

TOWN OF RUTLAND 2007 NEWSLETTER

Greetings from Your Chairman:

This has been a busy year for your Town officials. We have been working on a number of issues.

Territory Change. With the new Stoughton Fire Contract in effect, we have reset the lines between Oregon and Stoughton territories. This make the Center line of the Town the approximate dividing line between those two territories. Many parcels in Sections 4, 9, 16 and 21 are affected by this change, which is effective January 1 2008.

Land Purchase. The Town was fortunate to be able to purchase 3 acres of land adjacent to the current Town Hall. The purchase was made on a 4-year land contract. Once the land contract is paid off (2011), we can pursue the construction of a new Town Hall. This will provide meeting, storage and office space more useable than the current facility, which will continue to be used as a garage.

RTA. The Town Board voted against supporting the 1/2 per cent sales tax for Regional Transit Authority. While we believe there is a need for regional transit, we felt the cost to taxpayers would exceed the potential benefit. We expect there will be more reasonable proposals forthcoming. We would prefer to first see Stoughton/Oregon/Evansville/Madison bus service addressed, as was proposed by the Transit Committee in which we participated.

Tax Rates. The State budget continues to limit the amount the Town can levy. With road costs increasing and payments for three new fire stations continuing, plus the expense of the land purchase, the Board concluded we needed to exceed the levy cap. We did not make this decision lightly. The levy limit was not sufficient to allow us to keep up with increased costs. We appreciate the support of the residents who concurred with the Board's proposal at the November 20th Town meeting.

Landfill Well Monitoring. We were disappointed to learn that tests at our monitoring wells at the closed landfill showed that we were exceeding limits of certain pollutants. We have been working with DNR and an engineering firm to insure private wells are not affected and to determine how best to resolve this issue. We will be continuing the enhanced monitoring schedule until the situation can be resolved.

ATC. The Town Board continues to oppose the siting of this line within Rutland. A resolution opposing it was passed at the November board meeting. Several other affected Towns have passed the same resolution.

DOT Highway Issues. DOT is continuing their study of Highway 51. They are considering the possibility of an alternate Stoughton to Madison route either along 138 and 14 or a half mile west of the current Highway 51. Improvements to Hwy 14 continue to be discussed, with projects presently scheduled for 2010, 2011, and 2016. Watch the local newspapers for upcoming meetings on these road issues.

We wish to thanks the people who have continued to support the restoration of the Rutland Church and Cemetery, either by cash or services contributions, or by working on the building. We also wish to thank Don Harrington, who has built and donated to the Town an attractive tool storage building at the Graves Cemetery.

I look forward to continuing to work with the residents of the Town during the New Year.

Happy Holidays,
Dale Beske

THE RUTLAND TOWN BOARD

Chairman	Dale Beske	(835-7606)
Supervisor	Sarah Shapiro Hurley	(873-8824)
Supervisor	James Lunde	(873-9726)
Supervisor	Milt Sperle	(873-3078)
Clerk	Dawn George	(455-3925)
Treasurer	Kim Sime	(873-8781)
Constable	Richard Reilly	(455-8040)
		(220-7505)
Constable	Denise Markham	(225-5308)
Building Inspector	Steve Kittelson	(873-8784)
		(445-9715 cell)
Assessor	Gardiner Appraisal Service	(838-3993)

THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Dale Beske	835-7606	Harley Stokstad	835-7085
Sarah Shapiro Hurley	873-8824	Jeanette Walker	873-8130
Bruce Sime	873-8781	James Lunde	873-9726
Charles Burch	455-1600		

The Planning Commission meets on the Monday before the 1st Tuesday of each month and the Board meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Both meetings are held at the Town Hall (873-9553) A preliminary agenda for these meetings is published in both the *Oregon Observer* and the *Stoughton Hub* and a final agenda is posted in three places in the Town on the Friday before the meeting. The agendas are also available on the Town's website: www.town.rutland.wi.us. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us or come to a regular monthly meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING..April 8, 2008– 6:30 p.m. Rutland Town Hall

2008 ELECTION DATES...

Polling Place..Rutland Town Hall..785 Center Rd.

