

# The Official Town of Dunn Newsletter

Fall 1988

## A message from the town chairman

by Edmond P. Minihan

Preparation of the budget for 1989 has brought into focus the financial position of our town. With over 5,000 residents we are as large as many Wisconsin cities, yet we have been able to keep the tax rate for municipal services substantially lower.

It is ironic that this is one of the many things that attracts those with personal interest in commercial and large scale residential development to the Town of Dunn. Because our town is committed to a slow stable growth, attempts are made to make us feel guilty about what we have here.

We have every reason to be proud of our town. Once again the City of Madison has been listed as one of the best places to live in the United States. Because of our proximity to Madison, Dunn is a major part of that attractiveness. Our balance of residential areas, farms and other businesses, and natural features, including two of this area's four major lakes, make Dunn both unique and inviting.

We can be proud of what we have, too, because the citizens of Dunn have worked and fought for it, and we continue to do so. The

Libby landfill is only one of the many battles in which our town has been engaged to preserve its identity and protect its inhabitants. It may seem that these battles never end -- and they probably won't, because as long as our town is as special a place as it is there will be those who wish to change it for their own gain.

Fighting for what we have is one of the costs of living here. We have been successful for well over a decade, and we will remain successful as long as we continue to have the strength of character to preserve what we have accomplished.

## Board proposes nine percent rise in property taxes

A yearly tax levy of \$65,000 may be history for the Town of Dunn. After last year's doubling of the levy, the Town Board wants to ensure that there will be no surprises for 1989. That means this year's proposed budget includes a modest 9 percent rise in taxes.

That 9 percent rise means that a \$70,000 home that was taxed \$69.30 in 1988 will be taxed \$74.90 in 1989.

The rise in the levy comes in the wake of a proposed budget that includes a DECREASE in town spending and a slight INCREASE in shared revenues.

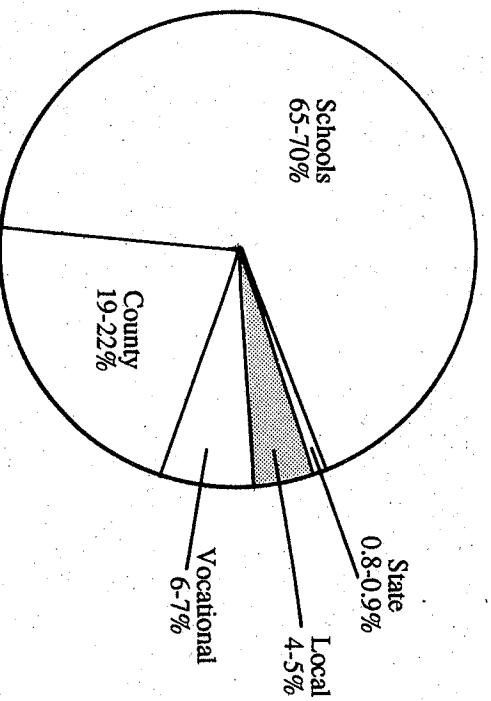
Town Treasurer Dorothy Berkan explains the rise is necessary because in past years the town's spending was subsidized by a large carry-over of funds. In past years portions of the funds were used to offset the taxes, but the

carry-over funds have been slowly decreased and this year the balance is \$125,302, which she, and the Town Board, believe is near the minimum level that the town should have.

Berkan says at least \$100,000 of carry-over funds are needed to cover the town's monthly expenses while the town waits for state shared revenues which don't start coming in until July and are fully received by November. (State shared revenues are expected to make up \$200,000 of the town's total revenues of \$493,598.)

Now that the carry-over funds have reached this low point, it means that taxpayers in 1989 will need to assume a larger share of the town's expenses, even though spending is down and other revenues are up. In the 1989 budget, \$16,852 of these funds will still be applied to offset the levy, unlike in 1988 when \$118,941 was used. The carry-over figures are found on the last line of the budget table as "Revenues over (under) expenditures".

### Where your property tax dollars go



## At the landfill, appliances are out, but recycling is in

Town residents are going to find some changes when they bring their garbage to the town landfill.

The town no longer accepts household appliances or what are called in the landfill trade, "white goods," because the ballasts and capacitors inside the machines contain polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, which can cause cancer in humans. The Town Board announced the ban shortly after area recyclers announced October 1 that they will no longer accept appliances. Besides the town, Dane

County and area sanitation companies are also refusing to accept white goods.

Some recyclers are taking appliances, said Dane County Solid Waste Manager Dennis Sopcich, but only if the capacitors are removed and only when the person bringing the appliance in signs a statement attesting that the capacitor(s) or ballast(s) have been removed.

Among the appliances not accepted are: televisions,

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## Election day is November 8

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. The polls are at the Town Hall and they are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

All persons intending to vote must register before voting. If preregistered, or you voted in the spring election or fall primary you have already registered and do not need to do so again.

If you have not voted recently, or did not preregister, you may still register on Election Day. When doing so, you will need proof of Town of Dunn residency. This can be in the form of: 1. a Wisconsin Driver's license; or, 2. a piece of mailed delivered to your address; or, 3. two qualified electors of the town who will verify you are a resident.

You must also be at least 18 years of age and have been a Town of Dunn resident for at least 10 days.

On Election Day a separate area will be set aside for voter registration.

## Budget meeting to adopt levy is on November 15

The Town of Dunn Budget Hearing is set for Tuesday November 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall for the purpose of adoption of the town tax levy and authorization to spend in excess of \$10,000 on highway expenses.

At the town level of government it is the citizens of the community who approve the levy. This is your opportunity to ask questions about where your tax money is going and to have a say in its spending before the levy officially set.

Be at the Town of Dunn Budget Hearing and be a part of Democracy at the town level. Your voice and your vote does make a difference.

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## How planning decisions are made

by Ron Larson, Plan Commission Chairman

In the first Town of Dunn Newsletter I described the philosophy of doing local planning and the need for Dunn's citizens to determine their own destiny. On a practical basis this boils down to the process of decision making. This newsletter article deals with how decisions are made and the routes they take.

If you are one of the many who rarely get involved in this process, my best advice to you is to request a pre-application conference with the Dunn Plan Commission. Before you spend any application money, let the commission talk to you about the process and about the legality of your proposal. This is the best step toward avoiding frustration and unnecessary expense. If you would like an idea of how it all works, read on.

First, let's take a look at the rules guiding the decision process. There are four pieces of information that are always used. They are the Dunn Land Use Plan, Dane County Zoning Ordinances, the Dunn Subdivision Ordinances, and the Dane County Subdivision Ordinances. Any proposed land division or zoning change must be consistent with all of these documents.

Second, who makes the decisions? This is the part that is the most confusing because people find themselves attending multiple meetings at different levels of government as part of the approval process.

Within Dunn, the Plan Commission is the first to take up your matter. It makes a recommendation to the Town Board, who has the final authority. At the county level, if your issue is a zoning matter the Agriculture, Environ-

ment and Land Records Committee makes a recommendation to the County Board. The county board then makes a decision that is subject to a veto by the Town Board or the County Executive.

Land division decisions at the county level are made by the Land Division Review Officer, Norbert Scribner, who does this as a major part of his responsibilities. His recommendation is forwarded to the Agriculture, Environment and Land Records Committee. Their decision is also subject to a veto by the Town Board or the County Executive.

The process just described doesn't address what happens when something outside the rules is requested. Other committees, boards, or courts can be involved in those cases. Of course it also complicates matters.

The involvement of your own neighbors on the Plan Commission and the straight forward approach to matters by the Dunn Town Board makes these difficult decisions as easy as possible for a resident of Dunn. While a few highly publicized and controversial matters have received much media attention in the past few years, dozens of citizens have sailed through the process smoothly and happily.

