



**TOWN OF METOMEN**  
 W12605 Sheldon Road  
 Brandon, WI 53919

# METOMEN NEWS

## 2026

### MEET THE BOARD & STAFF

Jeff Amend, Chairman  
 Shelly Hiemstra, Supervisor  
 Scott Zacharias, Supervisor  
 Cindy Sheskey, Clerk  
 Katie Mehn, Treasurer  
 Tim Kamphuis, Highway Supervisor

### MAILING ADDRESS

W12605 Sheldon Rd.  
 Brandon WI, 53919  
**Phone:** (920) 291-7743

[www.townofmetomen.com](http://www.townofmetomen.com)

**2026 Election Dates:**  
 4/7/2026, 8/11/2026, 11/3/2026

NOTE: Public election machine ICE testing will be held on the Wednesday BEFORE each election at 3:00 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.

### 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 on 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 Statues 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 assessor before January 1st of the tax year to be removed from rolls. Otherwise the improvement will be taxed until the following January 1<sup>st</sup> 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 May 5, 2026 from 2 to 4 p.m. over the phone with township assessor.  
 Town Hall, and Board of Review is scheduled for May 19, 2026 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

### Metomen 1856

The first railroad was established running diagonally through Reeds Corners between Brandon and Ripon.

The Milwaukee and Horicon Railroad was built in 1856 through Metomen. It was built by a construction company, who did not meet all their obligations, which caused some difficulties.

Near Reeds Corners, the tracklayers were forcibly prevented from putting down the rails, by the unpaid workmen who had graded the road-bed. Civil and military aid was invoked and the rails were laid amid excitement. During the building of the railroad much freight had accumulated at Waupun, and some was sent over the line before regular running of trains.

Way-bill No. 1 and the first freight receipt were dated Tuesday, October 14, 1856. The goods were consigned to G. Perkins and Co., who were merchants, then located in the Walker House. Regular freight trains did not run until October 19, 1856.

The first regular passenger train which left Milwaukee for Brandon, and returned on schedule time, came into Brandon with flying colors about noon on October 18, 1856. Charles Larrabee, of Horicon, was the leading orator of the day. A public dinner and free drinks made it a memorable day. H.W. Gregory was the first station agent at Brandon.

Some of the earliest settlers in the Town of Metomen established their farms in the Northeast corner of the township later known as Reeds Corners.

As indicated in the 1880 History of Fond du Lac County, "the place was once of local importance, and had stores, shops, depot, post office, etc. In 1873, the post office and depot were moved a half-mile south and the station was named Metomen. The location of the 2 churches at Reeds Corners gives it prominence. It received its name from Warren Reed, now deceased, who was actively involved with the locality." Today, the Reeds Corners Bethel Cemetery in section 3 is all that remains to mark the location of the former community.



**Annual Meeting Date:**  
 2026 Annual Meeting will be held on April 21, 2026 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

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## UPDATES FROM THE BRANDON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Brandon Public Library has officially reopened its newly expanded and beautifully renovated space — and it has quickly become one of the community's favorite gathering places.

The updated library is more than just a place to check out books. With comfortable lounge seating, quiet reading areas, welcoming workspaces, and a cozy fireplace, the space was designed to invite visitors to stay awhile. The addition of a dedicated meeting room allows for community gatherings, programs, and special events, while expanded computer access and Wi-Fi provide increased functionality for work, school, and everyday needs.

The library continues to grow its collection and services to meet the interests of all ages. A new Library of Things includes jigsaw puzzles, STEM kits, and games available for checkout. Families will also find an exciting collection of Tonies — interactive audio characters that bring stories to life for young listeners.

Programming is once again thriving. Storytime has returned for our youngest readers, and the library is working to rejuvenate its book club and expand offerings for adults, teens, and children alike. With hands-on technology like a 3D printer, additional computers, and flexible spaces for learning and connection, the Brandon Public Library is meeting the needs of today while preserving the welcoming spirit our community values.

Whether you're stopping in to read by the fire, attend a program, use a computer, or discover something new, the Brandon Public Library is proud to serve as a vibrant resource for the entire community.



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

Contact the Library with any questions:  
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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.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Clerk, Cindy Sheskey has decided to retire as Metomen Town Clerk.

We are looking for her replacement.

If interested, please call Cindy at 920-291-7743 and request an application.

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT?

The town board will be looking for a new supervisor April 2027 for a 2-year term. If interested, attend a monthly Board Meeting. This is a great way to help your local community. The election process will start with a local caucus January 2027.

### 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. 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 dumpster. **NO PLASTIC BAGS** (recyclable material will be marked with a symbol on the container). The Board does not want to lock dumpsters but if we continue to get non recyclable material 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 townhall 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 requirement. If it is abused, it can go away as fast as it started.**

### TOWN ROAD WORK

In following our 5-year road maintenance plan. The Township will be Chip Sealing throughout the township this year. Carter and Watson roads will get a double Chip seal to finish the roads along with as many others as long as our road repair budget holds out. Crack filling will also be done on the town roads as needed prior to the chip seal.

### TAX COLLECTION - **A LOCKED DROP BOX WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE TOWN HALL ENTRANCE FOR YOUR PAYMENTS**

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.*

### WEIGHT LIMIT POSTING IN SPRING OF TOWNSHIP ROADS

The board has decided to mirror Green Lake County road posting for weight this year. The board felt that the county was better equipped and had a better knowledge of when to post weight limits on roadways, so for 2026 we will follow their lead on road weight limits in the spring.

