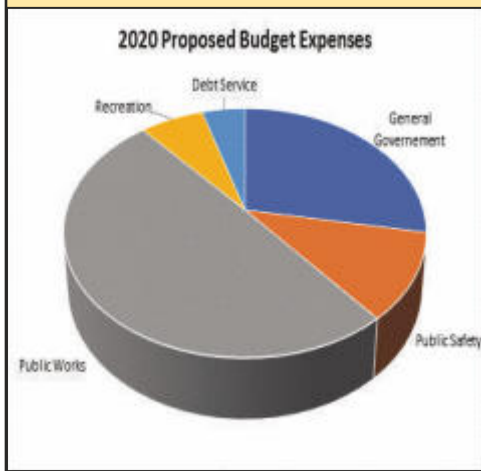
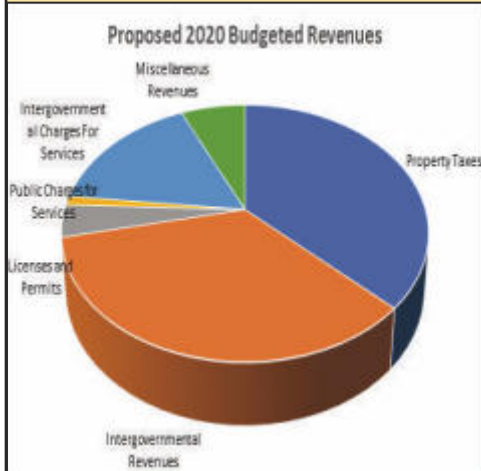




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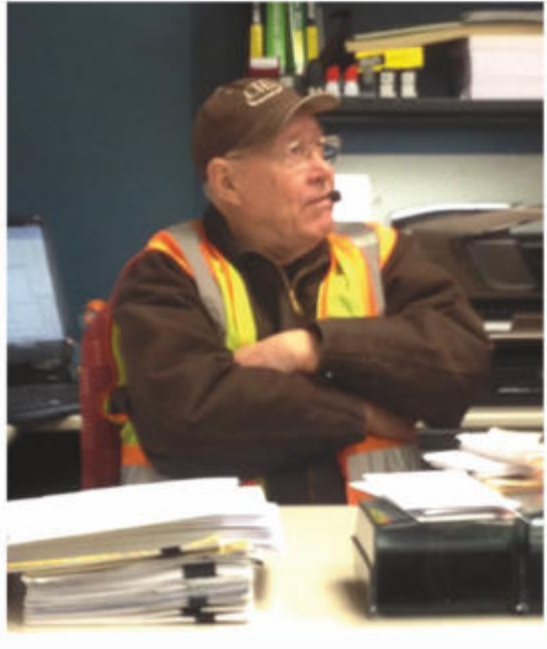
Robert Schmeichel

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Well here we are at “Fall Frenzy 2019” ... with the freshness of spring and the sweetness of summer all but just a memory and The Farmers’ Almanac making headlines last week with their dire, bitter cold predictions for winter. (Can you say “Snow-ver-Load” by those prognosticators.) I say with Fall’s Regal Reds and Smokey Golds giving way to a Crystallized Winterland “Let’s enjoy it all, weather or not”. We all still have fall projects yet to complete before winter really takes hold and so too, the town has a major project to complete that being the Stormwater Pond adjacent to the DOT wetland mitigation area, on the south side of Cty Rd “O”, and neighboring the accomplished town business resident, Ogden Plumbing Inc. The accepted bid for this Stormwater Pond project came in at \$1,098,081.00 which is under the \$1.6M that was estimated. The Town of Neenah is the primary stakeholder in this project using your stormwater funds. However, Winnebago County is also a stakeholder in this project

and is responsible for approximately 5% of the construction costs. Given good weather this project should be completed yet this construction year. Another very good piece of news that I want to share with everyone comes from our Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Ed King. On the 6th of September Chief King was informed by the Grants Management Branch, Assistance to Firefighters Grants, Department of Homeland Security/ FEMA that TNFD had been awarded an Operations and Safety grant. This award comes after the excellent efforts by Chief King, Lt. Dan Koland and the entirety of the department Officers and line volunteers putting in the time to continue to apply for this grant. The fruition of their efforts came in the 4th round of awards and provides the TNFD with \$122,287.00 to be used to purchase new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for our brave firefighters. Job well done! These grant monies are a definite help to our pending town budget however they are not a department “cure-all” as we go through our annual budget deliberations. The town board has to complete the burdensome process of