- Spring Primary – Tuesday, February 19, 2008 (if required)
- Spring Election – Tuesday, April 1, 2008
- Partisan Primary – Tuesday, September 16, 2008
- Presidential Election – Tuesday, November 4, 2008

Town Officers whose terms will be expiring and will be filled at the election in April are Supervisors Sarah Shapiro Hurley and James Lunde. The candidates for these offices will be nominated at the **Caucus to be held on January 15, 2008 at 6:30 pm.**

Contact the Clerk if you need an absentee ballot. Written requests should be sent to the Clerk at 4177 Old Stage Rd., Brooklyn, WI 53521. You must be registered to vote before an absentee ballot may be sent.

VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

The Federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) and Wisconsin state statutes require all voters in Wisconsin municipalities to be registered in order to vote after January 1, 2006. The Town of Rutland was not required to have voter registration before January 1, 2006, so although we may have had your name on a list of potential voters, you may not be registered. If you are not sure that you have completed the application, please contact the clerk at 455-3925.

FIRE SERVICE AREAS CHANGED

As part of the renegotiation of the Stoughton Fire Agreement, some areas of the Town were moved from the Stoughton Fire District to the Oregon Fire District to make fire service closer. This change involved properties in Sections 4, 9, 16 and 21. A map that shows the new boundaries will be sent to those owners whose properties are affected. This map will also be posted at the collection center and Town Hall and on the website: www.town.rutland.wi.us.

BURNING PERMIT REQUIRED...

Ordinance 83-12 is the ordinance regulating fires and trash burning in the Town of Rutland. Except for burning in a covered trash barrel, burning is not permitted without getting a burning permit. If a controlled burn gets out of control requiring the services of the fire department, the property owner will be subject to a \$200 fine, even if a permit has been obtained. To obtain a permit, a property owner must do two things: 1) Contact a Town Supervisor or the Town Chairman, and 2) Contact the fire department servicing the property where the burn will take place. A permit is required each time you have a controlled burn. ***Please do not burn recyclables or garbage.*** We have the collection center where these items may be taken. This will help protect the environment, comply with state laws, and provide comfort for yourselves and your neighbors. The telephone numbers of the Town Board are included at the beginning of this newsletter. Below are the administrative numbers for the various fire departments.

Use 911 for all EMERGENCY CALLS

BROOKLYN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Phil Mortenson 455-3621 (work) or 455-4252 (home)
Fire Department 455-3812

OREGON FIRE DEPARTMENT 835-5587
STOUGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT 873-7218

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FIRE AND EMS DISTRICTS

All Fire and EMS Districts are in need of volunteers. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer for any of these districts, please contact the districts directly at the numbers shown above.

SNOW PLOWING POLICY...

The snow plowing policy for the 2007-2008 winter will be as follows. No driveways will be plowed before town roads are open, except in an emergency. When private driveways are plowed by the Town, a charge of \$60.00 will be made for the first 10 minutes or less, plus \$3.00 per minute for each minute in excess of ten. The town policy entitles Senior Citizens (age 65) to one free plowing per season. The Town will assume no liability for damages to mailboxes and posts, which occurs when plowing is taking place. Every effort will be made to keep this from occurring. Salt and sand for residents' home use is usually available in front of the town garage. Residents may pick up reasonable amounts for use on sidewalks.