For those persons, usually they started where this article suggests you begin, at an informal meeting with Plan Commission members at a regularly scheduled Plan Commission meeting. If a land division or zoning change is in your future, just give the Town Clerk, Roz Gausman, a call at 255-4219 to be placed on our agenda. The Dunn Plan Commission meets on the second Monday of each month.

## First community park takes a step forward

by Wes Licht, Park Commission Chairman

On October 14, 1986, The Park Commission received official notification from the state Department of Natural Resources that the Town of Dunn had received land acquisition aids for the purchase of 28 acres along Lake Waubesa for a future community park. On October 4 of this year, almost two years later, voters at a special town meeting approved the purchase of the land from Art Mahoney, located between Jordan Drive and Tower Road. The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LAWCON), a special federal fund set aside from off-shore drilling leases, is administered by the DNR and provides 50% of the \$38,080 appraisal/purchase price.

The purchase of the property had much earlier received full support of the Town Board and the Plan Commission. But it wasn't until August of this year that Mr. Mahoney agreed to sell, necessitating the special meeting.

The Park Commission indicated the purchase made possible a

large, centrally located community park which is close to several large population areas and has excellent access. It offers special features for residents to enjoy the outdoors, including about 300 feet of frontage on the south end of Lake Waubesa, marsh land, wooded lakeshore and open field communities. The flat upland away from the lake provides potential for development of active play areas and a community shelter. Recreational use of this land now ensures improved protection for Lake Waubesa from the large adjacent watershed.

The development of specific plans for recreational use of the park land will begin in 1989. The Park Commission requests suggestions from town residents to aid in the process. Additional LAWCON funds will be requested to help in the development of the park, and with the purchase and building of equipment and facilities.

## A message from your Police Chief

by Chief Robert Berry

I would like to address several areas where your cooperation can help to prevent problems and make life easier for all of us:

**PARKING** -- With winter closing in on us, I would like to remind residents of the problems the road crew may encounter when trying to plow snow around vehicles parked on the roads. The Town of Dunn has an ordinance prohibiting vehicles (including recreational vehicles) from being left on the street or road right-of-way for longer than 48 hours. Vehicles in violation of this ordinance will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. The right-of-way usually consists of thirty-three feet on either side of the road.

**DOGS** -- There have been some problems recently in the town concerning dogs, and a few words may be in order concerning Ordinance #79-1. This ordinance requires that all dogs be licensed

with the town. Dogs are NOT permitted to run at large and whenever they are off their owner's property, they must be either on a leash or under voice control at all times. Citations for violations of this ordinance start at \$49.00 each.

**TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS** -- During the past year, many motorists have been arrested in the town for moving traffic violations. The largest number have probably been for speeding and stop sign violations, but there has been an increase in complaints of motorists not stopping for a school bus's flashing red lights. Come on, let's protect our children -- they are our future. Motorists in BOTH directions must come to a complete stop for the entire length of time that the red lights are flashing.

If there is a problem in your neighborhood, contact me and I will do my best to assist you in any way possible.

## Recycling is in at landfill

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refrigerators, washing machines, commercial appliances, air conditioners, central heating/cooling units, sump pumps, street lights, microwaves, dishwashers, fluorescent lights, some electric motors, copiers, stoves, heat pumps, heat lamps, freezers and dryers.

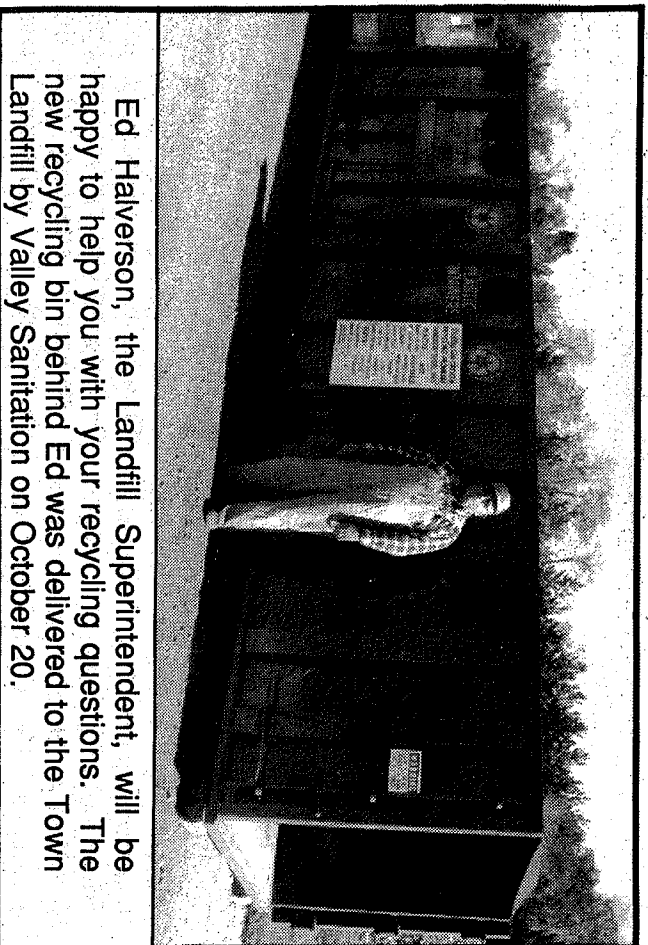
Sopicich said he hopes that the DNR will grant an exemption or give temporary permission for the county to store white goods until a recycling and proper disposal system for the PCBs is set up. PCBs must be disposed of at a licensed PCB incinerator or toxic waste landfill. The Roddefeld Landfill is not licensed to accept hazardous waste, nor will it be taking the waste, he said.

Until then, Sopicich recommends calling area recyclers to see if they will take white goods with the PCBs removed. He noted that if you remove the capacitors or

ballasts, they can be disposed of in the next county-wide Clean Sweep program. At the present time, he said, he knows of only one company that takes white goods -- Harmony Grove Trucking, 251-7340 -- and they charge \$25 to pick up your appliance.

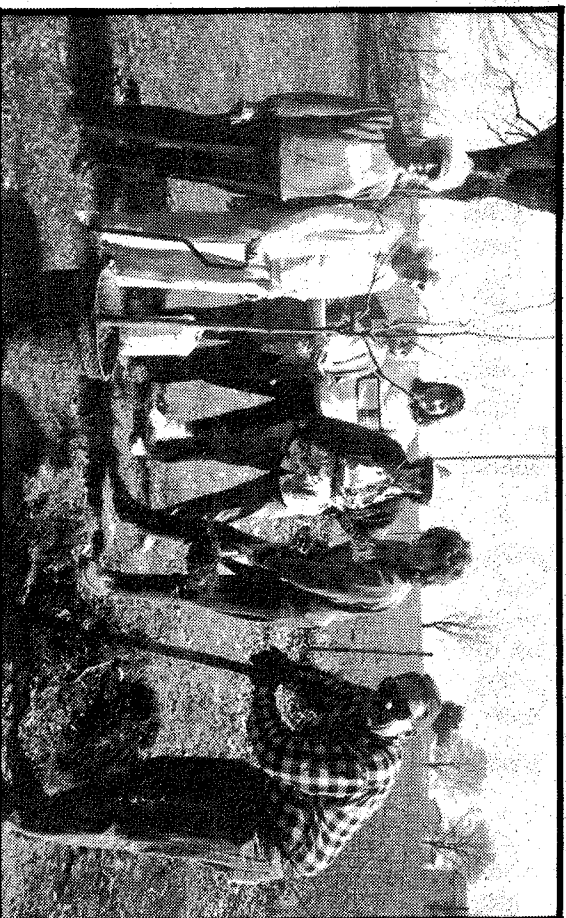
On a slightly better perspective, the Town is now better prepared than ever to recycle newsprint, aluminum, tin, glass and plastics. A new recycling center is now located at the entrance to the landfill site with separate areas for recycling milk and pop jugs; green, brown and clear glass; aluminum; tin; and newsprint and magazines.

