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Special Town Meeting on Zoom November 16th, 2021, 7:00 PM

Notice is hereby given of a Special Town Meeting called pursuant to Wis. Stats. 60.12(1)(c), by the Town Board of the Town of Dunn, on November 16th, 2021 at 7:00 PM, following the budget hearing. To view meeting details and the agenda, and log in information please visit dunn.civicweb.net.

Dane County Traffic Safety Survey

The Dane County Traffic Safety Commission is collecting input about general traffic safety issues and locations where these hazards have been observed.

Rural Internet Access Survey

The Town of Dunn is seeking info regarding Town internet access. Survey results will be provided to Dane County, who is completing a county-wide study. Completion of the survey will not guarantee internet service but it will help identify where gaps in service exist.

Please help us gather information by completing these online surveys. The links to the surveys can be found by visiting www.townofdunnwi.gov/announcements.

Waucheeta Bicycle Trail Meeting

On December 20th at 7pm, the Town Board will consider whether to approve the connection of a Dane County Parks-owned and maintained bicycle boardwalk to the north end of Waucheeta Trail. The project is part of a partnership between Dane County, the WI DNR, and the Friends of Capital Springs Recreation Area. It is a recommendation of the 2010 adopted Capital Springs Recreation Area Master Plan. The trail includes a boardwalk spanning over wetlands from the north end of Waucheeta Trail to the shoreline of Capital Springs Centennial Park. This segment will provide connections to Goodland County Park, William G. Lunney Lake Farm Park, the Capital City Trail and the Lower Yahara River Trail. It will also provide bicyclists with an alternative to riding on Lake Farm Road. Dane County Parks staff will present information about the trail and answer questions. The public is welcome to attend the meeting on Zoom. More information about the trail can be found here: parks-lwr.dane.countyofdane.com/parksproject/detail/Waucheeta-Connector-Trail. For questions about the proposed path, contact Chris James of Dane County Parks at (608) 235-2252 or james@countyofdane.com.

This meeting will be held via Zoom. Log in information is posted on the meeting agenda which can be accessed at dunn.civicweb.net



Views From the Chair

By Steve Greb, Town Chair

As many of you know, our long-time Town Chair, Ed Minihan, passed away this past August and I have been appointed to carry out the remainder of his term as Chair. The town held a celebration of Ed and his wife Sue (Sue passed away the previous summer) in early September. How wonderful it was to share stories and anecdotes from family and friends about their tireless dedication to the land and the people of the Town. Ed and Sue were principled and determined people. The Minihan name is almost synonymous with the Town of Dunn, as they were instrumental in shaping the community we live in today.

For Ed and Sue, it was not about them. Their altruistic efforts were about preserving and protecting this place for future generations. Their long term vision for our town and work on farmland preservation and community engagement will be their legacy carried forward for many generations.

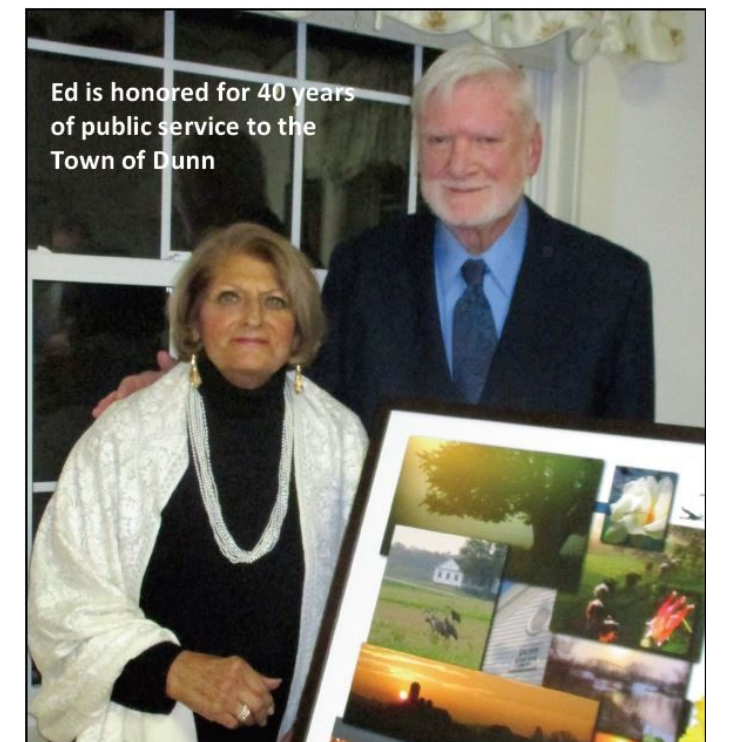
Ed was a friend and patient town board mentor of mine. He was a charismatic man who had a large presence when entering a room, someone with a tall stature, wore big boots, boots that I'll never fill either literally or figuratively.

Some found Ed to be cantankerous at times and he could be a formidable foe. We were fortunate to have him on our side as he was a fervent, passionate defender of this town focused on the long term future, not short term gains for this town. He also had a kind and compassionate side. He cared about the welfare of the town employees as well as the town residents, during such as times as the aftermath of tornadoes. Ed was always the first to recognize the town staff and the many town citizens who work on the various committees and boards.