In Memory of Edmund Muttart DeKeyser



graduated from Neenah High School in 1953, worked various truck driving jobs, was a Master Mason for DeKeyser & Rasmussen Construction until returning to the family dairy farm in the Town. In the 1990's he began working for the Town of Neenah. Ed's commitment to the Town of Neenah ran deep as his grandfather, Ed Muttart was the Town Assessor in 1896 and then Town Clerk from 1898-1934.

Also known as Ed or Eddie. Ed passed away on September 11, 2019 following a hard-fought battle with cancer. Ed is survived by his wife of 57 years, Jan, daughters Mary DeKeyser and Beth Krause (Darin) and grandchildren Theodore and Cecelia Krause.

Ed lived in the Town of Neenah his entire life, born at Theda Clark Memorial Hospital on June 4, 1935,

Eddie wore many hats at the Town including Roads Supervisor, Town Hall Maintenance Superintendent and Town of Neenah Sanitary District #2 Superintendent. Ed was also the historian for the Town of Neenah, any time you had a question about something, Ed could give you the history behind it. Ed could fix just about anything and save money while doing it. Jan would refer to Eddie's

Barn of Bargain where he would many times manage to find what was needed to fix what was broken. Many years ago, when he noticed the Clerk spending time licking a stack of envelopes, he devised a small little tool using a pencil and sponge to help speed the process along, it worked like a charm and it is still used in the office today.

Ed was well known for driving around Town in his pick-up truck. Wearing his safety vest with a cigar stub in his mouth. He was down to earth, full of common sense and had the best interests of our Town in mind. He will be missed by many. Ed was always quite protective of his cell phone number and would not allow the office to publish or give out his cell phone number, that was reserved for contractor's, excavators and construction workers. Well, here's to you Ed. Like a guardian to the Town of Neenah, here is your last call. Ed DeKeyser, Town of Neenah (920) 810-3681.

Chairman's Chatter continued from page 1
putting together an acceptable budget.

The scheduled dates for these workshops are: September 26th at 8:00am, October 10th at 6:30pm, and October 26 at 6:30pm. The public hearing for electoral approval is November 11th at 7:00pm prior to the town board meeting. All of these workshops are open to the public and I invite anyone to attend to realize the challenges of putting together a workable budget.

And now for some Fun (if not strange) Facts about weather and how animals seem to know what kind of weather that is in store. This one is about our beloved state animal "The Dairy Cow". It's an interesting piece of weather folklore shared around the world. If cows lie down, the saying goes, it's thought that rain is on the way. If cows are standing in their pasture, the skies will be clear. Some also say that when a cow's tail is to the west-

weather-is the very best; cow's tail to the east--weather's the very least." Or, how about this old saying "if cow was standing fish were biting if laying down fish not biting." There is even a rumored federally funded case study in which researchers learned that cows prefer to stand up in hot weather. Standing up exposes more of a cow's body to the air, so they can disperse more heat and stay cooler. If the weather starts to cool down – as often happens when a storm front approaches – they'll be more inclined to lie down. But according to the Farmer's Almanac, cows lying down in a field more often means they're chewing their cud, rather than saving a dry spot in the grass. What will they think off next? So, the next time you see a cow lying down in a field, check to see if rain is coming. Just as good as today's weathermen and women prognosticators! Bob Schmeichel

911 SIGNS

Our 911 signs are a very important part of our Town of Neenah Emergency Response Team. Winnebago County Sherriff, Gold Cross Ambulance, Town of Neenah Firemen and First Responders rely on your 911



of it from both directions?

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Is the post crooked or bent? Can you straighten it? What about the actual little brown sign? Maybe you have an elderly neighbor you could help out. If the post or sign is damaged beyond repair, call Ellen at the town office, she will be happy to send someone out to help you. As an added bonus, folks can easily find your address, and those little brown 911 signs say...



