by Keith Broehm to adjourn the 2025 Annual Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Olson

Town of Center Clerk-Treasurer

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 2026 ANNUAL MEETING – April 21, 2026

Call to order at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve the minutes of the 2025 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, 2027

(Town Chairman, Town Board Supervisor #1 and #3)

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 2027 Annual Meeting date and time (Tuesday, April 20, 2027)

Adjournment of 2026 Annual Meeting

TAX LEVIES

	2024	2025
Freedom Schools	\$2,074,186.35	\$2,129,416.98
Hortonville Schools	\$1,752,326.68	\$1,798,621.97
Seymour Schools	\$507,345.06	\$584,733.23
Shiocton Schools	\$73,542.92	\$84,574.96
FVTC	\$490,429.13	\$502,749.94
State Taxes	0.00	0.00
County Taxes	\$2,014,741.39	\$2,024,636.75
Local Taxes	\$606,924.00	\$712,396.00

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

	2024	2025
Freedom Schools	\$9.29	\$9.44
Hortonville Schools	\$7.98	\$8.02
Seymour Schools	\$11.24	\$11.54
Shiocton Schools	\$11.79	\$13.62

BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025

ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
CHECKING - AMERICAN NATL BANK	\$ 3,926,904	
MONEY MARKET - ROAD FUND	\$ 202,025	
MONEY MARKET - PARK FUND	\$ 36,740	
MONEY MARKET - EQUIPMT & BLDG FUND	\$ 146,553	
MONEY MARKET – FIRE DEPT 2% DUES FUND	\$ 23,013	
TOTAL CHECKING AND SAVINGS		\$ 4,335,235
OTHER ASSETS		
DEBT PRINCIPAL TO BE PROVIDED	\$ 1,240,298	
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS		<u>\$ 1,240,298</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 5,575,533</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
ACCRUED PAYROLL LIABILITIES	\$ 5,176	
ADVANCE PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION	\$ 3,469,602	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		\$ 3,474,779
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
2022 Tractor Loan (2 years remaining)	\$ 53,364	
2024 Tractor Loan (3 years remaining)	\$ 164,539	
Fire Truck Loan (10 yrs remaining)	\$ 1,022,395	
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		<u>\$ 1,240,298</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 4,715,076
EQUITY		
RETAINED EARNINGS	\$ 778,470	
FUND BALANCE DESIGNATED		
NET INCOME	81,986	
TOTAL EQUITY		\$ 860,456
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		<u>\$ 5,575,533</u>

TOWN OF CENTER BUDGET DETAIL			
	2025	2025	2026
<u>TOWN REVENUES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
TAXES:			
Local Tax	\$ 606,924	\$ 602,065	\$ 712,396
Woodland, Managed forest & PILT Tax	200	4,817	200
Mobile Home Fees	900	692	900
Use Value Penalty	375	13,966	375
TOTAL TAXES:	\$ 608,399	\$ 621,540	\$ 713,871
INTERGOVERNMENTAL:			
State Shared Revenues	142,901	\$ 77,120	147,109
Fire Insurance Dues	27,000	30,014	27,000
Local Transportation Aid	175,742	175,742	188,340
ARPA Funds	-	-	-
Exempt Computer Aid	73	73	73
Video Service Franchise Fee Aid	4,790	4,790	4,790
Personal Property Aid	1,203	3,104	1,203
Election Security Grant	-	-	-
County Sales Tax Revenue	85,000	97,121	85,000
Recycling Reimbursement	57,475	52,742	71,711
EMS Grant	12,398	34,939	
Cash Balance Applied -			
Cash Balance Applied - Revaluation Fee	-	-	50,203
Use of Fund Balance - Bldg & Equip	55,000	55,000	
Use of Fund Balance - ARPA	-		-
Use of Fund Balance - Park Savings	42,143	42,143	
Use of Fund Balance - Road Const Savings	-	-	-
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL:	\$ 603,725	\$ 572,788	\$ 575,429
LICENSES AND PERMITS:			
Liquor and Bartender Licenses	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,465	\$ 3,400
Dog Licenses	300	414	300
Building & ROW Permits	24,000	20,620	24,000
TOTAL LICENSES & PERMITS:	\$ 27,700	\$ 24,499	\$ 27,700
PUBLIC CHARGES FOR SERVICES:			
Refuse/Collection/Spec Assess	\$ 191,338	\$ 191,992	\$ 224,032
Fire - Misc. Revenues	-	4,000	-
New Home Park Fee	-	600	-
TOTAL PUBLIC CHRG FOR SERV:	\$ 191,338	\$ 196,592	\$ 224,032
MISCELLANEOUS:			
Interest on Investments	\$ 1,200	\$ 3,907	\$ 1,200
Rental Income	3,000	6,225	3,000
Cable TV Franchise Fees	17,000	22,965	17,000
Misc Revenues - salvage, whey permits, etc	600	1,792	600
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS:	\$ 21,800	\$ 34,889	\$ 21,800
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,452,962	\$ 1,450,308	\$ 1,562,832

