

TOWN OF RUTLAND 2008 NEWSLETTER

Greetings from Your Chairman:

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

Water Issues. Water, whether in the form of snow, rain or ponds, has been a major issue for the Town this year.

- We have been working with a number of state representatives and other agencies to try to find a solution for high water that has plagued the area around the Biglow Road, Highway 14 and Highway 92 intersection since August of 2007. The high levels of precipitation, changes made both during the reconstruction of Highway 92 and in the management of the F&WS Harvey's Marsh, have, we believe, contributed to high water tables in the area, resulting in flooded basements and standing water in the fields.
- Our road patrolmen put in many hours of overtime, starting last December, working to keep up with the record snowfalls.
- The patrolmen were also involved in the pumping of Anderson Pond, at state expense, to lower the water below the level of the pavement on Highway 14.

Petroleum/Energy Costs: We were hit hard with the high cost of petroleum this year, both in terms of vehicle fuels and in terms of asphalt for road work. Propane for heating the Town Hall also increased. In an effort to control and reduce the cost of heating the Town Hall and garage, we took advantage of an opportunity to connect to a newly installed natural gas line along Center Road. This required the purchase of new heating units (our old propane units were very old and did not seem worth investing the cost of conversion), but the higher efficiency of the new units and the lower cost per BTU of natural gas should produce a net savings in an estimated 2-3 years.

Tax Rates. The State budget continues to limit the amount the Town can levy. Our costs continue to increase much faster than the allowed 2% levy increase. For 2009, we will be reducing road work expenses from \$200,000 (about enough to do a mile of road, such as Biglow Road, which was rebuilt in 2008) to \$100,000. The \$100,000 in the 2009 budget will be used to upgrade Oak Ridge with a better base and a double sealcoat. No significant widening will be done, but the better base will help create ditches to provide improved water control.

Landfill Well Monitoring. We continue to monitor the groundwater near the old landfill.

ATC. The Town Board continues to oppose the siting of this new electric transmission line within Rutland. Several other neighboring Towns have also expressed opposition. We have voted to support an effort started in Dunkirk to act as an intervener at the PSC level.

DOT Highway Issues. DOT is continuing their study of Highway 51. They are considering the possibility of an alternate Stoughton to Madison route along 138 and 14, along with other options on either the current Highway 51 or Highway N right of way. Improvements to Hwy 14 continue to be worked on, with projects presently scheduled for 2009, 2011, and 2015-2016. Watch the local newspapers for upcoming meetings on these road issues. We are also working with the City of Stoughton to get traffic lights at the corner of Deer Point, Highway 51 and Roby Road. We have voted in opposition to roundabouts along that stretch of Highway 51.

We wish to thank 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 Rich Reilly, who recently retired after serving 6 years as Constable. He and his wife have purchased a home outside the Town.

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	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
Mark Porter	835-9115		

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) at 785 Center Road. 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. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us or come to a regular monthly meeting.

TOWN OF RUTLAND WEBSITE

The Town of Rutland website is available for various information. The agendas, minutes and various notices are available on the Town's website: www.town.rutland.wi.us.

ANNUAL MEETING..April 14, 2009- 6:30 p.m. Rutland Town Hall

2009 ELECTION DATES...

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

Spring Primary – Tuesday, February 17, 2009 (if required)
Spring Election – Tuesday, April 7, 2009

Town Officers whose terms will be expiring and will be filled at the election in April are Chairman Dale Beske, Supervisor Milt Sperle, Clerk Dawn George, Treasurer Kim Sime, two Constable positions (one vacant position and one position held by Denise Markham). The candidates for these offices will be nominated at the **Caucus to be held on January 13, 2009 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.

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.

CALLS Use 911 for any EMERGENCY

BROOKLYN FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

OREGON FIRE DEPARTMENT

835-5587

STOUGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

873-7218

SINGLE SOURCE RECYCLING USED AT THE COLLECTION CENTER

The collection center uses 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 specified 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 is 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.

WEATHER RADIOS

There are still a few programmable NOAA All-Hazard radios available for purchase at \$22.68 apiece. These radios are a means of providing direct warning to the public for natural and man-made hazards which can be set up to alert for only the event types and locations you are interested in.

SNOW PLOWING POLICY

The snow plowing policy for the 2008-2009 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 and over) 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.

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 2008 one mile of Biglow Rd. was reconstructed to Town road standards.
In 2009, the town will reconstruct Oak Ridge Rd. The crack-filling program will continue.

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 Millrate	OREGON	% of Millrate	EVANSVILLE	% of Millrate
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	<u>13.274413747</u>		<u>16.077099531</u>		<u>14.971773227</u>	
2008						
STATE	0.18828246	0.01	0.18828246	0.01	0.18828246	0.01
COUNTY	2.98888381	0.19	2.98888381	0.16	2.98888381	0.17
TOWN	2.072884361	0.13	2.072884361	0.11	2.072884361	0.12
MATC	1.34401470	0.09	1.34401470	0.07	1.34401470	0.07
SCHOOL	8.989315738	0.58	11.67766776	0.64	11.361817478	0.63
TOT. Mill Rate	15.583381072	1.00	18.271733089	1.00	17.955882812	1.00
Less School Credit	1.742481323		1.742481323		1.742481323	
Final Mill Rate	<u>13.840899749</u>		<u>16.529251766</u>		<u>16.213401489</u>	
Final Local Values Per \$1000	127234.8		93475.6		774.7	
Total Taxes Each Area	1761044.11		1545081.73		12560.52	
Total Taxes All Areas	<u>3318686.36</u>					
Change	0.5665		0.4522		1.2416	
Total Taxes Each Area before Tax Cr.	1982748.37		1707961.21		13910.42	



Rutland Center Church and Cemetery Committee

Annual Report

December 2008

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.

Exterior Renovation of the Rutland Church now complete

After five years of work by a number of dedicated individuals, the exterior of the Rutland Center Church now looks much like it did when first built in 1852. The committee thanks the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission, a number of foundations and many individuals for their generous support of the project.

Much was accomplished in 2008. The restored windows, many glazed with old glass donated by a local resident, were installed, carpenters replaced missing siding, corner trim and fascia boards, and a professional painter applied a durable white finish to the building. Finally, a craftsman rebuilt the porch and workmen installed buried electrical service.



Much remains to be done as we turn attention to interior



Assuming that donations and grants provide the necessary funding, the committee plans to work on the following projects during the summer of 2009:

- Remove pews, stoves, lectern and furniture
- Remove plaster and lath
- Plan electrical service
- Install wiring and junction boxes
- Repair sagging ceiling
- Spray in closed foam insulation.
- Install drywall on walls and ceiling.

Refinishing the Pews

Professional refinishing of each pew will cost approximately \$225. An engraved brass plate will recognize each family or individual who sponsors a pew restoration. Please contact Town Clerk Dawn George at 608-455-3925 for more information



Each pew will be scrapped, sanded and spray finished with six coats of paint.

Temporary Pew Storage Needed: Do you have a shed where we could store the pews for about three years? Contact Mark Hanson at 608-835-9712 if you can help.

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