Through recycling, each person on the average saves five to eight pounds of glass, five to six pounds of metals and four to ten pounds of newsprint from being added to the landfill each month. That's equivalent to 288 pounds per person per year!



Ed Halverson, the Landfill Superintendent, will be happy to help you with your recycling questions. The new recycling bin behind Ed was delivered to the Town Landfill by Valley Sanitation on October 20.

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Planting the Bicentennial of the Constitution Red Oak Tree in the Dunn Burying Ground on Arbor Day were: (from left to right) Lottie Halverson, Marian Berman, Dorothy Berkan, Jo Reynolds, Lorraine Hawkinson, Jane Licht and Stan Solheim.

## Cemetery Task Force News

by Jo Reynolds

Every year on Memorial Day, the Oregon VFW holds a short ceremony at the Town of Dunn Burying Ground. The Cemetery Task Force and several town-people attended this year to pay tribute to the five known veterans (four from the Civil War and one from the War of 1812) buried there. The ceremony included presenting the flag, invocation and a full gun salute.

We encourage all townspeople -- including children -- to attend next Memorial Day to honor our veterans, appreciate the spring flowers that committee members are planting and cultivating, and savor a bit of Dunn's history.

Those who attend the Arbor Day celebration at the Town of Dunn

## Libby negotiations may be at impasse

After two and a half years, monthly Libby landfill negotiations are still underway, but the tone of the meetings, at least from Madison Landfill, Inc.'s side, is that the two sides are at an impasse and that they should go to mediation or arbitration.

A mediated end to the dispute would get final results somewhere between the two extremes -- a compromise arrived at by an independent mediator, who is chosen by both sides together. If agreement can't be reached in mediation, the decision would be made by arbitration, where one of the two viewpoints would be selected by an arbitrator chosen by the State Waste Siting Board.

The October 17th session ended with Peter Ruud and Robert Glebs, the attorney and engineer for Madison Landfills Inc., saying that their most recent proposal is the last they will make, and that they will not negotiate against themselves -- meaning that the local team will have to give more ground.

On the other hand, the local committee maintains that MLI has to give more ground because MLI has not ensured that the standards and safety level of the proposed landfill are sufficient to perpetually protect Dunn landowners from environmental hazards.

At the last session these were the issues being negotiated:

**WATER SUPPLY** -- MLI has now offered a water system to Dunn residents from the town's northern border to as far south as Alma Road. Engineer Bob Glebs said that MLI will install two wells similar to those supplying drinking water to the City of Madison, at no charge to the town or residents. After hook-up, the water system would be given to the town and operated as a water utility district. Glebs said the wells would be 300 to 600 feet deep.

The local team has wanted this form of water system, but they

have asked that about 30 more homes along Gannon Street be attached to the service area, because residents there have also voiced groundwater concerns. MLI would not agree to this.

**LINER** -- The landfill's design and construction now falls under Department of Natural Resources rules NR 500, which are far more stringent than the former NR 180 rules. But, as with the former rules, they are untested (because landfill technology is relatively new) in terms of being a guarantee that ground and surface water will not become contaminated.

MLI has designed beyond the NR 500 regulations by spacing leachate collection pipes (similar to drain tile around a home) at 100 feet apart instead of the 200 feet specified in NR 500. MLI will also install four collection tanks instead of two, as well as clean-out manholes. Glebs maintains that this system, along with a single clay liner around and under the landfill, is 98.7 percent efficient and far exceeds NR 500.

The local team wants either two clay layers, or a single clay layer and a plastic membrane as a liner, as well as the leachate collection system. Local team members Arndt and Licht argue that the goal of the design should be to protect all surface and groundwater supplies, and that the addition of a second liner will help. MLI called this an impasse.

**CONTINGENCY FUND** -- The differences in the amounts to be set aside as a contingency fund are much closer than they were a year ago when the local committee wanted a \$2.50 per ton tipping fee and MLI wanted 25 cents, but still there is no firm agreement. The local committee wants to ensure that the site will have funds for perpetual care, since landfill groundwater problems usually occur tens of years after a landfill closes, and usually after the landfill company has gone out of business. In both of those cases, the costs of clean-up falls on the

government.

The local committee is suggesting a graduated tipping fee, paid per ton of garbage put into the landfill. The fee would be the lowest (\$1.50 per ton) in the first years of operation, and rise to \$5.00 or more near the end of the landfill's life in about 12 years. Again, MLI called this an impasse.

**LAKE FARM PARK COM-PENSATION** -- The two sides appear to have reached agreement on this issue, with MLI doing road and parking lot improvements in exchange for an easement, as well as keeping debris picked up around the landfill. MLI has also agreed to a \$35,000 per year donation to the park for capital improvements for the life of the landfill.

**PROPERTY OWNER COMPENSATION** -- On this issue, the local committee still cannot reach agreement with MLI. Still wanted for homeowners is a property value compensation of 30%, 20% or 10%, depending on proximity to the landfill. The highest compensation would go to homes supplied with water through MLI and on the lake. The 20% compensation would go to homes supplied with water but not on the lake, and the lowest rate would go to homes on the lake but not supplied with water. The local committee also wants a 120 day waiting period after a home goes on the market for the property value compensation to go into effect. MLI does not agree.

The local negotiating team is made up of Stan Solheim, Town of Dunn supervisor; Jane Licht, former District 34 county supervisor; Norm Arndt, vice chair of Dane County Solid Waste Advisory Commission and District 25 supervisor; Jerry Franklin, Madison Director of Public Works; and, Bill Hall, Town of Blooming Grove chairman. Phil Klein is the current District 34 county supervisor and will replace Jane Licht in December.

Hall always enjoy Birgit Rennekampf's spring daffodil bouquets that decorate all the tables. She has donated many bulbs this year to the cemetery, and on October 16 a varied group of gardeners organized to plant them.

Birgit Rennekampf and Eleanor White headed a group that included Linda and Shannon Stauber, Tom and Lindsay Kinney, Martha Stromquist, Amanda Tisdale and Jo Reynolds. Eleanor and Jo also donated purple hyacinths and red tulips. This should make a great display next spring!

A red oak tree was presented to the Dunn Park Commission by the Bicentennial Constitution organization, and the cemetery was selected as the recipient of this gift. Members of the Cemetery Task Force Lorraine Hawkinson, Lottie Halverson, Dorothy Berkan, Pam Crapp, Jo Reynolds, Margaret Lalor, Marian Berman and Park Commission members Stan Solheim and Wes Licht, former County Board member Jane Licht, and Town Board supervisor Eleanor White helped site and plant the red oak. This tree replaces a dead oak that was removed last spring so it would not fall on the headstones.

## Can you help us find these people?

The following is a list of town chairmen, and the years they served, whose photos are being sought by the town. Roz Gausman, Dunn Town Clerk, is collecting pictures of all town chairmen to be framed and displayed in the town hall. If you or any one you know has photos of these people, please contact Roz at the Clerk's Office. To date, the town has collected 15 photos.