The 2025 budget was amended to increase by \$55,000 for the purchase of a pickup truck. In addition, it was increased by \$42,143 for pavilion renovations and ball diamond fencing and \$12,398 for an EMS Grant.

	2025	2025	2026
TOWN EXPENDITURES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Town Board	\$ 29,000	\$ 26,522	\$ 29,000
Clerk/Treasurer & Admin Expenses	63,000	64,344	67,600
Admin Consultants (MSA)	10,000	6,162	10,000
Employee Asistance Program	2,100	1,925	2,100
Assessor	19,500	19,761	92,300
Board of Review	250	25	250
Monthly Accounting	3,500	3,625	3,800
Audit Cost	7,500	7,500	8,000
Elections	8,000	7,983	16,000
Attorney	10,000	1,478	10,000
Municipal Buildings - Utilities, maint'	60,000	41,642	50,000
Insurance	22,000	21,724	24,000
Payroll Taxes (Soc Security & Medicare)	15,000	14,927	15,000
Fire Dept 2% Ins Dues/Length of Service	27,000	30,014	27,000
First Responders Length of Service	5,750	4,580	5,750
TOTAL GENERAL GOVT:	\$ 282,600	\$ 252,212	\$ 360,800
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Animal Control Officer	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,256	\$ 3,000
Fire Department	65,800	64,712	75,800
First Responders	44,398	41,406	40,000
Building Inspector	20,000	11,560	20,000
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY:	\$ 133,198	\$ 119,934	\$ 138,800
PUBLIC WORKS:			
Highway Maintenance & Stone	\$ 50,471	\$ 49,254	\$ 50,471
Highway Construction	250,000	161,659	250,000
Smear Patch/Seal	180,000	145,909	165,000
Snow Removal	80,000	40,900	70,000
Town Vehicle Maintenance	10,000	9,241	10,000
Truck Purchase	55,000	55,000	-
Vehicle Fuel and Oil	12,000	10,535	12,000
Refuse Collection	191,338	188,484	221,589
Recycling Collection	57,475	57,558	74,154
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS:	\$ 886,284	\$ 718,540	\$ 853,214
RECREATION:			
Park Expense	\$ 58,143	\$ 55,766	\$ 26,000
TOTAL RECREATION:	\$ 58,143	\$ 55,766	\$ 26,000
CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT:			
Planning Committee	\$ 250	\$ 28	\$ 250
TOTAL CONSERVATION & DEV:	\$ 250	\$ 28	\$ 250
CAPITAL PROJECTS:			
	-	-	-
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS:	-	-	-
DEBT SERVICE:			
Long Term Debt (Principal & Interest)	92,487	206,350	183,768
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE:	\$ 92,487	\$ 206,350	\$ 183,768
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$ 1,452,962	\$ 1,352,830	\$ 1,562,832
	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL	2026 BUDGET
REVENUE	\$ 1,452,962	\$ 1,450,308	\$ 1,562,832
EXPENSES	\$ 1,452,962	\$ 1,352,830	\$ 1,562,832
NET BALANCE	\$ -	\$ 97,478	\$ 0

PAYROLL 2025 - Mileage paid at \$.70/mile

Gary Timm – Chairperson

Salary	\$6,000.00
44 meetings	\$1,320.00
Snow Removal – 1.5 hours	\$45.00
Town Work – 26 hours	\$615.00
Total	\$7,980.00
Board Mileage	\$470.40

Gary Blank - Supervisor 1 (Jan 1 – Apr 15)

Salary	\$1,250.00
8 meetings	\$240.00
Town Work – 19 hours	\$112.50
Total	\$1,602.50
Mileage	\$44.80

Travis Thiel - Supervisor 1 (Apr 15 – Dec 31)

