



Rutland Center Church and Cemetery Committee

Annual Report

December 2011

With the completion of the exterior renovation of the historic Rutland Center Church, committee members and professionals have been working on restoring the interior of the building. All work has been financed with donations and grants to the Friends of the Rutland Center Church and Cemetery committee. No Town of Rutland funds have been used for this project.

TOWN OF RUTLAND 2011 NEWSLETTER

Interior Renovation of the Rutland Church continues

During 2011 good progress was made on restoring the interior of the building:

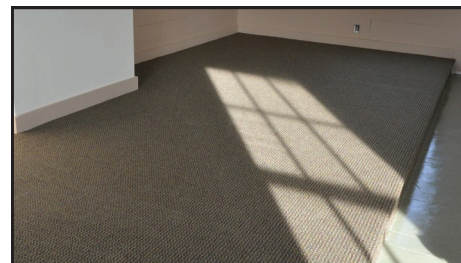
- The pews were stripped, sanded, painted and returned.
New wainscoting was milled by a local woodworking firm and professionally installed and painted.
The floor was professionally sanded and painted.
The chancel (raised platform) at the front of the church was carpeted.
Electrical switches and outlets were installed.
The two stoves were sand blasted and painted.
The porch deck and railings were sanded and repainted.
Two area benefactors provided grants to support the renovation: \$3000 from the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission and \$5000 from the Bryant Foundation in Stoughton.



Myron Bacon admires first newly painted pew to return to the 148-year-old historical building.

Completion of project expected in 2012

- Final work to be done next year:
Purchase and install light fixtures.
Re-attach pews to the floor.
Install and paint window trim.
Restore and refinish furniture.
Refinish doors and locks.
Paint and install wainscoting trim.



The carpeted chancel.



Volunteers Needed

Interested in helping complete the project? Call or write either of the committee co-chairs:

Myron Bacon
608-334-6099
baconmyron@yahoo.com
or
Mark Hanson
608-835-9712
mrhanson@wistrout.com

Friends of the Rutland Center Church and Cemetery Membership Form

Yes, I'd like to join or rejoin 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

Greetings from your Town Chair:

This has been quite a year for Wisconsin governments.

The major change in the direction of State government has had a drastic effect on the Town. Our shared revenue payment from the state has been reduced by 25% (from \$30,544 to \$23,257). Our employees now need to pay a portion of their retirement and health insurance premiums. The levy limits continue to cap the amount of revenue we can raise for public safety, road improvements and other Town functions. The limit used to be an increase of the greater of the percentage of new construction and 2%, but any increase is now limited to the percentage of new construction only.

The Town has been working on several projects.

We have been working with DOT and the Village of Brooklyn to restore the previous drainage system along Highways 92 and 14. The DOT has agreed to rebuild the system, but the Town and the Village must accept responsibility for maintenance. We have jointly submitted a draft agreement to DOT for their review. We anticipate the Town's portion of the maintenance costs will be billed back to the benefitted property owners.

We have also been discussing a boundary agreement with the City of Stoughton. A developer is working with the City to annex about 60 acres at the corner of Highways 138 and 51. About 250 acres have been added to the City's Urban Service Area by the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission. In exchange for the expansion, the City agreed to discuss a boundary agreement with the Town. Should this land be annexed to the City, as is expected, our levy limit will be reduced by the percentage represented by the value of the annexed lands.

The Town rebuilt the north half of Center Road this summer. We will be rebuilding the south half next summer. We have other roads that need to be rebuilt soon, including the remaining portions of Old Stone Road (mostly on the eastern end), the north half of Sunrise Road, Bass Lake Court, Windmill Road, Hildreth Road, Oak Lane, the north half of Starr School Road and Oak Lane. There are roads within Ol Stone Estates that also need to be repaired or rebuilt. We have typically only had enough budget to do one mile or so a year, so it will take many years to get through this list. We are also working on crack filling and chip sealing each year to maintain the roads that have already been rebuilt to current standards.