1848	R.C. Spaulding
1849-52	O.B. Moore
1853 & 1865	O.E. McIntyre
1854-58 & 1861-62	Wm. M. Colladay
1859-60	A.L. Beebe
1863-64	Wm. Lalor
1866	E. Bennett
1867-70 & 1874	W.T. McConnell
1871-73 & 1885	O.B. Moore
1875-79	J.M. Sampson
1879	Robert Henry
1880-81 & 1886-87	P.E. Sherlock
1882-83	C.L. Comstock
1884	Thomas Walsh
1888-89, 1897 & 1899-1902	Sheldon Tusler
1890-91 & 1894-96	James W. Custer
1905	Lawrence Larson
1907-09	J.H. Lalor
1910	P.E. Brickson
1911-12	M.H. Mathison
1915-17	Frank Siggelkow
1922	Carl Kline
1922-25	William Mahoney
1925-27	George Halverson
1971-73	Truman Felland

# The 1989 Town of D

## Revenues

	1987 ACTUAL	1988 BUD- GETED	EST. END OF YEAR 1988	1989 PROPOSED
<b>TAXES:</b>				
Omitted property taxes	0	0	6,465	0
Taxes - gen. property taxes	64,768	138,000	137,999	150,420
Taxes - mobile home, Bayview	15,315	15,000	15,888	16,000
Taxes - mobile home, other	975	1,000	1,285	1,000
Taxes - conservation land	450	1,700	3,322	3,300
Interest on taxes	450	0	6,090	6,000
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>82,758</b>	<b>155,700</b>	<b>171,049</b>	<b>176,720</b>
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL:</b>				
Intergovernment - FRS	389	0	0	0
Shared taxes - state	206,170	195,400	196,721	200,000
State - road aid	42,307	47,195	47,195	50,973
County - roads and bridges	36,619	0	0	1,333
Fire Dept. dues	6,927	7,000	7,203	7,300
State municipal services	347	0	386	460
<b>TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL</b>	<b>292,759</b>	<b>249,595</b>	<b>251,505</b>	<b>260,066</b>
<b>REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE:</b>				
Liquor malt licenses	3,920	3,400	3,400	3,400
Operators licenses	405	300	900	800
Bus. or occup. licenses	100	100	100	100
Cigarette licenses	65	60	55	60
Coin machines - other	240	240	240	240
Mobile home park	442	442	442	442
Dog license	325	300	300	300
Building permits	9,219	7,500	7,000	7,000
Land division fees	143	100	100	100
Court penalties and costs	3,345	3,500	3,500	3,500
<b>TOTAL REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE</b>	<b>18,204</b>	<b>15,942</b>	<b>16,037</b>	<b>15,942</b>
<b>PUBLIC CHARGES:</b>				
Street maintenance	3,139	0	0	2,230
<b>OTHER CHARGES:</b>				
Special assessments - sewer	0	0	0	0
Interest general fund	30,515	20,000	27,000	25,000
Interest - special assessments	417	200	500	500
Landfill salvage	4,431	4,000	5,500	5,500
Landfill land rent	1,495	1,040	1,040	1,040
Land rent	312	300	180	200
Cable TV franchise fees	6,900	4,500	5,279	6,400
Miscellaneous	1,727	0	0	0
Capital lease	86,000	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>	<b>133,797</b>	<b>30,040</b>	<b>39,499</b>	<b>38,640</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>530,657</b>	<b>451,277</b>	<b>478,090</b>	<b>493,598</b>

## Expenditures

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:	
Town Board - per diem	
Town Board - expenses	
Elections	
Elections - expense	
Plan Comm. - clerical supply	
Plan Commission - expenses	
Cable TV expense	
Engineering fees	
Justice - salary	
Justice - expenses	
Clerk - salary	
Clerk - expenses	
Other clerical salaries	
Assessor - contract	
Assessor - expenses	
Treasurer - salary	
Treasurer - expenses	
Attorney fees	
Education - training	
Independent accounting	
Data processing - other	
Newsletter	
Office supplies and expense	
Dues and publications	
Town Hall building and expenses	
Property and liability insur.	
Employees bond insurance	
Other insurance	
Uncollectible property taxes	
Legal publications	
Social security expense	
Unemployment expense	
Retirement expense	
Health insurance expense	
Cemetery	
Miscellaneous	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	
<b>PARKS AND ACTIVITY:</b>	
Parks Commission - clerical	
Parks activity - wages	
Parks activity - park expense	
<b>TOTAL PARKS AND ACTIVITY</b>	
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>	
Police salary	
Public safety - clerical	

## Budget synopsis

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Looking at the revenue side of the 1989 proposed budget, the total taxes received is expected to rise \$5,671 and the total inter-governmental revenues by \$8,561.

In all, the gross anticipated revenue for 1989, including the tax levy, is \$493,598.

On the expenditure side of the proposed budget, cuts are shown for almost all the departments, as well as a cut to the clerk's staff. These cuts bring the General Government portion of the expenditures down a little more than \$15,000 to \$151,550.

One thousand dollars has been kept in the Plan Commission clerical salary for the completion of land use planning maps and statistics which were begun in 1988. In the clerk's office, one of the two full-time positions will be reduced to a 3/4-time position, but both employees will receive a 20 cent an hour raise. Attorney's fees have been reduced slightly because much of the Libby landfill battle is expected to be over. Additional staff training has been reduced. And the Town Hall expenses are back to normal, now that the roof has been repaired and the hall is painted.

Under Parks and Activity, the budget remains the same as in 1988. Of this amount, \$7,000 will be used for cost-sharing so that neighborhoods will be able to de-

velop parks like the one the Spartan Hills neighborhood did in 1988. (See the article about the park in this issue.)

Under Public Safety, the Police Chief's salary is cut \$250, reflecting his coming under-budget in his salary requests. Fire protection costs, as a whole, will remain about the same as last year, as will EMS costs.

In the area of Health and Social Services, Dunn senior citizens will get a little more in 1989. The Oregon Senior Center will receive \$11,644; the Stoughton Senior Center, \$4,550; and McFarland, \$500.

Public Works expenses are anticipated to drop about \$24,000 from the amount that was budgeted in 1988, but expenses were up in 1988 because of monitoring well installations at the town landfill and a new roof on the town garage. The three full-time public works employees will receive a 20 cent an hour raise in 1989. Road maintenance and repair will remain at normal levels.

Debt Service in 1989 is \$22,300, and it reflects 1989 payments for the grader purchased in 1987, the tractor and mower purchased in 1988 and the financing of the Art Mahoney property for the town's new community park.

Capital Expenditures will be much lower than usual with no major road work scheduled. Storm sewer work will be done on

Jordan Drive as well as some ditch clearing on the east boundary of the Meadowview subdivision. If money is left over, the town will also work on the drainage problem on Willow Court. In 1989 about .3 mile of Crescent Drive will be resurfaced.

A new riding mower and push mower will be purchased as capital equipment. Under the heading "Land Purchase," the purchase of the new parkland does not appear because it is being amortized for ten years and is included under the town's debt service.

The total anticipated expenditures is \$510,450. The difference between the revenues and expenditures will be made up with \$16,852 in carry-over funds.

The 1988 tax levy rates will be figured after all of the above agencies have passed their tax levy. As soon as all levy amounts are available, the tax mill rate can be calculated and the tax bills can be prepared. This usually takes place the second week in December and the tax bills are mailed out immediately.

Special tax district levies are added to the appropriate properties (i.e., Kegonsa Sanitary District mill rate), as well as any special charges for such things as sewer use, delinquent sewer charges and assessments, and road improvement charges not paid for out of the general fund.