Salary	\$2,000.00
14 meetings	\$420.00
Town Work – 3.5 hours	\$87.50
Total	\$2,507.50
Mileage	\$156.94

David Vander Bloomen – Supervisor 2

Salary	\$3,000.00
20 meetings	\$600.00
Town work – 7.5 hours	\$112.50
Total	\$3,712.50
Mileage	\$207.90

Ron Klemp – Supervisor 3

Salary	\$3,000.00
27 meetings	\$810.00
Town Work – 47.5 hours	\$1,057.50
Total	\$4,867.50
Mileage	\$447.65

Pete Hofacker - Supervisor 4

Salary	\$3,000.00
23 meetings	\$690.00
Total	\$3,690.00
Mileage	\$86.80

Amy Olson – Clerk/Treasurer

Salary	\$43,999.92
31 meetings	\$930.00
Clerk Extra Hours – 3.75 hours	\$93.75
Town Hall – 17.25 hours	\$431.25
Total	\$45,454.92
Mileage	\$744.10

Tom Brown – Public Works Director

Public Works Director – 200 hours	\$6,000.00
Total	\$6,000.00
Mileage	\$156.10

David Brandt – Public Works Employee

Road Maintenance – 384 hours/33.75 OT hours	\$13,038.75
Vehicle Maintenance – 30.25 hours	\$907.50
Snow Removal – 146.25 hours/91.75 OT hours	\$8,516.25
Park Maintenance – 58 hours	\$1,740.00
Total	\$24,202.50
Mileage	\$47.60

Logan Farrell – Public Works Employee

Road Maintenance – 397.75 hours/44 OT hours	\$13,912.50
Snow Removal – 106.75 hours/26.25 OT hours	\$4,383.75
Park Maintenance – 39.5 hours	\$1,185.00
Vehicle Maintenance – 32 hours	\$960.00
Hall Maintenance – 15 hours	\$450.00
Total	\$20,891.25
Mileage	\$252.00

Steve Schmeichel – Public Works Employee

Ball Diamond Maintenance – 128.50 hours/2 OT hours	\$3,835.00
Total	\$3,835.00

Marv Ebben – Public Works Employee

Road Maintenance – 145.75 hours/12 OT hours	\$4,912.50
Snow Removal – 68.25 hours/52.25 OT hours	\$4,398.75
Vehicle Maintenance – 19 hours	\$570.00
Park Maintenance – 17.25 hours	\$517.50
Total	\$10,398.75

Larry Krueger – Public Works Employee

Lawn/Park Maintenance – 144 hours	\$4,320.00
Total	\$4,320.00

Tom Krueger – Public Works Employee

Lawn/Park Maintenance – 36.75 hours	\$1,102.50
Total	\$1,102.50

Katie Timm – Town Hall Custodian

Town Hall – 86.75 hours	\$2,168.75
Total	\$2,168.75
Mileage	\$65.10

Andrea Dobson – Animal Control

Animal Control Salary	\$600.00
Animal Control Extra Hours – 18.5 hours	\$462.50
Total	\$1,062.50
Animal Control Mileage	\$113.40

Matt Harrison – IT Support

IT Support – 33.5 hours	\$1,340.00
Total	\$1,340.00

Fire Department Payroll 2025

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 2025

Lana Burchill – President	\$2,000.00
Liz Kurey – Vice-President	\$1,500.00
Rachel Roche – Secretary	\$1,000.00
Laura Pierre – Treasurer	\$1,000.00
Heather Baum – Supply	\$1,000.00
Tom Schupp – Training/Safety	\$1,000.00
Total	\$7,500.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Center Fire Department Summer Picnic

Saturday, August 1st, 2026, 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Municipal Building, N3990 State Rd 47

Live Music by Spicy Tie Band from 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

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.**

The new fire truck arrived last summer! Thanks to the strong support of our community through the summer picnic fundraiser, along with 2% dues grant funding, we were able to contribute approximately \$150,000 toward the new truck.

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 2025 took place October 5th – 11th. 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.

