



TOWN OF METOMEN
W12605 Sheldon Road
Brandon, WI 53919

METOMEN NEWS

2025

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2025 Election Date:
4/1/2025

NOTE: Public election machine ICE testing will be held on the Wednesday BEFORE each election at 4:00 pm
Call Cindy Sheskey for absentee ballot (920) 291-7743 or go to myvote.wi.gov

SNOW PLOWING IN ROAD

Residents are asked to please not plow any snow from your driveway into the road and across the road. This is a violation of state statutes and it causes extra wear and tear on township plows trying to push piles back of snow to keep off the roadway.

SNOW PLOWING STATUS ONLINE

When needed the Town will post updates on snow plowing and removal on the town website during inclement weather. This will not be for every storm, just as needed for the bigger snowfalls to keep township updated on status of the roads.

GARBAGE CANS IN ROAD Residences are asked to please watch how you place your garbage cans on the road for pick up if you have them during the winter months. Plows have a hard time seeing cans on side of roadway and we would rather not be sending your garbage cans flying into the ditch.

PUBLIC POSTING NOTICES

Updated Statutes 985.02 (2)(a): public notices will be posted in the town hall entrance and on our website. (Example-Meeting agenda, minutes, meeting date changes, annual budget and other notices). No longer will you see posting in the 3 posting boxes located throughout the township.

TAX BILL IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements removed from land must be gone completely and inspected by the Town appraiser before Jan 1st of the tax year to be removed from rolls. Otherwise the improvement will be taxed until the following January 1st and then removed from the rolls.

TOWN HALL RENTAL

You can rent YOUR town hall for your events. Chairs, tables, coffee-maker, refrigerator supplied in a nice kitchen area with a large serving counter. Hall has a capacity of 70. Wheelchair accessible. Rental fee is \$50.00 for town residents plus security deposit. Contracts and details are in the town hall entry on the bulletin board or See our website.

OPEN BOOK & BOARD OF REVIEW

Open Book is scheduled for April 21 over the phone from 2:00-4:00 p.m. (not at Town Hall). Board of Review is scheduled for April 29 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

How to Read Your Property Tax Bill

Whether you're a first-time homeowner or a long-time resident, it's important to know how to read your property tax bill.

In Wisconsin, public school districts rely heavily on property taxes to fund education. Understanding how this works can give you a clearer picture of how your tax dollars are spent. Your property tax bill is made up of several components, and each part of the bill goes toward funding different local services, including schools, roads, emergency services, and more.

Each school tax levy is made up of two individual levies:

1. Operating Levy: to support general operating costs, such as salaries, benefits, textbooks, technology, and transportation for the district.
2. Referendum Approved Debt Levy: to pay down the outstanding debt, including principal and interest, for capital improvement projects and operational referendums.

Total Assessed Value: The value of taxable land and buildings that an assessor places on your property for the purpose of taxation. The assessed value may be higher or lower than the current fair market value of the property. The Assessed Value is used by the municipality to distribute the tax burden among the individual property owners.

Average Assessment Ratio: Determined by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue to promote tax fairness, the assessment ratio is used to calculate the cash value of your property, also known as the Total Estimated Fair Market Value (C.). The assessment ratio is required to be between 90 - 110% at least once every five years.

Total Estimated Fair Market Value: The Fair Market Value is the estimate of the amount your property would sell for on the open market with a willing buyer. The Fair Market Value is equal to the Total Assessed Value (A.) divided by the Average Assessment Ratio (B.).

School Levy Tax Credit: The school tax credit is a credit that is paid to municipalities, not the school district, in an effort to offset property taxes.

The state considers these dollars part of its commitment to education, however the funds do not go to schools in the form of spendable revenue.

School levy tax credits are distributed based on each municipality's share of statewide levies for school purposes. These amounts are decided based on the value of an individual property as a percentage of the district's total value.

The credit is automatically applied to all properties that qualify.

Taxing Jurisdictions: There are four taxing jurisdictions on your tax bill--the county, the city, village or township, the school district, and the local technical college. Each jurisdiction determines its own levy.

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Annual Meeting Date:
2025 Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15 at 7 PM at the town hall. Your Town Board hopes to see all Township residents at this meeting.
N6971 Hwy. 44/49
Ripon, WI

Estimated State Aids: The revenue received from the state for each jurisdiction. For school districts, any state aid received offsets the amount of the local tax burden. Equalization aid increased this year, meaning we received more state aid. You should be able to see that in the difference between the 2023 and 2024 numbers.

% Net Change: The change in Net Tax from one year to the next. This does NOT equal the change in the school district Tax Levy or the Mill Rate. This is because the % Change is also affected by the change in Fair Market Value, Assessed Value, and the School Levy Tax Credit.