SENIOR CENTERS

Seniors from Rutland may use either the Stoughton or Oregon Senior Center facilities. Outreach services are provided through the McFarland Senior Center for Stoughton and through the Oregon Center for Oregon. The McFarland Case Manager is able to meet with seniors at the Stoughton Senior Center. Telephone numbers for the Senior Citizen centers are:
Oregon Senior Center, Allison Koelsch – Director 835-5801
Stoughton Area Senior Center, Cindy McGlynn – Director 873-8585
McFarland Outreach Services, Sara Sprang – Case Manager 838-7117 (Available T,Th, Fri)

SCHOOL DISTRICT MILL RATE COMPARISON

	STOUGHTON	% of Mill Rate	OREGON	% of Mill Rate	EVANSVILLE	% of Mill Rate
2006						
STATE	0.1828983	0.01	0.1828983	0.01	0.1828983	0.01
COUNTY	2.859972777	0.20	2.859972777	0.17	2.859972777	0.17
TOWN	1.863715051	0.13	1.863715051	0.11	1.863715051	0.11
MATC	1.26255669	0.09	1.26255669	0.08	1.26255669	0.08
SCHOOL	8.139964856	0.57	10.538620170	0.63	10.220816120	0.62
TOT. Mill Rate	14.309107674	1.00	16.707762988	1.00	16.389958938	1.00
Less School Credit	1.420268511		1.420268511		1.420268511	
Final Mill Rate	12.888839163	1	15.287494477	1	14.969690427	
2007						
STATE	0.17989369	0.01	0.17989369	0.01	0.17989369	0.01
COUNTY	2.86977397	0.19	2.86977397	0.16	2.86977397	0.17
TOWN	2.062534410	0.14	2.062534410	0.12	2.062534410	0.12
MATC	1.27094799	0.09	1.27094799	0.07	1.27094799	0.08
SCHOOL	8.469221100	0.57	11.27190688	0.64	10.166580580	0.61
TOT. Mill Rate	14.852371160	1.00	17.655056944	1.00	16.549730640	1.00
Less School Credit	1.577957413		1.577957413		1.577957413	
Final Mill Rate	13.274413747		16.077099531		14.971773227	
Final Local Values Per \$1000	125597.1		92151.4		774.4	
Total Taxes Each Area	1667227.87		1481527.23		11594.14	
Total Taxes All Areas	<u>3160349.24</u>					
Change	0.3856		0.7896		0.0021	
Total Taxes Each Area before Tax Cr.	1865414.75		1626938.21		12816.11	
Total Taxes all areas before School Tax Credit	<u>3505169.07</u>					

ROAD PROGRAM

The Town's largest investment is the Town road system which consists of approximately 46 miles of roadway. All roads in the Town should meet the Town road standards as set forth by the State of Wisconsin. The road program in the Town is based upon an annual road survey. The survey results are processed through a computer program that suggests what roads should be upgraded. Based upon this analysis, a five-year program is approved by the Board and updated annually.

In 2007, one and one-half miles of Old Stone from Old Stage Rd. to Oak Ridge Rd. was reconstructed to Town road standards. In addition several miles of roads had a slurry seal to preserve the life of the pavement and the crack-filling program was continued.

In 2008, the town will reconstruct Biglow Rd. The crack-filling program will continue.

SINGLE SOURCE RECYCLING USED AT THE COLLECTION CENTER

The collection center has for the past year used a single source recycling system. Residents do not need to separate the newspapers, cardboard, and magazines and other paper from the recyclable containers (glass, tin and aluminum cans, plastic food and laundry containers). All recyclables can be mixed and placed in the green containers (dumpsters) at the collection center. These containers are emptied weekly and transported to the recycling center in Madison by Waste Management. We strongly urge all residents to use extreme care to make sure that only recyclable materials go into these containers. To keep the volume down, we encourage all residents to crush all non-glass containers. The Town can be charged \$100 each time a non-recyclable item is found in the recycle containers. We appreciate your cooperation.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS REQUIRED AT COLLECTION CENTER...

The Collection Center is available for use by Town residents after obtaining an identification sticker (number). This number is available from the Clerk, Treasurer, or members of the Town Board prior to use of the Collection Center. These stickers are not issued at the Collection Center.

The Collection Center at 4232 CTH A will be open on Saturdays from 8 A.M. until 4 P.M.