2025 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), Brett Miller (President) and Joe Thyssen (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 2025 FIRE RUNS

FIRE RUN #	DATE	ADDRESS	TYPE OF FIRE RUN
1	1/6	Hwy. 47 and Center Valley Rd.	Vehicle accident
2	1/15	N4128 Gonnering Ct.	Structure fire (mutual aid for Freedom)
3	1/22	N3573 Cty. A	Vehicle accident
4	1/25	N5269 Mullen Rd.	Structure fire (assist Black Creek)
5	1/31	N4840 Meade St.	Vegetation fire
6	2/6	Cty. S and Cty. A	Low hanging wire
7	2/6	N3573 Cty. A	Wire down
8	2/8	N4396 Meade St.	Snowmobile on fire
9	2/22	W3927 Mackville Rd.	Controlled burn
10	2/27	W6020 Quarry Rd.	Set up landing zone
11	2/27	N4468 Pleasant Rd.	CO alarm
12	3/4	Hwy. 47 and Cty. S	Vehicle accident
13	3/4	W4695 Cty. O	Wire down
14	3/5	Cty. EE and Mackville Rd.	Vehicle accident
15	3/8	W5182 Pleasant Rd.	CO alarm
16	3/11	W3769 Wege Rd.	Electrical box on fire
17	3/19	Hwy. 47 and Cty. S	Vehicle accident
18	3/30	N4746 Mayflower Rd.	Tree on power line
19	4/13	N4265 Murphy Rd. (Irish Waters, assist Freedom)	Vegetation fire
20	4/14	W3614 Rock Rd. (assist Freedom)	Vegetation fire
21	4/18	Cty. A and Cty. O	Vehicle accident
22	4/19	Cty. EE and Wege Rd.	Vehicle accident
23	4/19	N4080 Meade St.	Structure fire called in (controlled burn)
24	4/30	W4632 Cty. S	Vegetation fire
25	5/7	Rock Rd. and Meade St.	Controlled burn
26	5/14	Meade St. and Valley View Ln.	Wire down
27	5/16	Cty. A and Wege Rd.	Power pole leaning
28	5/19	N4144 Rock Rd.	Tree branch on wire
29	5/31	N4083 Hample Rd.	Lawnmower on fire
30	6/6	W4037 Krueger Rd.	UTV rollover
31	6/10	Cty. S and Cty. A	Vehicle accident
32	6/16	Hwy. 47 and Mackville Rd.	Controlled burn
33	6/24	Hwy. 47 and Cty. S	Reported vehicle accident (cancelled)
34	7/16	Hwy. 47 and Cty. S	Vehicle accident
35	7/31	Cty. JJ and McCarthy Rd.	Vehicle accident
36	7/31	Cty. PP and Krueger Rd.	Vehicle accident
37	8/4	Cty. EE and Rock Rd.	Vehicle accident
38	8/12	N2833 Hwy. 47	Motorcycle accident

FIRE RUN #	DATE	ADDRESS	TYPE OF FIRE RUN
39	8/20	N2808 Meade St.	Motorcycle vs. SUV
40	8/23	N2550 Hwy. 47	Vehicle accident
41	8/27	Industrial Dr. and Parkway Ln.	Structure fire (assist Freedom)
42	9/2	Cty. A and Center Valley Rd.	Vehicle accident
43	9/11	Hwy. 47 and Cty. S	Vehicle accident
44	9/17	Cty. A and Cty. O	Vehicle vs. deer
45	9/25	Cty. A and Cty. O	Vehicle accident
46	9/26	N2580 Cty. A	CO alarm
47	9/29	N2715 Pearl Essence St.	CO alarm
48	10/1	Cty. A and Quarry Rd.	Vehicle accident
49	10/1	W5070 Quarry Rd.	Burning chemicals complaint
50	10/1	Cty. A and Quarry Rd.	Accident clean-up (called back after reconstruction)
51	10/5	Hwy. 47 and Rock Rd.	Vehicle fire
52	10/12	Hwy. 47 and Cty. S	Vehicle accident
53	10/13	Cty. S and Cty. PP	Vehicle hit overhead wire
54	10/20	W5325 Center Valley Rd.	One vehicle accident/fluid leak
55	10/24	Cty. A and Cty. JJ	Vehicle accident (assist Grand Chute)
56	10/25	N4086 Winwood Ct.	Controlled burn called in
57	10/27	W3926 Highview Dr.	Gas Leak
58	10/27	N4474 Thompson Rd.	Structure fire (assist Ellington)
59	10/28	W4524 Broadway Dr.	False alarm
60	11/2	W3809 Cty. G	Structure fire (assist Nichols)
61	11/10	W5338 Cty. S	Structure fire
62	11/14	Cty. A and Quarry Rd.	Unknown fire called in (cancelled enroute)
63	11/15	W5583 Quarry Rd.	Vegetation fire
64	11/15	W1875 Cty. J	Structure fire (assist Freedom)
65	11/19	W4055 Del Rose Ln.	Gas leak
66	11/20	Hwy. 47 and Cty. S	Vehicle accident
67	11/24	Cty. A and Rock Rd.	Vehicle accident
68	11/27	N4474 Thompson Rd.	Structure fire (assist Ellington)
69	12/1	Rock Rd. and Hample Rd.	Vehicle accident
70	12/6	W4513 Glenn St.	Fire alarm
71	12/9	Cty. A and Rock Rd.	Vehicle accident
72	12/12	N4524 Hwy. 47	CO alarm
73	12/15	N4419 Laird Rd.	Structure fire (assist Ellington)
74	12/22	N3618 Hwy. 47	Vehicle accident