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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Town of Neenah Fire Department is awarded \$122K grant from Federal Emergency Management Agency to upgrade Self Contained Breathing Apparatus

On Friday, September 5th, the Town of Neenah Fire Department received notification from FEMA awarding the department funds to purchase new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's). The grant award was the result of almost three years of efforts to secure funding for this very important project. The department submitted applications in both the 2017 and the 2018 grant cycles and had been waiting patiently for several months on any news as to the status of those applications. Without this grant award the department and the Town would have had to borrow funds to cover the cost of the replacing our current breathing apparatus which had reached the end of their useful life. Each new pack costs upwards of \$7,000 each. We sometimes wonder where our federal tax dollars go and this grant program has been essential in providing important safety equipment

to fire departments across the country since 2002. Each year approximately \$330 million dollars is awarded to almost 3,000 fire departments, large and small to improve their operations. It is a competitive grant program where the types of fire calls, overall call volume, populations served and department budgets are reviewed to determine need. Over the 16 years that the grant program has been in place, the Town of Neenah Fire Department has made eight applications and has received four awards with the last award coming in 2007.

The new SCBA's have several features which will enhance the safety of our firefighters. The most important feature is the breathing air capacity of the new units is twice that of the department's current SCBA's and are rated for up to 45 minutes of operating time. Another very important feature is that all of the

fabric areas on the new packs are removable for cleaning and decontamination. The products of combustion found in fires today are highly toxic and contain numerous carcinogens and cleaning equipment exposed to these toxins is essential to protect the safety of our firefighters. Cancer rates among firefighters has increased to alarming levels and decontaminating equipment and keeping it clean has become a very high priority for fire departments worldwide. In addition, there have been improvements to the electronics on each air pack which extend the life of batteries used to power each unit. The department is moving quickly to secure the new equipment and has already requested bids from several vendors across the state. It is estimated that we should be able to have the new air packs operational by the end of the calendar year.

Thank you, Fire Chief Ed King

Town of Neenah Volunteer Fire Department calls to date

Month	Fire Calls	M Medi- cal Calls	Total
Jan.	10	11	21
Feb.	11	6	17
Mar.	9	2	11
Apr.	6	10	16
May	7	3	10
June	4	5	9
Total	47	37	84



Joe Oyler, of the Neenah Fire Department, wears five badges honoring firefighters who gave their lives during the September 11th terrorist attacks as he climbs for his sixth year during the annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb Saturday, September 7, 2019, at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, WI
Joshua Clark/USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin

Town of Neenah is seeking Election Officials for 2020 elections

2020 is going to be a very busy year with 4 elections and we need help in the office to conduct the elections smoothly, efficiently and honestly; with accuracy, integrity, and dignity.

The 2020 Election Dates are :

- ⇒ 02/18/2020 Spring Primary
- ⇒ 04/07/2020 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary
- ⇒ 08/11/2020 Partisan Primary
- ⇒ 11/03/2020 General Election



Ellen and Elizabeth provide training, will need extra help in the office during absentee voting and to prepare for each election and we need people on election day to run the polls and help voters register. You will be paid for your time spent on Election related activities including training.

We welcome all eligible voters in our community that are 18 years of age to apply to be an election inspector. Please see the election official application on the Town website or contact the Clerk's Office for more information 725-0916. **Consider joining our team of Election Officials.**

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Ellen Skerke

The following is a summary of Town Board action taken during the May—August 2019 Town Board Meetings.

