

4. Utilities and Community Facilities

4.1 Introduction

This element contains information about existing utilities and community facilities in the Town of Herman. Facilities discussed in this element include administrative facilities, public buildings, police, fire, and emergency medical services, schools, quasi-public facilities, parks, solid waste and recycling, communication and power facilities, sanitary sewer, water, stormwater management, and health and day care facilities.

4.2 Administrative Facilities and Services

Public Buildings

The Herman Town hall and recycling center are located at N6131 Town Hall Road. In addition to the Town hall, the Town owns a small storage shed as part of the recycling center.

Committees, Commissions, and Boards

A three-member Town board governs the Town of Herman. The Town also has a Plan Commission, and Extraterritorial Zoning Committee to work with the City of Hartford.

4.3 Protective Services

Police Services

The Dodge County Sheriff's Department serves as the primary law enforcement agency to many communities in the county and also operates the County Jail in Juneau. There are several major divisions of the department including the administration division, criminal investigation division, jail division, radio communications division, snowmobile patrol, and traffic division.

The Sheriff's Department provides 24-hour service to all communities in the county that do not have their own police department. The Sheriff also provides service to communities that do have their own department when requested. The radio communications division dispatches all squads and police personnel within the county with the exception of the City of Waupun, City of Watertown, and the City of Beaver Dam, who have their own full time personnel. In the absence of a dispatcher in the remaining communities, this division would provide the police dispatching services. In addition to the police dispatching, this division also dispatches emergency medical services and fire departments.

Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

The Allenton, Iron Ridge, and Woodland Fire Departments provide fire protection and emergency medical services.

The Allenton Fire Department was organized in July of 1907. The current fire station was built in 1971 and in 2001 an addition was added. There are 45 active members (18 EMT's).

Equipment consists of a 1994 Pierce Lance 1,500 GPM pumper; a 1988 Pierce Custom 1,250 GPM pumper with a 50' telesquirt; a 1975 Pierce Ford 1,000 GPM pumper; a 1999 Marion command unit and two tankers; a 1984 Welch 3,000 gallon; a 2004 US Tank 2,000 gallon; a 1995 Ford van; and a 2002 Braun ambulance.

The Iron Ridge Fire Department was organized in June of 1888. There are 27 active members. Equipment consists of a 1996 Ford EVI rescue vehicle; rescue van; 1977 tanker with 2,500 gallon tank, a 1,500 gallon portable tank and a 250 gpm Hale portable pump; 1981 Chevy van used for command unit; 1983 diesel IHC pumper, with a 1,000 gpm Darley midship pump and 1,000 gallon tank; a 1991 EME seats five, 1,250 gpm, 1,000 gallon; a 1982 International Welch 1,250 gpm, 1,000 gallon tank; a 1991 Dodge grass rig, 200 gallons, 250 gpm pump tank winch and a 1991 3,000 gallon tanker. In 1980, the Iron Ridge Fire Department organized a First Responder Unit and a rescue vehicle was purchased. There are 13 members serving the Unit. In 1982, the "Jaws of Life" was purchased.

The Woodland Fire Department was established in 1874, which makes it one of the five oldest departments in Dodge County. There are 29 volunteer members. Equipment consists of a 1997 Freightliner 1,500 GPM; a 1974 1,000 GPM; equipment van that carries all gear, ropes, fans, saws, and other fire fighting equipment; 1978 Ford tanker which carries 2,000 gallons; 1999 International tanker that carries 3,000 gallons; a set of jaws of life; two sets of rams; air bags for auto extraction; and a thermal imaging camera.

Ambulance service is also provided by the Cities of Hartford and Horicon.

Map 4-1, Appendix, displays fire emergency service areas in Dodge County, and Map 4-2, Appendix, displays emergency medical service areas in Dodge County.

4.4 School Facilities

School-aged children attend one of four school districts in the Town. Map 4-3, Appendix, shows the school district boundaries in Dodge County.