FIRST RESPONDERS

In 2025, the Center First Responders answered 107 calls for service, providing care and support to community members during times of need. Each call reflects the dedication of volunteers stepping away from their daily lives to help their neighbors.

Our annual Cookout Fundraiser brought the community together and raised funds for new equipment and training mannequins, helping our team stay prepared and ready to serve.

Thanks to a generous grant from Gold Cross Ambulance Service, we purchased four AEDs, expanding lifesaving resources throughout our response area. An additional grant also allowed us to purchase a few new radios, improving communication and responder safety.

We are grateful for the continued support of our community and the Town of Center as we remain committed to serving whenever the call comes. We look forward to gathering with everyone again at this year's Center First Responders Cookout on May 8, 2026.

Thank you for supporting the Center First Responders.

Sincerely,

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



2026 REVALUATION NOTICE

A reassessment of all taxable property in the Town of Center shall occur for the 2026 assessment year. Borree Appraisal Services Inc. will be conducting the reassessment. The dates of the reassessment will range from February 2026 to October 2026. The revaluation of property will require on-site exterior inspections by the assessor during that time. Please also notice that the assessor has certain statutory authority to enter land as described in sections 943.13 and 943.15, Wisconsin Statutes. The ability to enter land is subject to several qualifications and limitations, as described within the foregoing statutes. Copies of the applicable statutes can be obtained at public depositories throughout the State of Wisconsin, and from the State of Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau website <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/943/II/13>

If you have any questions, please contact Borree Appraisal Services Inc., basinc@new.rr.com, 920-766-9166

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 10)***

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

2025 TOWN ISSUED BUILDING PERMITS			
NAME	ADDRESS	TYPE	FEE
Scott Murphy	W4458 Rock Rd.	Garage	\$100
Outagamie Conservation Club	N3502 Mayflower Rd.	Generator	75
Christine De Los Santos	N4688 Hample Rd.	Generator	75
Adam Irwin	W5930 Wege Rd.	Remodel	150
MCC	W5070 Quarry Rd.	Culvert	550
Mike Wyland	N3805 County Rd. EE	Address	150
Brent & Barbara Rohm	W3819 Center Valley Rd.	Electric	75
Tom Wollerman	N3757 Meade St.	Address	150
Bob Thede	N2870 Meade St.	Generator	75
Randy & Shelli Boelter	W4462 Countryview Dr.	Remodel	250
Marshall Properties	W5426 Rock Rd.	Culvert	550
Saving Paws	N3141 Meade St.	Generator	75
Vinton Construction	W5434 Rock Rd.	Culvert	550
Zander Vang	Meade St.	Address	150
Timothy Bennett	W5776 County Rd. JJ	Remodel	200
Dave Jahns	N2576 Trilliam Trl.	Garage	150
Tim Walker	W3769 Wege Rd.	Electric	75
Ben Stratman	W3983 Highview Dr.	Remodel	150
William & Jody Bertram	N3176 Reiland Rd.	Solar	150
Randall Boelter	W4462 Countryview Dr.	Remodel	150
Wayne & Victoria Johnson	W5951 Quarry Rd.	Solar	150
Bryan Nudelbacher	W5959 Autumn Hills Pkwy.	Pool	100
Jesse VanBerkel	W4502 Edward St.	Electric	75
Jeffrey & Martha Schmeichel	W4038 Del Rose Ln.	Solar	150
Scott Perry	N3102 Steeple Dr.	Remodel	200
Tom Thyssen	W4145 Wege Rd.	Remodel	150
Josh VanDeHey	W5204 Wege Rd.	Electric	75
Gary Arndt	W4152 Valley View Rd.	Generator	75
Gregg Farrell	W6084 Autumn Mist Trl.	Garage	175
Natalie & Douglas Briski	N4872 Mayflower Rd.	House, Address & Culvert	2,085
Rick Steffens Electric	W3747 Wege Rd.	Electric	75
Marlene Brockman	W3779 Center Valley Rd.	Electric	75
David Pickart	W4394 Pine Grove Rd.	Generator	75
Jeff Haak	N2769 Alphorn Ln.	Garage	250
Donna Nussbaum	N4132 Jared Ct.	Solar	150
Mike Faucett	W4294 Mackville Rd.	Raze	50
Al Anthony	W4991 Pleasant Rd.	Generator	75
Tim Downey	N3422 Meade St.	Remodel	150
James Rath sack	W3747 Wege Rd.	Electric	75
Gary Brey	W4466 Country View Dr.	Garage	100
Nathan VandenHeuvel	Rock Rd.	Address	150