- Appoint David Bluma Weed Commissioner for a one-year term.
- Appoint Tom Wilde to Fox cities Room Tax Commissioner for a one-year term.
- Appoint Pete Weyenberg to Board of Review as an Alternate Member.
- Accept resignation of Firefighter Erika Jensen.
- Approved Conditional Use Permit for properties located at 453 and 469 Green Bay Road for the expansion of a personal storage facility.
- Approved Resolution 2019-07: Text Amendment to Chapter 23, Article 15 Section 15(1): A permit shall be required for land development or redevelopment which increases impervious surfaces great than 15,000 square feet. The original language specifies impervious surfaces greater than 3,000 square feet.
- The Town Board received quotes from three contractors related to repairs to the Municipal Building roof.
- The Town Board received proposals from two organizations related to General Insurance Policy Proposals.
- Approved liquor license for Neenah Mini Mart and Green Valley Investment.
- Approve application for tobacco license.
- Accepted General Insurance proposal from The Horton Group for the one-year policy beginning on July 1, 2019.
- Approved Resolution 2019-10 to participate in proposal to prepare State required Housing Reports with Enhanced Data and Narrative for East Central Communities.
- Approved Resolution 2019-11 to Respond to Winnebago County Solid Waste Management Board Signing Municipality Surplus Revenue Ballot, allowing the County to keep enough of the funds to cover the deficit from operations and refund the remaining funds to the signing municipalities.
- Approved Franzoi Park bidding process and short from agreement with McMahon for completion of the plans and to publicly bid Franzoi Park pavilion.
- Approved painting the stripe on Larsen Road, Radcliff Road and to sweep the trail area on South Park Avenue and Maple Lane.
- Appoint Russ Meerdink to the Plan Commission to complete Tom Wilde's unexpired term ending on April 20, 2022.
- Approve Operator's License for Shekhar Kumar Adhikari and Martin Ash, Kayla Bentle, Sharlin Jacobsen, Vanessa Nunez, Mark Caravella, Shane Ellis, Neka Rasmussen and Paul Doering.
- Approved changes to Nationwide Deferred Compensation Plan.
- Approved Resolution 2019-15 Accepting Rockwood Lane as a public road.
- Approve Change Order #1 for Courtney Court +\$3,840.00.
- Approve Resolution 2019-12 dissolving Town of Neenah Sanitary District #3.
- Approve Resolution 2019-13 accepting text amendment to Winnebago County Sanitary Ordinance Chapter 16.05 to add item f.
- Approve Resolution 2019-14 accepting text and map amendment to the Floodplain Zoning Code, Chapter 26, of the Winnebago County General Code.
- Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Winnebago County, Town of Neenah and Storm Water Utility District for the construction and maintenance of County Road O Pond.
- Approve Intergovernmental Agreement to Satisfy Eligibility for Recycling Consolidation Grant for calendar year 2020.
- Approve Winnebago County Highway and Town of Neenah Maintenance Agreement for calendar year 2020.
- Approve Town of Neenah logo.
- Accept contract with Soper Grading and Excavating for County Rd O Pond, cost - \$1,098,081.
- Accept contract with Robert J Immel Excavating for installation of sanitary sewer lateral at Franzoi Park, \$9,352.50.

2020 Budget

The Holiday Season is quickly approaching , and that means property tax season too.

Did you know that Town of Neenah residents paid \$1.08 per \$1,000 of assessed value on their 2018 property tax bill? That equates to a \$250,000 home paying \$270 in taxes to the Town of Neenah. Your property tax bill includes additional taxes which are forwarded to Winnebago County, Neenah Joint School District and Fox Valley Technical College as well as various fees so the total tax bill for a \$250,000 home might be \$3,500, but only \$270 stays in the Town of Neenah.

In 2019, the Town collected \$441,564 from property taxes. There are various other sources of income such as transportation aid, shared revenue and franchise fees which brought the total Town of Neenah income to approximately \$1.2 million dollars for 2019. The Town Board has worked diligently to figure out how to keep the

Town running and provide services to the residents including general government, fire protection, roads maintenance and repair, and parks and trails. The Town Board and Clerk-Treasurer's Office are busy preparing the 2020 budget for the Town of Neenah and Storm Water Utility District. The budget workshops are open to the public, are held at the Town Hall and all are encouraged to attend. Check the Town website for meeting dates and times for these workshops. Additionally, consider attending

the public hearing on November 11, 2019 to learn more, to be a part of the conversation about the 2020 Budget and to vote on the tax levy. The Public Hearing and Meeting of the Electors will be held on Monday November 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. The proposed budgets will be posted on the website and the four Town posting boards following the final Budget Workshop on October 24, 2019. Full details on the proposed budget are available at the Town Office.