## Community levy comparison

	Actual Municipal Mill 1987*	Assess. Ratio	Proposed Mill 1988*
Pop.			
Town of Oregon	2,120	2.96510	1.02
Vill of Oregon	4,312	6.579	88.62
Bloomington Grove	2,105	1.65711	91.73
Dunkirk	1,802	1.822	98.34
Rutland	1,477	3.24	96.06
Pl. Springs	2,588	1.00	97.00
McFarland	4,407	5.40	96.00
Stoughton	8,494	5.906527	96.75
Fitchburg	13,907	4.53693	94.44
Dunn	5,132	0.99	100

\*per \$1,000 assessed value  
\*\*not available at time of printing

# 1989 Proposed Budget

1987 ACTUAL	1988 BUDGETED	EST. END OF YEAR 1988	1989 PROPOSED	1987 ACTUAL	1988 BUDGETED	EST. END OF YEAR 1988	1989 PROPOSED
7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	1,040	2,000	2,000	2,000
0	500	0	0	20,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
566	2,000	2,000	700	11,100	17,000	17,000	15,000
321	500	2,000	500	13,109	13,307	13,307	14,000
5	2,500	1,000	1,000	13,313	14,198	14,198	20,221
77	500	500	500	13,785	20,000	17,132	19,200
50	1,000	0	0	3,529	3,000	3,000	3,200
9,681	8,400	6,000	2,000	4,400	6,500	5,000	5,000
1,100	1,200	1,200	1,200	680	2,500	2,500	2,000
115	200	0	100	84,575	108,105	103,487	109,771
11,500	12,000	12,000	12,000				
91	250	250	150				
23,424	31,000	30,000	26,700				
7,000	7,200	7,200	7,200				
458	200	100	100				
3,938	4,000	4,000	4,000				
279	500	500	250				
26,848	25,000	25,000	23,000				
2,264	2,000	2,000	1,000				
2,400	2,500	2,600	2,600				
270	600	500	500				
0	2,400	2,400	2,000				
3,067	4,000	4,000	3,500				
1,501	1,700	1,700	1,700				
9,871	9,500	9,500	8,500				
16,938	17,000	12,580	13,000				
470	300	300	500				
(31)	750	0	0				
3,800	0	0	0				
1,225	1,350	1,350	1,300				
8,055	9,500	10,000	10,300				
0	120	0	0				
13,237	15,750	15,000	14,700				
4,298	5,400	4,400	4,900				
148	675	675	650				
2,170	500	0	0				
162,137	177,995	165,755	151,550				
1,593	225	225	225				
0	3,200	3,200	3,200				
1,290	7,000	7,000	7,000				
2,883	10,425	10,425	10,425				
3,200	4,000	4,000	3,750				
421	600	350	400				

REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	583,491	611,689	597,031	510,450
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	(52,835)	(160,412)	(118,941)	(16,852)

DEBT SERVICE:	21,049	10,880	10,880	16,650
Debt service - principal	6,161	12,949	12,949	5,650
Debt service - interest	27,209	23,829	23,829	22,300
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE				
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES:	29,736	15,000	15,000	5,000
Storm sewer projects	22,630	46,000	55,000	7,500
Surface and resurface roads	556	900	900	0
Office equipment - capital	88,727	0	0	4,000
Equipment - capital	0	0	0	0
Land purchase	0	0	500	0
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	141,650	61,900	71,400	16,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	583,491	611,689	597,031	510,450

## Tax time is just around the corner by Dorothy Berkan, Town Treasurer

Most people think of the function in these times of ever rising costs. And town treasurers are also "dog listers" and most of us issue the dog licenses. It is required that we obtain proof of rabies vaccinations, so be sure to bring that information.

We listen to taxpayers' concerns about high taxes sympathetically -- after all, we are taxpayers, too. But in the fall when the taxes are levied and the bills sent, it is too late to change anything for that year.

The time to think about next year's taxes is right after you have paid this year's taxes. The assessor's task of updating the assessment roll is usually complete by the end of April, and the roll is available at the Town Hall for in-

specation during office hours until the Board of Review meets. If you think the value of your property is listed too high, you must come before the Board of Review with facts and figures to show the reasons for the inequity. The Board of Review is scheduled during the second week in May. And remember, a lower assessment means less tax to pay.

Several years ago the Dunn Town Board exercised a local option allowed by state statutes that extends due dates for payments. Under this option, first installment payments are due by February 15, with the second installment due by July 31. Payments in full are due by February 28, as are special assessments, special charges, special taxes and personal property taxes. I have attended meetings and seminars to keep informed on tax changes affecting our town. In the next year (1989-90) there will be changes in payment dates as well as other items of interest to town residents.

I can be reached by leaving messages at the Town Hall, 255-4219, or by calling my home, preferably during the early evening, 222-5043.

Important dates to remember during the 1988-89 tax season are:

**Third Monday in December** -- Tax bills, which are to be mailed to property owners, are received by the town treasurer.

**February 15** -- First installment payments are due, payable to the town treasurer.

**February 28** -- If you choose not to pay by installment, the full payment of real property taxes as well as personal property taxes and all special taxes are due.

**April 1** -- Dog licenses are due.

**July 31** -- Second installment payment is due, payable to the county treasurer.

TAX LEVY, rounded (per thousand)	MCFARLAND #3381	1987 TAX LEVY RATES	STOUGHTON #5621	OREGON #4144
State	.2020	.80%	.2020	.92%
County	4.8271	19.25%	4.8271	20.67%
Local	.9918	3.96%	.9918	4.25%
Vocational	1.5908	6.35%	1.5908	6.81%
Schools	17.4569	69.64%	15.7424	67.41%
GROSS TAX	25.0686	100.00%	23.3541	100.00%
Gen. Gov. Cr.	.6509		.6509	
School Tax Cr.	1.5089		1.5089	
NET TAX LEVY	22.9088		21.1943	19.7795

**Budget meeting is set for Nov. 15**

**TOWN OF DUNN PHONE NUMBER AND INFORMATION LIST**

<b>POLICE EMERGENCY</b> (Dane County Sheriff)	266-4920
<b>POLICE NON-EMERGENCY</b>	
Town Police Chief Robert Berry	255-4219
Monday-Friday 8 am-4 pm	
Dane County Sheriff	266-4948
All other times	
<b>FIRE</b>	
McFarland Fire District	266-4920
Oregon Fire District	835-3113
Stoughton Fire District	873-7217
Ambulance (EMS) all districts	266-4920
<b>CRISIS INTERVENTION</b>	
Emergency	251-2345
Non-emergency	251-2341
For help with suicide, drug information, alcoholism, domestic problems	
<b>POISON INFORMATION CENTER</b> 24 hours	262-3702
<b>TOWN HALL OFFICE</b>	
Hours Monday through Friday	
Clerk: Rosalind Gausman	
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	
Phone 255-4219	
Deputy Clerk: Jean Anderson	
Secretary: Glada Peters	
TOWN BOARD meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise announced	
<b>CHAIRMAN:</b>	Edmond P. Minihan
<b>SUPERVISOR I</b>	Eleanor White
<b>SUPERVISOR II</b>	Stanley R. Solheim
<b>TREASURER</b>	Dorothy Berkan
<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR</b>	Denis Dennis
<b>TOWN OF DUNN GARAGE</b> Jim Manson,	
Highway Foreman	835-5611
<b>TOWN OF DUNN DUMP HOURS</b>	
Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. all year	
Wednesday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 1 to November 1	
<b>YOUR GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES</b>	
<b>U.S. SENATORS</b>	
Robert W. Kasten, Jr.	Madison Office: 25 W. Main St. Ste 775 Madison 53703 264-5366
110 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	
Washington D.C. 20510	
(202) 224-5323	
William Proxmire	Milwaukee Office: 517 E. Wisconsin Ave. Milwaukee 53201 (414) 291-3097
5241 Dirksen Bldg.	
Washington, D.C. 20510	
(202) 225-2906	
<b>U.S. REPRESENTATIVE -- DISTRICT 2</b>	
Robert W. Kastenmeier	Madison Office: 119 Monona Ave. Madison 53703 264-5206
2232 Rayburn Bldg.	
Washington D.C. 20515	
(202) 225-2906	
<b>STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 79</b>	
Representative Joe Wineke	State Capitol, 13 East Madison 53702 266-3520
State Capitol, 13 East	
Madison 53702	
266-3520	
<b>STATE SENATE DISTRICT 27</b>	
Senator Russell D. Feingold	State Capitol, 319 South Madison 53702 266-6670
State Capitol, 319 South	
Madison 53702	
266-6670	
<b>COUNTY SUPERVISORY DISTRICT 34 (Wards 1-6, 8 &amp; 9)</b>	
Supervisor Phil Klein	2485 Pinto Tr. McFarland 53558 838-9966
Supervisor Peter J. Nelson	112 W. McKinley St. Stoughton 53589 Home: 873-3760 Business: 266-1714
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**Public works department update**

by Jim Manson, Highway Foreman

This past season, the road crew did patching and pre-sealcoating preparation on approximately seven miles of town roads -- Schuster Road, Rutland-Dunn Town Line Road from Schuster to Sunrise Road, Sand Hill Road from Schneider Road to Rutland-Dunn Town Line Road, all the streets in Oregon Heights, Keenan Road and the town's portion of the streets in the Bayview Mobile Home Park.