Gary WeiHING	W5733 Center Valley Rd.	Generator	75
Dennis DeChamps	W4369 Walter Wieckert Rd.	Generator	75
Jerry Heenan	W4002 Wege Rd.	Panel Upgrade	75
Alex Rohan	W4104 Rock Rd.	Culvert	550
Cherie Hofacker	Rock Rd.	Address	150
Cary Fisher	W4575 County Rd. O	Panel Upgrade	75
Markus & Kerstin Kaiser	W4417 Center Valley Rd.	Solar	150
Patricia Robinson	W4825 Deer Run Dr.	Deck	100
Dan Wolf	N2510 Sommers Dr.	Garage	100
Steven Feldkamp – NEW Ag	W5561 County Rd. O	Garage	150
Tom Schupp	N4395 Hample Rd.	Remodel	200
Dave McCarthy – Stoney Springs Farm	W5678 County Rd. JJ	Shop	275
Dan Kreutzberg	W4284 Jean St.	Solar	150
Ernie Meyers	W5401 Wege Rd.	Electric	75
John Murphy	N2563 Rocking Horse Ln.	Garage	200
Ryan Wettengel	N3401 Dax Daniel Ln.	Garage	250
Joe Hein	N4846 Twelve Corners Rd.	Address & Garage	350
Jackie Yang	N3293 Twelve Corners Rd.	Remodel	100
Scott Tingo	N4280 Twelve Corners Rd.	Solar	150
Thomas Ponczoch	N2714 Buckhorn Dr.	Garage	150
Kevin Wohlrabe	N3068 Full Moon Ln.	Remodel	350
Hunter Thiel	W4693 Glenn St.	House, Address & Culvert	1,635
Gary Linstad	W3773 Willow Brook Ct.	Solar	150
Steve Wendt	W4253 Mackville Rd.	Garage	150
Chris Stempa	W3811 Willow Brook Ct.	Remodel	200
Kent Kohls	N3000 Steeple Dr.	Garage	350
Bob Dorn	N4440 Mayflower Rd.	Raze	50
Joshua Zuberbier	N2852 Ziegler Ct.	Electric	75
Bob Dorn	N3415 State Rd. 47	Electric	75
Bryce & Elizabeth Walburn	W6052 Autumn Hills Pkwy.	House, Address & Culvert	2,285
Martin Hynnek	W3949 Krueger Rd.	Garage	100
Casey Krueger	N4403 Twelve Corners Rd.	Garage	250
Gary Bombinski	W5083 Center Valley Rd.	Garage	150
Alex Rohan	W4104 Rock Rd.	Garage	150
Faida Thao	W5857 Rock Rd.	Garage	400
Sue Tetzlaff	W6063 Rock Rd.	Raze	50
Craig Marciniak	W3928 County Rd. S	Garage	100
Chris Hofacker	W4226 Jean St.	Electric	75
Colin Averill	N2909 Rip Van Winkle Ln.	Panel Upgrade	75
Ong Thao	N3806 County Rd. A	Remodel	200
Brian Gorges	County Rd. O	Culvert	550
Geerts	W4065 Wege Road/Meade St.	House, Address & Culvert	5,085
Hannah Johnshoy	W5959 County Rd. O	Remodel	375

CURBSIDE 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 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>

2026 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, 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 12-15 for more info.

2026

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 25th - Memorial Day

July 4th - Independence Day

Sept 7th - Labor Day

Nov 26th - Thanksgiving Day

Dec 25th - Christmas Day