

# Town of Holton

Marathon County, WI

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Dear Residents and Taxpayers,

As 2022 nears the end, here are some of the highlights. Our roadways continue to be cared for by Lee and Casey Waldhart along with our board members who have stepped up to assist.

As a board, we have implemented a few changes that we'd like you to be aware of. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact any of us at the numbers listed above! Taylor has also started sending agendas, minutes, new information and reminders out to residents via email. ***If you'd like to receive these updates, please send Taylor an email at clerk@townofholton.wi.gov!*** Please notice that her email has changed to a more secure version.

Some things that we've worked on this year:

- We continued to replace any culverts along our roadways showing signs of stress. Our Chairman, Supervisors and Lee have, again, been working with Mark's Excavating to replace culverts up to 42" in diameter and 40' in length. We have also assisted multiple residents in replacing their driveway culverts in an attempt to keep water flowing the way it should!
- Draper Road received 2 new culverts just west of Bruckerville. The culverts were longer than normal, since they lay at an angle to the road and are greater than 42" in diameter. This project was done by Marathon County and qualified for the bridge and culvert aid, so it is cost shared 50/50.
- Nearly 15 miles of gravel was spread, with road binder (dust control) added on top in an effort to help hold it all together. This is a new technique we've tried and seems to be working well!
- An LRIP Grant was secured to help update one mile of Fence Road (first mile off of Hwy 13). We have been working on the engineering process and are hoping to finish the project in 2023.

## **\*\* ROADWAY SAFETY \*\***

Keeping our roadways safe for motorists is a priority! If you don't have the courtesy to work with us and do your part, you will receive a bill for clean-up and gravel if needed. Per state statute, the township can charge an individual up to 3 times the cost of fixing the roadway if the board so chooses.

→Mud on the roads – We know it happens, but please have the respect to clean it off the best you can and contact a board member. Mud and manure on roads can be very hazardous. When you know you are hauling manure in a certain area, notify Chairman, Dennis Venzke.

→Damage to roadways – If damage is done to one of our roadways, please contact us immediately! Leaving ruts in the road with large equipment causes danger to our motorists. Be respectful and let us know if there is an issue that needs to be addressed.

## Recycling Information:

- Recycling collection is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at the town garage located on the corner of Fence Road and Rosedale Avenue. Hours are from 8 a.m. to noon. NO GARBAGE IS ACCEPTED! Be sure to thank Dan Schreiber for overseeing our collection days! Each resident must contract their own garbage service. We use GFL (formerly Express Disposal), (715)803.2525
- **NEW THIS YEAR:** In an attempt to save the township money, we would like to start separating our cardboard/paper from other recyclables. Please make sure cardboard is flattened and not mixed with plastic, glass, etc.

Other Town Information:

- **Town board meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the town hall located on the corner of Fence Road and Rosedale Avenue at 7:30 p.m.** Notices are posted at Town Hall, Mast Farm Service and County Line Automotive. Any agenda items may be requested through the Chairman or Clerk.
- Building permits are required. Contact Deputy Zoning. UDC rules apply, when applicable.
- Burning permits are not issued by the Township. If you have a legal rubbish pile to burn, please call the Chairman, Marathon County dispatch at 1-800-236-0153 AND your local fire chief so you do not get an unnecessary fire call made to your property. Regular DNR rules apply to all burning!
- **It's against state law to push snow across the roadway and leave ice and snow on the road. It's a hazard and the ice/snow/slush freezes, turning to a hard rock!** Please ensure the area around your mailbox is clear of snow for the postal service, this isn't the township's responsibility.
- ATV Ordinance: ATV's and UTV's are able to ride on marked routes. Reminder, speed limit is 35 MPH and individuals must adhere to DNR rules when it comes to children driving, etc.
- Dust control will be offered again in the spring after roads have been graveled. If you wish to purchase dust control, please call or email Town Clerk, Taylor Ensign. We do not provide dust control in private drives.

Central Fire & EMS

- Holton is one of the 7 members of the district – meetings are held at 7PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at the Abbotsford Fire Hall and are open to the public. Joe Mueller is our fire chief.
- The Central Fire and EMS District charges by the man hour for fire services. *Please review your property insurance to be familiar with your coverage in the event of a fire.* Please be aware that any bills will come from the Central Fire and EMS district office, not from the Town of Holton.
- In the past year, numerous updates have been made! The old rescue truck was sold and a more modern one purchased for the Colby location. Two outdated fire engines were sold and a new one was purchased and is now in use! A new command truck was purchased using the municipal discount. A new ambulance has been purchased after receiving a 102K Grant. The new ambulance will be delivered Feb. 2024 to replace the old ambulance in the Dorchester location. Two new Lucas Chest Compression machines have been purchased through donations and fundraising.

**\*\*Our safety is only possible with the dedicated group of VOLUNTEERS that answer the calls day and night\*\***  
***PLEASE THANK THEM and support their fundraising efforts!***

Landlords, please share this information with your renters. If you need extra copies, contact the Clerk.

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Enclosed you will find your tax bill(s). Please make all payments by mail. All first payments should be mailed to the following address by **January 31, 2023** and a receipt will be mailed to you.

Paula Ruesch, Town of Holton Treasurer  
231198 Pickard Ave.  
Abbotsford, WI 54405

All second payments should be mailed to the **Marathon County** Treasurer by July 31, 2023.

***All individuals, please see, complete and return the Dog License form, even if you do not own a dog.***

***Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year  
to you and your family!***