BURN PILE AT COLLECTION CENTER

We continue to find non-permitted items thrown on the burn pile at the Collection Center. We are allowed to burn **only brush and unpainted, untreated wood**. Treated wood, painted, stained or finished wood is not permitted. Furniture, mattresses and other trash is also not permitted. The DNR may revoke our burn permit should these items continue to be found in the burn pile. Should that happen, all such items will then need to be taken to the County facility. We appreciate your cooperation.

Collection Center Charges:

- Recyclables.....no charge.
- Solid Waste.....\$2.00 per 30-gallon trash bag or the equivalent.
- Auto tires \$3.00 ea., plus \$5.00 if the tire is on a rim.
- Light truck tires 15"-17"...\$5.00 ea., plus \$5.00 single piece rim only.
- Tractor tires or truck tire over 17"..... \$10.00 ea.
Tires on a multi-piece rims or tractor tires on rims will not be accepted.
- Batteries..... \$2.00 ea.
- Refrigerated Appliances\$25.00 ea. (includes refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers)
- Non-refrigerated Appliances.....\$15.00 ea. (includes washers, dryers, stoves, microwaves, dishwashers, televisions, fluorescent light fixtures, large furniture items)
- Bulky Items, such as furniture \$5.00 to \$15.00 each (as determined by the judgment of the Attendant)

Residents are reminded that the collection of **residential waste** is all that is allowed at the collection center. Other arrangements must be made for any solid waste from a business. Construction waste is also not accepted at the collection center and must be taken to the Dane County landfill or privately contracted for.



Rutland Center Church and Cemetery Committee

Annual Report

December 2007

During the past year, progress continued on the renovation of the historic Rutland Center Church, all financed with donations to the *Friends of the Rutland Center Church and Cemetery* committee. No Town of Rutland funds were used for this project.



Fund Raising:

- The Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission provided a grant of \$5000. This is the second grant given by that organization.
- The Committee operated two food stands, one at the Oregon Horse Association Horse Show and the other at Oregon's Summer Fest. The stands earned approximately \$2100.
- The Stoughton office of Thrivent Financial Services, through a project headed by Richard Waldschmidt, donated an additional \$1000 as a matching grant to our food stand sales.
- Donations from individuals exceeded \$1400 during the year.

New rim joists and a center beam are now in place and the stone work around the foundation is complete.



Left: Volunteers spent two weekends working on paint removal in October.

Activities During 2007:

- The rim joists and center beam were replaced or restored as needed.
- The stone work around the new concrete foundation was completed.
- The windows were removed and professionally restored.
- Volunteer crews began stripping paint from the walls.
- A contract was signed for completion of the exterior wood work.
- A furniture refinisher began researching restoration steps needed to refinish the church pews.

Next Steps:

Next summer we will complete paint removal and paint the building. The windows will be reinstalled and period glass will be added. Following the completion of the exterior wood work, we hope to add a deck to match the original. If time allows, the grounds will be landscaped, completing the exterior work for the project.

How you can help:

- Join the *Friends of the Rutland Center Church and Cemetery*. We suggest an annual contribution of \$25 but larger amounts will be gratefully accepted.
- The committee needs volunteers. Contact Dawn George, the town clerk at 608-455-3925 if you would like to help. We need people to serve on the committee as well as carpenters, painters and general labor help.
- Help with fund raising: we are thinking about operating food stands again next summer but we are open to other suggestions.

More Information: www.rutlandchurch.org

Prepared by Committee Co-Chairmen Myron Bacon and Mark Hanson, 608-835-9712

Friends of the Rutland Center Church and Cemetery Membership Form

Yes, I'd like to join the *Friends of the Rutland Center Church and Cemetery* and contribute \$25 or more to the Church and Cemetery Fund.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

You may use my name in any published list of members: Yes ___ No ___ (Check one) Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make out check to the Town of Rutland and put "Rutland Church" in the memo portion. Mail to:

Dawn George, Clerk, Town of Rutland, 4177 Old Stage Rd. Brooklyn, WI 53521