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BUILDING PERMITS

May

Otto-Virtue Homes LLC	606 Plummers Harbor Rd.	New Home	\$645,000
Stielow-Modern Sheet Metal	685 Firefly Ln.	HVAC	\$3,099
Pasch-Tundraland Home Improve-	1376 Harvest Moon Dr.	Remodel Bath	\$6,596
Schultz-A-Square Bldrs.	1616 S. Park Ave.	Addition/Remodel	\$210,000
Warner-Gorges Const.	1516 Woods Edge Ln.	New House	\$350,000
Schultz-A-Square Bldrs.	1622 S. Park Ave.	Remodel	\$59,000
Witzke Electric	574 Plummers Harbor Rd.	Electrical	\$1,200

June

Robert Underhill	219 Limekiln Dr.	Deck	\$3,000
Berhagen-Black Haak Heating Inc.	1443 Deerwood Dr.	HVAC	\$3,500
Wesner-Black Haak Heating	1538 Hidden Acres Ln.	HVAC	\$12,000
Curtis Const.	231 Fury Ln.	New House	\$375,000
Bere-Martin Contracting LLC	536 Sunrise Bay Rd.	Remodel	\$180,000
Hoffman-Schyndel	471 Maple Ln.	Remodel	\$38,000
Winnebago Hwy Commission	1650 Oakridge Ln.	Razing	\$15,000
Al Behrenger	115 Kappell Dr.	Garage	\$6,000
Groutage-VKB Homes	109 Villa Dr.	Addition	\$40,000
Dreger-Schmidt Bros. Custom Homes	885 Sundial Ln.	Basement finish	\$32,400
Rasmussen-M&M Const.	140 Adella Beach Rd.	Remodel	\$14,000
Bezier-Cypress Homes	410 Maple Ln.	New House	\$250,000
Hetzel-3rd Gospel Htg. and Cooling	1445 Ridgeway Dr.	HVAC	\$5,400
Bierworth-Van's One Hour Htg. Inc.	1620 S. Park Ave.	HVAC	\$10,326

July

Gunther & Hietpas-Gm Custom Homes LLC	198 Wenban Ave.	Garage Addition	\$76,450
Scheuers-Black Haak Htg.	1441 Shreve Ln.	HVAC	\$6,500
Abernathy-Modern Sheet Metal	124 Limekiln Dr.	HVAC	\$6,995
Jankowski-Modern Sheet Metal	169 Kuettle Ct.	HVAC	\$5,798
Kinsley-Tundraland Home Improvement	1352 Harvest Moon Dr.	Deck	\$21,006
Liebeskind-Modern Sheet Metal	494 Sunrise Bay Rd.	HVAC	\$3,399
Schultz-A-Square Bldrs.	1622 S. Park Ave.	HVAC	\$8,500
Wolf-Brian Warner Const. LLC	1545 Woods Edge Ln.	New House	\$300,000

Building projects valued at \$1,000 or more.



Giving back to the community is one of the most valuable characteristics one can have. When individuals work hard to make a difference in their community, we should recognize them. The Wisconsin State Assembly has a special program that pays tribute to individuals that make a difference in their community. The program is called Hometown Heroes. A Hometown Hero has an unconditional desire to lend a helping hand to those around them.

Representative Mike Rohrkaste from the 55th Assembly reached out to municipalities in his district seeking nominations for the Hometown Heroes Award for First Responders. First responders include police and sheriff officers, fire fighters, and EMS personnel (paramedics, EMTs, volunteer first responders). One could nominate someone for a variety of reasons including a specific heroic action, a significant professional achievement, their body of work over time, or their length of service.

Town of Neenah Chairman Bob Schmeichel nominated the Town of Neenah Fire Department as a whole for their heroic actions during the Hwy 41 incident in February 2019. Representative Rohrkaste agreed and selected the Town of Neenah Fire Department to receive the Hometown Heroes Award. Fire Chief Ed King and some of our Fire Fighters and First Responders will travel to Madison on October 10th to accept the award on behalf of the Town of Neenah Fire Department.

Congratulations to the men and women on the Town of Neenah Fire Department!

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PARKS AND TRAILS



The Wisconsin Waterfowl Association – Valley Chapter (WWA) made a donation to the Town of Neenah Parks and Trails Adopt a Park program this year. WWA donated their time to build and install two

wood duck nesting boxes at Conservancy Park near the pond and will continue to maintain these two boxes throughout the year as needed.