About .7 mile of Tower Road was completely reconstructed this summer and widened to 22 feet. Gravel shoulders were added on this road, and redone on the Rutland-Dunn Town Line Road and all streets in Oregon Heights. Although the repaving of the

remaining part of Tower Road has been postponed, about .3 mile of Crescent Drive will be done next summer. Crescent Drive crosses the marsh, and it has been gradually settling and getting uneven and rough. With its present base, it is prone to heaving year 'round.

I would like to caution residents about driving into the town landfill in the winter. The drive is not salted, since it is gravel and would turn into muck. We do put down some sand but when the weather is very cold, the first person to approach the landfill a little too fast and have to put the brakes on a little too hard takes all the sand off the drive. This leaves nothing for the next person.

**Libby contested hearing is delayed**

If things had gone as planned, the Town's battle to stop the Libby Landfill would have entered the Contested Hearing stage this week. Instead, Hearing Examiner Patrick Currie last week announced a delay in the contested hearing because Madison Landfills Inc.'s engineering firm, RMT Inc., has been unable to gain access to two private wells that are within the minimum distance to the proposed landfill.

Currie said that attorneys representing the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, WARF, who is also fighting the landfill, asked for a delay, because RMT's design specifications do not include well information from a WARF well and from a well owned by Robert Van Daalwyk along Lake Farm Road. WARF's and Van Daalwyk's wells are 650 feet and 900 feet, respectively,

away from the proposed landfill site. DNR regulations require landfills to be at least 1200 feet away from drinking water wells.

"What is going to have to happen is that (RMT) will have to revise their design or they are going to have to gain access to some well information that they currently do not have access to," Currie said.

Currie said that RMT's options are to gain the needed well information or to redesign the landfill to comply with the requirements of the new NR-500 regulations.

Mark Haleen, RMT vice president, would not say what the company intends to do next.

Currie rescheduled the hearing for April 3, 1989 to allow for redesigning or for the information to be obtained.

**Clerk's office is busy at this time of the year**

by Roz Gausman, Town Clerk

Preparation for the presidential election on November 8 includes many tasks such as scheduling and training of election workers, setting up voting machines, handling absentee ballot requests and pre-registration.

There will be 19 election workers at the November 8th election. They begin their day at 7:00 a.m. and remain at the town hall tallying votes for about two hours after the polls close at 8:00 p.m. They work for minimum wage, and all deserve our gratitude for the civic duty they perform.

I am always looking for people interested in serving as an election worker for a two year term, or as an alternate for the big elections. During some of the slow time in

the office this summer, we continued to work on a project I began several years ago. We have been compiling a list of all past town chairmen back to 1848 when the Town of Dunn was created. Going through old town record books and information on file at the State Historical Society, we now have a complete list of the town chairmen.

My final goal for this project is to obtain 8x10 prints of all town chairmen to hang in the town hall, as well as a listing of all other elected officials. This display of our political heritage will give recognition to all of those who have served the town in the past and present. Elsewhere in this newsletter is a list of the people of whom we still need photographs.

**Knickmeier appointed as new judge**

Attorney Jeffrey Knickmeier, 34, became the Town's new municipal judge in August when the Town Board appointed him to replace former judge Jeffrey Nania, who moved from the area.

Knickmeier practices law as a general practice attorney in Stoughton and has lived in the Town of Dunn since May of this year.

Knickmeier has 10 years of extensive courtroom practice, including experience in municipal court as a township attorney in Vernon County, where he formerly resided.

Knickmeier grew up in Mazomanie and graduated from Wisconsin Heights High School. He received his law degree from Boston University Law School in Boston, Mass. Knickmeier is

married and has three daughters. Of his new position as municipal judge, Knickmeier said it is very important for the sessions to be convenient. So the first thing he did as judge was to reschedule municipal court to a more convenient time -- evening sessions, beginning at 5 p.m., instead of morning sessions.

"Our police department and court are informal and very responsive to the public," Knickmeier said in describing his role as judge, emphasizing that, "we are here to serve."

"We like to help people where we can, and yet enforce the laws. We try to make sure people understand all of their rights," he said about his court sessions. Knickmeier's present term will end in April 1989.

## Residents can testify at Libby hearing

Dunn residents who wish to testify at the hearing next spring will be allowed to, Hearing Examiner Patrick Currie said, but he emphasized that contested hearings are "not another town meeting" and that it is not an opportunity for residents to stand up and say "I'm for this landfill or against it." Currie said most of the testimony taken will be from the Department of Natural Resources and experts called by each side.

Currie said that the procedure is similar to a court proceeding, and that witnesses are under oath and subject to cross-examination. He recommends that all persons testifying be prepared to answer questions from the attorneys representing the opposite view.

When the contested hearing is held, answers to two major questions will be sought: Is the design

of the landfill adequate? and, Is there a documented need for the landfill? The "need" question is one that is specifically outlined in Wisconsin State Statutes 144.44. The engineering and design specifications fall under Department of Natural Resources Rules NR-500, which were adopted last February.

To help in preparation for testimony, copies of the plans are open for public inspection at all local libraries and the Dunn Town Hall. There is lots of engineering data -- three phonebook-thick volumes, plus the plans. Don't let it scare you, because much of the information is synopsized at various points in the volumes. Information about the "need" for landfills can be found in libraries in the Wisconsin State Statutes books. The NR-500 rules are available from the state Document Sales store, 202 S. Thoron Ave. in Madison.

The hearing, which is scheduled for April 3, 1989, will probably be held in the State Hearing Examiners Offices, 6300 University Ave., Middleton.

## Spartan Hills Park takes shape by Ernie Stetenfeld

Spartan Hills Park has been a long time coming. The three-acre outlot at the east end of Spartan Hills subdivision was set aside when the property was subdivided. Families moving into the neighborhood have long been told that the site would be developed as a park, but until recently it remained an overgrown meadow, offering a beautiful view but no real place to gather.

Over the last year-and-a-half the efforts of Spartan Hills neighbors -- in concert with the Dunn Park Commission -- have seen the neighborhood park site rough graded, fine graded, seeded and fertilized, and it has already started to green-out. A healthy crop of young grass is expected in spring.

The support of the Town Park Commission has been crucial in the development of our neighborhood park. Commission Chairman Wes Licht and the other commissioners have provided ideas, funding and the benefit of their experience. In turn, an informal neighborhood park committee has worked with local contractors, run fund-raisers and organized neighborhood work crews.

The committee has sponsored two events -- a community garage sale and an auction -- which raised about \$600 for the park. More than \$300 of the money has been used to fund the fine grading and the seeding. And crews of neighbors have participated in planting trees (five Summit Ash were donated by Pietsch Landscaping at the Arbor Day planting), picking stones and spreading fertilizer.

Perhaps the most important efforts of the committee have been in working with a senior landscape architecture student, Robert Beaulieu, from the UW-Madison,

who helped create a design concept and a set of plans for the park's development.

