

# Town of Dewey Newsletter December 2018

As we look back on 2018 and forward to 2019 there are a number of things that the residents and landowners should be paying particular attention to.

**Broadband Access** – In the fall of 2017 the Amherst Telephone Company began a project to expand broadband service to additional areas of the town. In the spring of this year the Town of Dewey partnered with the Amherst Telephone Company to apply for a grant for additional expansion of broadband service into additional areas of the town. We are pleased to announce that we were awarded the grant for this project. When completed almost 98% of our town residents will have access to high speed internet service. A map will soon be available (at the Town Hall) to see where work will be done as a result of this grant.

**Garbage/Recyclable Material Collection Service** – Our current contract with Advanced Disposal ends December 31, 2018. The Town Board took this opportunity to put out a “Request for Proposals”. As a result of that process we will have a new company, Harter’s Fox Valley Disposal as our new collection company. As a result we will be able to save over \$7,000 a year for the cost of this service. You should have already received (or soon will be receiving) new carts for both garbage and recyclable materials along with instruction/educational material. Please see the collection calendar and information that is enclosed along with this newsletter. **We will also be asking residents to “bag” their loose trash in an effort to prevent that trash from blowing away during the collection process.** Current Advanced Disposal carts will be collected and returned. **Please watch for this information if you have not already received it.** We ask for everyone’s cooperation during this transition to make everything go smoothly.

**Tax Collection** - You will notice the tax bills have been upgraded and have a slightly different look. **Be aware that taxes still need to be paid to the Portage County Treasurer.** This can be done in person at the Portage County Treasurer’s Office; by mail; or online at <https://www.co.portage.wi.us/department/treasurer-s-office-home-page>. There is a fee for paying online. **Please note that banks will not be collecting any taxes this year.**

**Dog Licenses** - The State of Wisconsin and Portage County **require** all dogs (over 5 months of age) to be licensed. **The license application is enclosed.** Please mail completed application, documentation, and fees to: Town of Dewey Treasurer, 430 Dewey Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54482. Portage County has amended the license fees to \$10 for a spayed/neutered dog; \$20 for an un-spayed/un-neutered dog; \$75 for a kennel/multiple dog license.

**Yard Waste/Brush Disposal** – The Town will now accept yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, pine needles, etc.) and brush (tree branches, shrubs, etc.) for disposal at its property at the northwest corner of Oakwood Drive and Haymeadow Drive. Residents will need to call the Dewey Town Garage at 715-344-2343 or Town Supervisor Dennis Meis at 715-341-0729 to set up a time to meet with someone at the disposal site. Residents must deliver materials they wish to dispose of to the site. An ID may be requested to verify residency. There will be **NO** disposal without an appointment.

**One Ton Pickup** – This summer we replaced our old one ton pickup which was 20 years old and had over 190,000 miles on it. The new truck will help us to reduce our maintenance cost on equipment and should last us for many years.

**Garage Roof** – The roof over the older portion of the town garage was in need of upgrading. Our initial thoughts were to have it painted. When the company that was going to paint it arrived this fall, it was discovered that more extensive repairs were needed. We are reviewing our options of either (1) replacing the bad sections and then painting it or (2) entirely replace the older portion of the roof.

**Loan – Town Hall Remodel** – The loan for remodeling the town hall was paid off in the spring of this year.

**Private Driveway Access** - It is important that all residents maintain an adequate access to their homes and other buildings on their property. In order for emergency vehicles such as an ambulance or fire truck to access your home or other buildings residents are asked to keep vegetation cut back. It is recommended that driveways be clear of vegetation for a minimum width of 12 feet and a minimum height of 12 feet.

**Town Roads** - The town board worked this summer on maintaining and upgrading the roads in the town. This summer we crack sealed almost 8 miles of road and chip sealed approximately 2.5 miles of roads and added new granite to approximately 3 miles of roads. We replaced several culverts, added three new culverts to improve drainage and removed rocks from Torun Road north along with the regular maintenance of the roads. We also brushed with the boom mower over 25 miles of road last winter and are planning to do more this fall. The complete 2018 Roadwork Report can be found on the town website. We anticipate additional chip seal projects and adding of road base or granite material to several more miles of road in 2019. We also plan to begin the reconstruction of Oakwood Drive between Sunset Drive and County Road X in 2019.

**Fire Department and/or EMS Unit Members** - The Town of Dewey is always looking for residents that would be interested in serving the town as a member of the Fire Department and/or the First Responder Unit. If you are interested in joining or would like more information please contact a member of the town board. Your neighbors would appreciate your service to the town. We had a couple of new members join this year.

**Thank You** - I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the town board, the plan commission, the fire department, the EMS unit and our town employees for their time and effort. Their efforts throughout the year are very much appreciated. We all owe each of them a “thank you” for the countless hours they put in. They all are responsible for making the Town of Dewey a great place to live.

Sincerely,

Maurice King  
Dewey Town Chairperson