Herman #22 School District

- ◆ Herman (K-8)

Mayville School District

- ◆ Mayville High School
- ◆ Mayville Middle School
- ◆ Parkview Elementary

Hartford School District

- ◆ Hartford Union High School

○ Neosho J3 School District

- ♦ Neosho Elementary

The Town of Herman also has one Lutheran Parochial School, which is located on Rock Road.

4.5 Quasi Public Facilities

Libraries

There are no libraries in the Town of Herman, however, residents have several options available in the neighboring communities of Theresa, Mayville, Iron Ridge, Horicon, Juneau, Hustisford, and Hartford.

Churches and Cemeteries

The Town of Herman has four Churches:

- ♦ Zum Kipplein Christi Lutheran Church and School (Wisconsin Synod)
- ♦ Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Wisconsin Synod)
- ♦ Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (Wisconsin Synod)
- ♦ St. Mary's Catholic Church

○ There are nine cemeteries in the town. Two cemeteries are located on Goodland Road, while the others are located on Rock Road, W. Iowa Road, N. Astor Road, in Woodland, St. John Road, west of CTH U, and north of STH 33.

Post Offices

Mail delivery services are provided by the Woodland Post Office.

4.6 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

There are no parks in the Town of Herman. Map 4-4, Appendix, shows the county, state, and federal recreational facilities in Dodge County.

4.7 Solid Waste Management and Recycling

Saturday morning drop-off is available to all town residents from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The drop-off site is located next to the town hall on Town Hall Road. The Town contracts with a private waste haul provider for solid waste and recycling services.

4.8 Communication and Power Facilities

○ Verizon and SBC provide telephone services. WE Energies provide natural gas and electrical services. Charter cable provides television cable services. See Map 4-5, Appendix, for telephone service providers, Map 4-6, Appendix, for electric utilities and cooperatives, and Map 4-7, Appendix, for natural gas service providers.

4.9 Sanitary Sewer Service

Sanitary sewer services are provided in the Herman Sanitary District. The wastewater treatment plant is located in Iron Ridge. Map 4-8, Appendix, displays the location of the sewer district and water facilities in the Town.

4.10 Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (POWTS)

Private onsite wastewater treatment systems, or POWTS, are systems that receive domestic quality wastewater and either retain it in a holding tank, or treat it and discharge it into the soil, beneath the ground surface. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce has administrative rules, Comm 83, for building plumbing and nonmunicipal sewer lines, and for private onsite wastewater treatment systems. Any system with a final discharge exposing treated wastewater upon the ground surface, or discharging directly into surface waters of the state, is subject to DNR regulation. Additionally, certain POWTS are subject to both Department of Commerce and Department of Natural Resources review and regulation.

Wisconsin Administrative Code Comm 83 was revised during the 1990s to add provisions for new system technologies and land suitability criteria and, came into effect on July 1, 2000. Unlike the code it replaced, the new rules prescribe end results - the purity of groundwater discharged from the system - instead of the specific characteristics of the installation.

4.11 Public Water Supply

There are no publicly operated water supply facilities located in the Town. Residents rely on private wells for water.

4.12 Stormwater Management

There are no storm sewers located in the Town of Herman. The primary method of stormwater management is through culverts and ditches.

4.13 Health Care Facilities

There are no health care facilities in the Town of Herman. Regional medical facilities are located in West Bend, Hartford, and Beaver Dam.

4.14 Day Care Facilities

There are no commercial daycare facilities in the Town of Herman.

Map 4-9, Appendix, shows utilities and community facilities located in the Town of Herman.

4.15 Utilities and Community Facilities Trends

The following trends need to be anticipated with regard to planning for future utilities and community facilities in the Town of Herman:

- ◆ Local government budget constraints will drive the need for intergovernmental cooperation for services and programs;
- ◆ There will be an increased need for communities and other jurisdictions to coordinate the development of trails and other recreational facilities;
- ◆ Increased development in rural areas will create the need for more police and other governmental services;
- ◆ Increasing residential development in rural areas may cause the need for more school transportation resources, such as more buses and bus drivers.