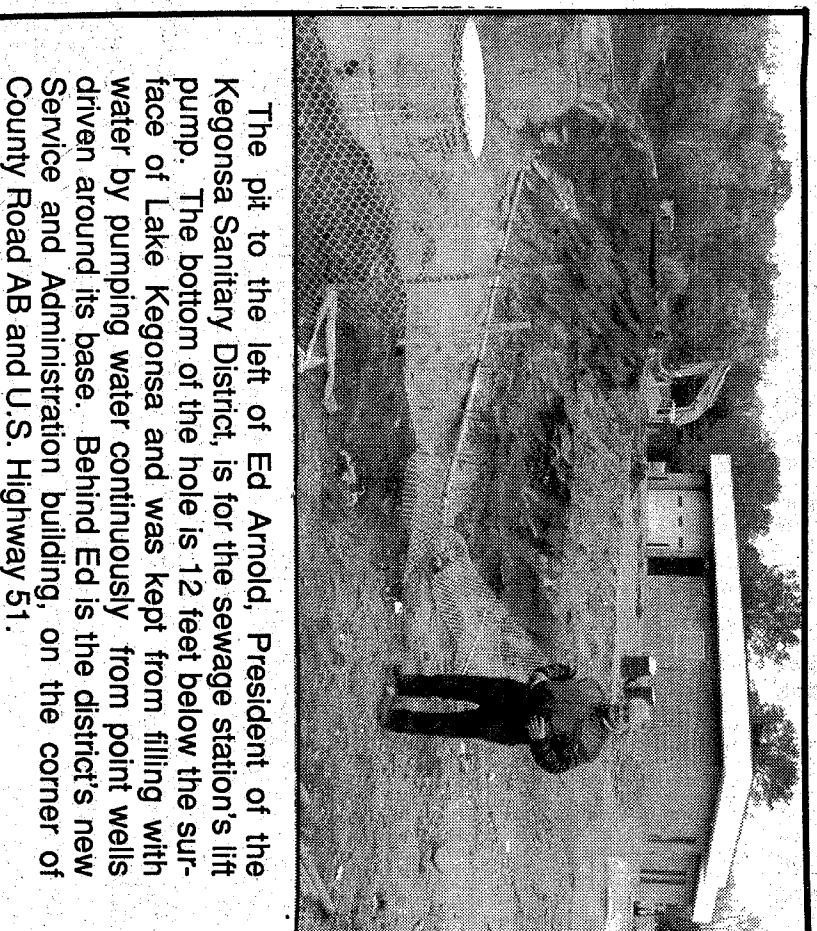
Beaulieu, now a professional landscape architect in Florida, took on the Spartan Hills Park site as his senior project in the fall of 1987. By mid-May of this year, after several meetings with park committee members and the Park Commission, Bob produced a 100-plus-page design proposal with several blueprints to guide the park's development. His hard work on the project also won him an award from the UW-Madison Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

His plans are focused on a Native American theme and call for a tot-lot, field-sports area, pathways, a picnic cove with a teepee-shaped trellis, markers around the park describing Native American games, and even a traditional goose effigy mound. If the mound is ever created, out of respect of the Mound Builder tradition, it will be marked to indicate that it is not an original.

Although the documents Bob produced are not carved-in-stone mandates for the park's development, they provide a vision and a practical guide for the growth of the park into the next decade.

Neighborhood residents are excited about the possibilities for their park. A series of narrow outlots lead from the park site down to Tower Road and a possibility exists that pathways could someday connect with the Town park being considered along Lake Waubesa.

The Spartan Hills park committee would like to thank Joe Franklin of Pietsch Landscaping and local farmer Gary Landerud for their assistance in the fine grading and seeding of our park this fall.



The pit to the left of Ed Arnold, President of the Kegonsa Sanitary District, is for the sewage station's lift pump. The bottom of the hole is 12 feet below the surface of Lake Kegonsa and was kept from filling with water by pumping water continuously from point wells driven around its base. Behind Ed is the district's new Service and Administration building, on the corner of County Road AB and U.S. Highway 51.

## KSD adopts .3 mill rate

The Kegonsa Sanitary District approved a \$503,290 budget, with a tax levy of \$116,698 on the district's landowners on October 28. The mill rate will remain as projected at .3 mills.

No residents of the district except the commissioners, their financial consultant Seegar Swanson and engineering consultant Paul Dreis attended the public hearing, which was held in the Dunn Town Hall.

Swanson, who reviewed the budget line by line for the commissioners, called it "a very realistic budget" considering the district is only beginning operation.

Besides the levy, special assessments and user fees make up \$259,092 and \$125,000 of revenues, with \$2,500 coming in as earned interest to complete the year's projected revenues.

Notable spending areas on the expenditure side include: \$12,000 for commissioner salaries, \$30,000 for legal fees, \$25,000 for engineering and \$17,000 for one district service employee or contracted service.

Engineer Dreis reported that homes north of the Service/Administration building may be able to hook into the system as early as mid/December. The district will notify residents when and how connections are made to the system when it is ready for operation. District residents will have six months to connect.

Dreis also overviewed the construction status of the contractors. Barbarossa and Sons, who are installing the interceptors are 90 percent finished. Super Excavators has between 20 and 30 of the 288 grinder pumps installed. Terra Construction has between 80 and 90 percent of the main collection system installed. Sullivan, the Service/Administration building contractor, is almost 100 percent finished. Westphal, the electrical contractor, has a major portion of the telemetering to complete.

A copy of the district's latest audit, issued in September 1988 by Virchow Krause, is available at the Town Hall for public inspection.

The regular meeting of the commissioners will be held in the Dunn Town Hall on Wednesday, November 2, at 7 p.m. They expect to begin meeting in the Service/Administration building by the end of the month.

District President Ed Arnold tentatively expects to have office hours in the Service/Administration building on Saturday morning and four hours on one weekday. The exact hours and days they will be decided in November. He also said the district's files will be available for inspection during those times.

## Goodland Cable hook-up will be soon

Within six weeks to two months, residents on the west side of Lake Waubesa may be watching cable television in their homes. That is the target date for the end of construction of the Goodland Park Cable TV Company receiving tower on Dorothy Drive, and the beginning of the hook-up phase of the operation. Construction of the tower is expected to begin in two to four weeks.

According to Tom Hansen, attorney for the Goodland Park Cable TV Co., basic cable service is expected to cost \$16.95. Offerings will be similar to those presently carried by Madison's TCI Cablevision of Wisconsin, Inc. Hansen said they expect to provide service for 215 homes on the Goodland Park side of Lake Waubesa. Present plans call for the company to contact eligible residents directly at some time during the construction phase.

# Town Board update

## Actions and issues of the past nine months

### MAJOR DECISIONS

An old state law requiring owners of livestock and their neighbors to share the cost of fencing along their common land boundaries led to a lotline dispute that was recently resolved by the Town Board after more than a year of negotiation.

The town became involved when a resident erected a \$10,200 woven wire fence to contain the pigs his neighbor planned to begin raising. The neighbor refused to pay half the cost, claiming the fence far exceeded what was required.

The Town Board determined that the value of the minimum required fencing was \$2,906, and that the neighbor should pay half this amount toward the cost of the fence.

The Town Board granted C-1 rezoning with deed restrictions to a cabinet shop with four to eight employees in June. Due to a misunderstanding between the owner and the Plan Commission, and acting on the wishes of the Plan Commission, the owner had not applied for a zoning change prior to the 1985 updating of the LUP. Since another town resident had been given the same advice by the Commission, but had filed his application and received a zoning change anyway, the Board felt that the rezoning for the cabinet shop was a question of fairness for all town residents.

In September, the Plan Commission granted another exception to the LUP when they allowed a division of the Art Mahoney property for the purpose of creating a new town park. The Commission reasoned that neither the park itself nor the sale of a portion of the land to an adjacent landowner through a lotline adjustment would create additional building parcels, preserving the intent of the LUP.