Wood ducks can be found in ponds, lakes, marshes, and along rivers and streams. They prefer areas that have a mix of water habitats and forest, making Conservancy Park an ideal location to build their nests. Although wood ducks are not listed as threatened or endangered. Their population declined in the late 19th century, but has increased in recent decades. Wood ducks still face threats in the wild, including wetland loss, habitat loss, and deforestation.

Wood ducks pair up in late winter and begin

breeding in early spring. The males attract females with their call and attractive, colorful breeding plumage. Male



wood ducks call to females with a squeaky whistle of "jweep." The females call with a different, louder "oo-eeek" whistle.

There is additional information about the wood duck and the wood duck box posted in the

Conservancy Park kiosk and on the Town website.

For more information about WWA or the wood duck boxes, contact Brad Miller from the Valley Chapter at millbunch@yahoo.com.

To learn more about the Adopt A Park program or to make a donation,

visit the Town of Neenah's website or reach out to The Parks and Trails Committee Chairman David Bluma at davidbluma@aol.com.



Building Permits Cont. from page 8

August			
Kepshire-Integrity Homes	1855 Presidential Dr.	New Home	\$614,308
Kissling-Black Haak Htg.	1439 Cooke Rd.	HVAC	\$3,600
Carver-Apex Htg. & A/C	104 Hilltop Dr.	HVAC	\$5,764
Wiese-Black Haak Htg. Inc	1480 Deerwood Dr.	HVAC	\$3,000
Huffman-Reliable Plmbg.	129 Courtney Ct.	Plumbing	\$5,000



Leave your leaves on land

Fall leaves provide beautiful color on trees, but in local waters they contribute to algal blooms. Leaves are a leading contributor of phosphorus in our waters. Properly cleaning up your yard in the fall will help keep our local waters clean too! Read these tips. Post this sheet in your garage near your rakes. Working together to keep leaves out of the storm drain and out of local waters will help keep green on the land and out of the water.

Keep Your Leaves on Your Property A great way to make sure leaves do not end up in local waters is to keep them on your property! Mulch leaves in place by making several passes over the leaves with a mulching mower. This will keep leaves on your lawn and provide it with nutrients it needs for healthy grass next spring. Collect mulched leaves and spread them in garden beds or under shrubs. Leaves provide valuable protection for plants through the winter and also

provide nutrients for spring growth.

Composting Composting is recycling your lawn trimmings and turning them into a rich soil, known as compost – a valuable resource for your garden or houseplants. **Cold composting** requires little maintenance but can take up to 2 years to complete. To create a cold compost pile, mix non-woody yard wastes and let them sit.

Hot composting requires regular maintenance such as turning and watering, but can create compost in typically 1-3 months time. To create a hot compost pile, mix equal amounts of high nitrogen “greens” (wet and soft materials such as grass clippings) and high-carbon “browns” (dry and woody materials such as dead leaves) with 10% bulky materials such as wood chips. The mix should remain moist but not wet and should be turned often.

Raking and Collection If you decide to collect your leaves for removal from your yard, follow your community leaf collection policies and schedules. Put a tarp over leaf piles between pick-up times to prevent them from blowing away. Remove leaves and debris from the gutters and storm sewer inlets.

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Newsletter

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Sanitary District Commissions

#2-President

Dan Osero - 740-5757

County Board Supervisors

District 7- Steven Lenz – 585-1519

District 9– Don Nussbaum— unlisted

District 30- Chuck Farrey – 582-7733

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Regular Meetings

Regular meetings are held at the
 Town Hall beginning at 7PM.
 Special meetings may be held on
 other days and times.

Town Board of Supervisors

2nd & 4th Mondays

Town Plan Commission

3rd Monday

Town Parks & Trails Committee

1st Monday April through
 October at 6pm

Sanitary District #2

Second Tuesday



Burning Reminder

Burning is permitted in the
 Town, however, the Fire Department
 requests that you use common sense
 (dryness and wind are always factors
 to consider).
 Call Winnebago County Sheriff's
 office nonemergency number
 (236-7300 #0) before and after
 burning to avoid false alarms.

Please be considerate of neighbors
 when burning, making sure that
 smoke isn't blowing in their
 direction. See Town of Neenah
 Municipal Code 5.05 for the
 regulations on burning.

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