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**TREASURER/TAXES** – Our new Treasurer is Elaine Gauthier. Please mail your taxes in the enclosed return envelope and enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like a *receipt returned* to you **or if you have a refund due**. Please note that refunds of under \$2.00 will not be refunded. It is preferred that you mail your taxes or use the drop box in the front of the building. The Washington County Treasurer's website at <http://www.co.washington.wi.us> includes tax and assessment information. On left hand side click on Taxes/Assessment Information. This will take you to Ascent Land Records. Enter your address or name to bring up your records. After the end of January, tax receipts will be available for printing from this site.

**NO CASH, CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED**  
**ONLY CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

**Tax Collection dates: Dec 11 & 18<sup>th</sup> 2:30 – 4:30pm; Dec 13 & 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30 -7:30pm**  
**January 8, 15, 22, & 29<sup>th</sup> 2:30 – 4:30pm; Jan 10, 17, 24, & 31<sup>st</sup> 5:30 – 7:30pm.**

*Please note: the Clerk's office CANNOT process tax payments or dog licenses!*

**DOG LICENSES** – State Law requires dogs to be licensed. Enclose a *separate check* for dog licenses as the Tax Collection and Dog License Program are two separate data base programs. Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope for the license/tag to be returned to you. The deadline to license dogs and kennels is March 31, 2019. There is a \$5 late fee for applications received after March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**WINTER ROAD CONDITIONS AND SNOW/ICE REMOVAL-** Please keep in mind that this is a rural area and perfectly cleared roads will not always be possible.

For safety and to prevent accidents, please do not follow plow trucks closer than 200 feet. When approaching the plow truck, SLOW DOWN to a crawl and both vehicles will be able to pass safely. The Town's roads are plowed by the same contractor as in the past 30+ years. His contract states he has control over when the plows go out. The Washington County Sheriff's Dept. calls our contractor first as the contact person when conditions become icy or too snow covered. For damaged mail boxes by snow plows, please note that a maximum of \$25 will be paid. *Please be aware of your children playing on and in the snow piles within the Right-of-Way, as they may not be visible to the driver when the plow trucks are clearing roads.*

The Right-of-Ways need to be kept free of snow piles, rock piles, decorations, new plantings, fences, etc. Any items in the Right-of-Way may be removed by the town at the property owner's expense.

**CHIPPING** – This service is **only available May through October 31<sup>st</sup>** for residential properties only. The Chipper is operated by Don Maurer. **YOU MUST CALL DON TO HAVE YOUR BRUSH CHIPPED – AT PH# 338-8253 TO SCHEDULE FOR THIS SERVICE.** The rules for chipping service: pile branches with the cut ends all laying the same way and spread out enough so as not to create a tangle of branches. The cut ends need to face the road and be approximately 2 ft from edge of pavement and the pile cannot exceed 3 ft in height. Please leave at least 2 ft between the piles. The thickest part of the branch cannot be more than 4 inches in diameter. Please trim any forks on heavy branches so as not to jam the chipper. **If these rules are not followed brush will not be removed and property owner will be responsible for removal.** If you would like to keep the chips, please inform the men doing the chipping. Otherwise they are taken to the Transfer Station and are available to anyone. If you would like chips, call Don Maurer for availability. **PLEASE DO NOT ABUSE THE CHIPPING SERVICE – THIS IS NOT MEANT AS A WAY TO CLEAR HEAVY BRUSH-FILLED AREAS AND WOODS.**

**BURNING PERMITS** – The Chairman or any Supervisor may issue a burning permit to a property owner in the Town to burn brush, leaves, pine needles, grass, clean wood and unrecyclable paper and cardboard (only these items are allowed by State Law). The fire needs to be adequately supervised so it will not spread out of control or endanger life or property. The property owner is to call the Washington County Sheriff's Department's non-emergency number (335-4420) to report that they will be burning and have obtained the required permit. Having a

burning permit **does not** release you of responsibility if a fire gets out of control due to carelessness or negligence. In addition to the costs of a careless fire (up to \$3000), **a fine of \$100 for not having a permit will be issued.**

Burning barrels with screen coverings are allowed for burning without a permit. Any out of control fires that result will be charged back to the property owner(s). See above for items allowed to be burned by the Town per state law.

**TRANSFER STATION** – Winter hours are 12 Noon to 4:00 P.M. on Saturdays November through April. Summer hours are 8:00 A.M. to 12 Noon Saturdays, May through October.

Loose garbage is not permitted at the Transfer Station, all garbage must be bagged. Only household garbage is accepted. Appliances, furniture, rolls of carpet, electronics and any hazardous waste items are NOT accepted. Please do not use plastic bags for paper/cardboard as they cause problems with the equipment. The Town encourages recycling. Place glass, steel cans, plastic #1 & #2 and aluminum cans in the containers provided by the town for these items. Please **crush or flatten plastics** to save on space – often the bins become too full of recyclables. **We encourage everyone to separate their aluminum cans from the other recyclables and place them in the receptacle for the Good Luck 4-H Club. The Club uses this as a fundraiser.**

**Electronics** –The State DNR has a website that answers many questions, and lists businesses that are collection centers for electronics. Electronics are not accepted at the Transfer Station.

**\*\*FIRESIGNS\*\*** –Firesigns are to be left alone, **not moved, altered or decorated.** The Town has an ordinance in place authorizing their use and where they are to be located. There is a penalty if the signs are moved or tampered with. These were put in place by the Fire Department for a reason – so that emergency responders could easily locate a residence when called for aide. If yours is damaged or missing, call the Town Hall to request a new one. Please keep the firesign area free of snow, so that they may be visible to emergency personnel. Please remember, firesigns were installed for your family's safety and protection.

**TOWN WEBSITE - [www.townofbarton.net](http://www.townofbarton.net)**

**TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS- *Note: the Clerk cannot process tax payments.***

**Mondays – Wednesdays 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

(Please call to make sure the Clerk is in, as on occasion it may be necessary to miss office hours.)

**DEPUTY CLERK OFFICE HOURS – Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OFFICE HOURS Mondays and Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

**PHONE NUMBERS – TOWN HALL 334-2765**

**CHAIRMAN DICK BERTRAM – CELL 355-5111**

**SUPERVISOR MIKE DRICKEN – DAY# 334-1335 10 am to 7:30 pm; HOME 338-6388 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm**

**SUPERVISOR JERRY MEULEMANS – 338-1338**

**SUPERVISOR DAN MUELLER – 334-8086**

**SUPERVISOR KRIS TURNER – 338-0815**

**CLERK AGGIE PRUNER – TOWN HALL 334-2765 (use voicemail if not there)**

**DEPUTY CLERK – SHERRY ECKERT 334-2765**

**TREASURER ELAINE GAUTHIER – 334-2765**

**TOWN TREASURER OFFICE HOURS – Tuesdays 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. OR BY APPT**

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**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR STEVE WENDELBORN – 306-9446**

**BUILDING INSPECTOR – GORDON HOFFMANN – 677-2270**

**ASSESSOR – GROTA APPRAISALS – 262-253-1142**

**CHIPPING DON MAURER – 338-8253**

*MERRY CHRISTMAS & BEST WISHES FOR 2019!  
THE BARTON TOWN BOARD*