In mid-August, the Town of Dunn lost 111 acres, against the wishes of the Town Board and the Plan Commission, through annexation by the Village of McFarland. Annexation laws are written in favor of cities and villages, and towns have no veto power in an annexation issue.

In early October, town residents filled the Town Hall to discuss and vote on land purchases and sales. Residents voted overwhelmingly to purchase a 28 acre parcel to be used as a town park, to sell at appraised value approximately 18 acres of agricultural land adjoining the town landfill, and to purchase one-half to one acre of additional land adjoining the Town Hall.

### ACTIONS

In the past nine months, the Town Board has passed several major resolutions and ordinances:

\* With the town's population exceeding 5,000, the town was required to pass a resolution on

voter registration. Dunn residents are now required to officially register to vote.

\* The Town Board reduced the speed limit on Schneider Drive, from the town line to Sand Hill Road, to 45 mph due to heavy bicycle, pedestrian and horse traffic along that stretch of road.

\* The Waste Disposal Ordinance was amended to provide for a \$2 per tire fee for all tires brought to the town landfill. This was done to cover the town's cost to dispose of the tires at the county landfill.

\* The Boat Traffic Ordinance was amended, at the county's request, making the entire Yahara River in the township, including Mud Lake, a "no wake" zone, and restricting the boat landing at the end of Sleepy Hollow Road to untrailer boats.

\* Following a request by Chief Berry, the Town Board adopted Ordinance 88-3, imposing a \$48 fine for creating unnecessary noise with a motor vehicle.

### IMPROVEMENTS

Recent improvements to the town include the installation of two street lights at the entrances to the Physical Sciences Lab on Schneider Drive, resurfacing of one mile of Tower Road, construction of three-tenths of a mile of Elvehjem Road, insulation and re-roofing of the town garage and the purchase of a new tractor and mower.

### APPOINTMENTS

In March, the Town Board appointed the members of the newly established Recycling Committee. They are: Jim Manson, John Deegan, Bill Offerdahl, Ed Halverson, Glen Keichum, Bob Ziesemer, Dorothy Berkan and Roz Gausman. Their tasks include monitoring of the recycling project, consideration of other recyclable items such as plastics, establishing a compost pile for leaves and grass clippings, and considering the feasibility of keeping the landfill operating after the next two year license.

The new Building Board of Appeals was filled in June. The members and their terms are: Richard Martinson (chair) and John Eagon, 3 years; Don Stenson and Paul Christopher, 2 years; Jim Cullis, 1 year.

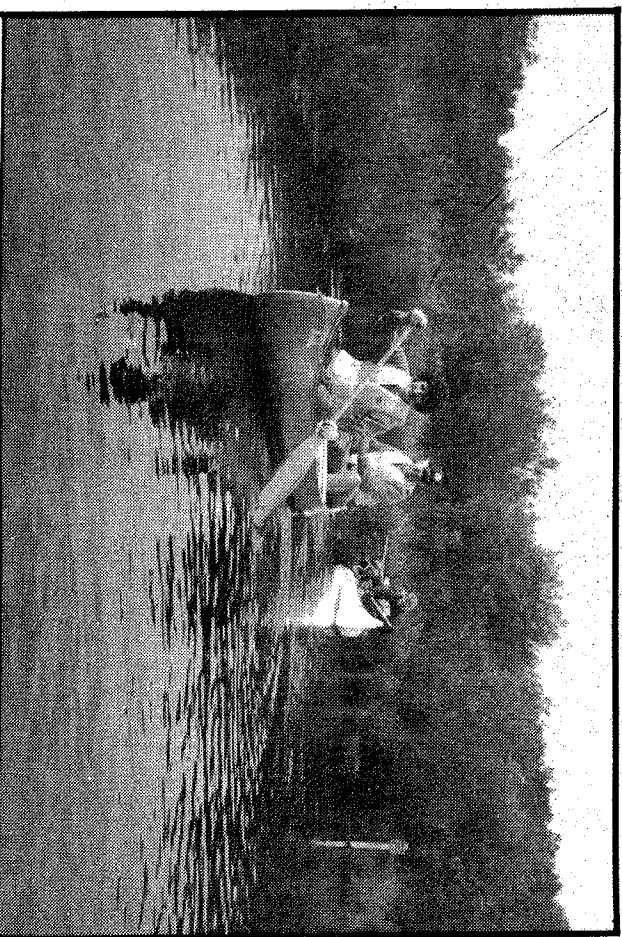
Don Ferber was hired as a limited term employee for the Plan Commission to update land use statistics and maps. The short term goal of this project is to have updated maps to visually help with planning decisions. The long term goal is to eventually have the parcels and maps digitized on a data base, but computerization has been postponed while the county works on its own digitizing project.

Supervisor Eleanor White has been appointed by Dane County Executive Richard Phelps to serve on the county's Economic Summit Committee.

## Group meets to discuss ground water problems

Following the EPA informational meeting of September 29 about the City Disposal Landfill on Sand Hill Road, about ten neighbors concerned with groundwater problems near the site met on October 13 to form a committee. EPA representatives have stated that such a committee, if formed, would be informed of progress at the site, given results of any tests or other findings and would be included in the decision-making process for the site's clean-up.

The committee hopes to meet once a week, on Thursdays at the Town Hall, to plan for and feature speakers on a variety of topics relating to the City Disposal Landfill. On November 10, DNR Groundwater Specialist Mike Schmoller will be the featured speaker at a meeting in the Dunn Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. He will discuss the results of recent well water tests taken in the vicinity of the landfill, as well as answer your questions about water testing in general. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.



The Annual Fall Tour of Dunn was a canoe trip through Lake Waubesa, the Yahara River, Mud Lake and Lake Kegonsa.

## Canoe trippers tour the town

by Sara Rath Coyle

Fourteen intrepid canoeists and a paddler in a kayak enjoyed a beautiful autumn day on the waters and in the wetlands in the Town of Dunn. The event, sponsored by the Town Park Commission, had originally been scheduled for October 1, but due to rain it took place on Saturday, October 8, when morning fog cleared early to reveal a mostly sunny sky and mild temperatures.

Park Commission member Cal DeWitt met with us at Goodland Park prior to our embarkation at 9 a.m. to explain the significance of the area around the Big Spring in the South Waubesa Wetlands. Later, in the wetlands, we were able to observe the numerous springs as we crossed them, and we could identify the purple sulfur bacteria that line the shallow channel.

It seemed like a long stretch across the southern end of Lake Waubesa, but the water was mirror-calm and we worked up an appetite for lunch. Most of us had never been through the locks at McFarland before and it was a strange feeling to be sequestered in that small space while the water level fell several feet until we were eventually released through the gates into the Yahara River. We stopped downstream at the

DNR canoe landing near the Conrad and Ruth Jaeger home for lunch, after which Park Commission Chairman Wes Licht led the group into the woods and up the hill to view the nine Indian mounds preserved there.

It was back in the water, then, for a paddle to Lower Mud Lake, where we discovered that duck hunting season had opened at noon. Several flocks of decoys bobbed on Mud Lake, and hunters in the weeds waited patiently while we slid past.

When we reached the Yahara again, we paused while Wes pointed out the granite boulders of the Indian bridge, not far from the Dyreson bridge, where Winnebago Indians once speared fish by torchlight. After that, it didn't seem to take very long to reach Fish Camp Boat Launch, where we loaded up our canoes to head home at 3 p.m. We may have had the spirit to paddle further, but most of us had muscles that welcomed a rest at that point, and we happily pledged to repeat the adventure -- and bring along our friends, next year. Editors note: Each year the Town of Dunn Park Commission sponsors an outdoor adventure tour of the town, in past years the fall tour has been a bicycle trip, visiting many of the historic homes in Dunn. Any resident who would like to participate should contact Wes Licht.