We have also heard recently from DOT that they have two projects planned for our area. The first is a corridor study on Highway 138. The other is a resumption of the design process for US 14 south of WI 138. This project has been started and stopped multiple times. No date is scheduled for construction; this is just a restart of the design process.

There has been no progress from DOT on a change for the Deer Point/Highway 51 intersection. A final decision on the DOT Highway 51 Study is expected by late 2012, with another year needed to get approvals from all agencies involved. That study may result in improvements.

My best wishes for a safe and happy new year.

Sincerely,
Dale Beske
Town Chair

**THE RUTLAND TOWN BOARD**

Chairman	Dale Beske	(835-7606)
Supervisor	Jeanette Walker	(873-8130)
Supervisor	James Lunde	(873-9726)
Supervisor	Milt Sperle	(873-3078)
Clerk	Dawn George	(455-3925)
Treasurer	Kim Sime	(873-8781)
Constable	Shawn Hillestad Timothy Wood	(455-2614) (455-1380)
Building Inspector	Steve Kittelson	(873-8784) (445-9715 cell)
Assessor	Gardiner Appraisal Service	(838-3993)

**THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

Dale Beske	835-7606		Jim Lunde	873-9726
Jeanette Walker	873-8130		Bruce Sime	873-8781
Mark Porter	835-9115		Harley Stokstad	835-7085

The Planning Commission meets on the Monday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month and the Board meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 meetings. The agendas are also posted to the town web site. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the clerk ten days prior to regular monthly meeting to get scheduled on the agenda.

**ATTENTION VOTERS ... IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR 2012**

There are many new changes in the election process this year. (See Election insert included with this newsletter.) There are brochures that are available for download on the Town's website ([www.town.rutland.wi.us](http://www.town.rutland.wi.us)) or available by contacting the Clerk at 455-3925. The brochures provide information regarding an acceptable Voter ID for those that do not have a valid current driver's license. Another brochure details many of the changes to the process. Major changes include the following:

- Voter ID will be required. A brochure available that will assist a voter needing to get a Wisconsin ID.
- Voter will have to sign poll book.
- Residency is now 28 days, which is a change from the previous 10 day requirement.
- Absentee Voting in the clerk's office has new limits.
- Voter registration requirements are different. Wisconsin law allows for registration at the polling place on Election Day, with identification requirements the same as prior to Election Day. Registration prior to an election is encouraged to help avoid delays.

**2012 ELECTION DATES...**

FEBRUARY 21, 2012 - SPRING PRIMARY  
 APRIL 3, 2012 - SPRING ELECTION & PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE  
 AUGUST 14, 2012 - PARTISAN PRIMARY (Changed from September)  
 NOVEMBER 6, 2012 - GENERAL ELECTION

Town Officers whose terms will be expiring and will be filled at the election in April are Supervisors Jim Lunde and Jeanette Walker. The candidates for these offices will be nominated at the **Caucus to be held on January 17, 2012 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. All elections are held at the Town Hall at 785 Center Road.

**BURNING PERMIT REQUIRED.....USE 911 FOR ANY EMERGENCY.....**

To acquire a burning permit, Town Residents must call both the fire department providing coverage as well as a Town Board member. There may be a \$200 fine for a fire without a permit, as well as a fire that gets out of control, as provided by the Burning Ordinance.

**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 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 identification stickers are not available at the Collection Center.

Residents are asked to have the recyclables separated from solid waste before arriving at the collection center and to time the arrival so that all items can be unloaded by 4:00 p.m.

**The Collection Center at 4232 CTH A is open on Saturdays from 8 A.M. until 4 P.M. Please arrive at the collection center prior to 4 P.M. and allow enough time to complete the drop off before 4 P.M.**

**BURN PILE AT 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.

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.

**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.

**SNOW PLOWING POLICY**

The snow plowing policy for the 2011-2012 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 minutes. 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 inside the metal building at the town hall. Residents may pick up reasonable amounts for use on sidewalks.