Voter Approved Temporary Tax Increases: This is an informational portion that shows the total amount of voter-approved temporary tax increases. In this case, the items shown reflect the amount assessed to the municipality and individual for the referendums passed and dated as noted. It also shows the expiration date of the each referendum

UPDATES FROM THE BRANDON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library has become more than a place to pick up books, and this is especially the case at the Brandon Public Library. In 2025, the library will be reopening their newly expanded space. The updated Brandon Public Library will be a welcome destination exceeding expectations. They will be able to provide new services and modern conveniences to meet the changing demands of an increasingly tech-savvy population through;

- Lounge seating, reading areas, workspaces, and a meeting room
- Well-designed, brightly lit, and age-appropriate spaces for all
- Wi-Fi access, interactive technology, and additional computer workstations
- Accessible, ADA-compliant restrooms

Until the reopening, be sure to visit the Brandon Public Library in their temporary location, the former Methodist Church; 107 E. Washington St. in Brandon.

Free library card, free resources, stop in,
Christy Ross, Director



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117 E. Main St. PO BOX 208
Brandon, WI 53919
Phone: 920-346-2350
Email: ross@brandonlibrary.net
Find us on Facebook: “Brandon Library”

Support your local Fire Department



Brandon-Fairwater Fire Department
272 S. Woodward St. PO Box 1
Brandon, WI 53919
Non-Emergency Phone: 920-428-3167
Email: brandonfairwaterfd@hotmail.com
Kevin Lieske, Chief



NOXIOUS WEEDS
(Wis SS 66.0407(3) Land owners shall destroy weeds on private land. Township is responsible for roadway right of way cutting. Township will continue to cut monthly in summer months to control as much as possible.

RECYCLING

Dumpsters will remain open for your convenience 24-7 with an attendant only on duty the Second (2nd) Monday: 5pm - 7pm, Fourth (4th) Saturday: 9am - 11am We have also gotten a lot of unwanted matter in the dumpsters by leaving the doors open, please remember that only recyclables may be placed in dumpsters, all bags must be emptied and take the plastic bag with you and put in your garbage do not leave in the dumpster. Also please break down any boxes as flat as possible to save room in the dumpsters. Please make sure you watch what is put into the recycling so we are not charged extra for unwanted material. The Board does not want to lock dumpsters but if we continue to get garbage and bags in dumpsters we will be forced to only open them twice a month.

E-RECYCLING

We have renewed our e-recycling collection contract at the Town Hall when the recycling attendant **is on duty ONLY**. We will continue to accept the following electronic equipment:

- Consumer Computers (desktop, laptop, netbook and tablet)
- Consumer Printers (desktop-style printers, printer-fax, copier scanner combinations and 3-D printers)
- Consumer video display devices (TV, computer monitors, e-readers)
- Computer peripherals (mouse, keyboard, scanner, etc.)
- Fax machines
- DVD players VCR's
- Digital video players/recorders
- Cell phones



NOT ACCEPTING: Microwaves, Toasters, Vacuums

Please remember this is a service not a privilege .
Do your part to keep this service in place.

Our recycling area is now electronically monitored so if you don't want to have the town return your junk to you, don't be caught on camera doing the wrong thing

Please remember this is a service not a requirement. If it is abused it can go away just as fast as it was started.

TOWN ROAD WORK

In following our 5 year road maintenance plan. The Township will be Repairing Searle Rd From Carter Rd North to Cty Rd KK. Crack filling will also be done on the town roads as needed. Road shouldering will again be tried on some roads by Fond du Lac county.

The not so good road news is that we were not chosen for the 1.4 Million dollar road grant from the state we applied for so Brandon Rd will have to be repaired with our road maintenance budget. A Township road maintenance increase in funds was vetoed by the governor's last budget so unfortunately we will lose out on more funding that way also.

TAX COLLECTION

We **encourage** you to pay by mail to avoid waiting in line. Payment amounts are included on the payment stubs located at the bottom of our tax bill. Enclose the appropriate payment stubs with your payment. Mail payments to the location listed on the payment stub (note December/January address is DIFFERENT than the July payment address). Please do not enclose the original tax bill. Payments will be accepted in the form of a check, cashier's check or money order. Certify that an escrow check meets or exceeds the tax bill amount and endorse the escrow check. Overpayments will be refunded within 2 weeks of payment.

WARNING: If payment is not made by the due dates, the installment option is lost and the total tax is delinquent and subject to interest and penalty. See the reverse side of your property tax bill for a complete explanation.

Self Addressed stamped envelope is needed if you want a receipt.