I've served on the board for 20 years and plan commission for over 30 years and have never been more optimistic about the future of this town. I am heartened

by the community support and renewed interest from town residents in serving on various boards and commissions who care about this town's future. I feel it's our collective responsibility, obligation, and duty to continue to adhere to the land use policies and long term vision for this town.

Ed always liked to reference the Sandhill cranes in his writing of this column, their annual migration and their resilience and strength to changing times. Yes, there will always be changes in this town, but we have strong land use policies in place, a great town staff, and solid community support to maintain this wonderful and resilient town.



Ed and Sue Minihan at the 2017 celebration accepting a photo montage created by Mark Jung for the event.

The Minihan Legacy

By Cathy Hasslinger, Clerk Treasurer/Business Manager



I did not expect to be writing this article for a good number of years, but now it is time to acknowledge a lifetime dedicated to making the Town of Dunn a better place to live. Our Town Chair of 42 years, Ed Minihan, passed away on August 5. Up until that time, he was working diligently on plans for the town. Ed

was focused on the future; what would be preserved, and what would fade away. He envisioned the town as a place where people would connect to neighbors and to nature in a meaningful way. This is a difficult article for me to write, as I know my words cannot do justice to the incredible contributions that Ed made to our sense of community in his lifetime.

Ed reminded us every Spring and every Fall that the Sandhill Cranes were looking out for each other, migrating in groups for their survival, making lifelong bonds, and depending on their surroundings for sustenance. We too, the friends and neighbors of the Town of Dunn, benefit from and abide by the truth spoken by these wild creatures. It has been a challenging couple of years for many in the town and there will be more challenges in our future. Just like the cranes, it is our connectedness that sees us through.

Today we benefit from being part of a community that was built with Ed's leadership, and by neighbors who took risks, worked hard, and fought poor planning. If the town had not defeated some of the proposed developments over years, we would have a hot mix asphalt plant operating and trucking through the town, the Libby Landfill would be located on the shores of Lake Waubesa, a super-highway diverting traffic from the Beltline would run through the town, and ultra-high voltage power lines would stretch across our wetlands. Miles of roads and subdivisions would replace the rural landscape and acres of prime farmland would have been lost driving up costs for taxpayers.

Fortunately, the course of the town was forever changed by Ed and those who shared his vision. We now enjoy the benefits of thousands of acres of permanently preserved open spaces, protected prime agricultural soils, and restored wetlands. These lands improve our quality of life by improving the environment we live in, providing wildlife habitat, supporting property values, and keeping taxes lower. We have completed a historic restoration of a section of the town Burying Ground and added beautiful iron gates that are a work of art and engineering. The town boasts the first FEMA funded storm shelter for residents of mobile homes. These are just a few examples of how an investment in rural preservation and long-range planning have created a town that cares about its future, its residents, and its environment.

Ed was quick to point out that the credit for nurturing Dunn's unique quality of life is shared with the many people who worked alongside him over the years. Ed Minihan's vision, the will to enact changes, and dedication, was essential and provided a foundation for a seamless transition into the future. We know how to proceed because we have been working together, with Ed and with each other, to build a better community for a very long time. I am grateful Ed cared so very deeply for the generations of people who have lived in the town and those who will in the years to come.



Dyreson Bridge restoration ribbon cutting ceremony.

Earth Day - Nature's Best Hope

Article by Wes Licht

According to a report from the World Wildlife Fund, since 1970 when Earth Day began, about 2/3 of our wildlife has vanished. The biggest loss comes from insects whose caterpillars are the major converters of the sun's energy that drives food webs. This trend can be reversed.

Dr. Douglas Tallamy is an entomologist who studies indicate many nesting bird species can make a comeback with native plantings. He urges us to put back into the landscape the plants that attract the insects that attract the birds. In a relatively short time insects will find these plants. It is the caterpillars, with soft bodies and thin skin, that become the best useable food needed by our feathered friends in order to maintain their numbers.

Tallamy, in his book "*Nature's Best Hope*," presents a clear message for us to focusing naturalizing on our own property, whether large or small. For too long, we've been planting ornamental varieties of flowers, shrubs, and trees. While beautiful, these plants are not the favored food for the insects needed to sustain our bird populations.



Photo by: Kevin Cronk

On the Road Again...

Roadwork being considered for 2022 includes Rutland-Dunn Townline Road. The Town is working collaboratively with the Town of Rutland and the City of Stoughton on this project. A grant application will be submitted asking for financial assistance for up to 50% of the project. If funds are granted, Rutland-Dunn Townline Road would be replaced from the Village of Oregon border to US Highway 51 by Stoughton.

Roads being considered for sealcoating are: Bryant Dr, Dunnwood Way, Dyreson Rd, Greene Rd, Hawkinson

Tallamy lists four ways to help stop insect decline and thus the decline of the species dependent on them. Here's what each of us can do:

1. **Shrink the lawn.** A lawn requires lots of maintenance and is an ecological desert with little diversity.
2. **Plant keystone species of ecologically productive native plants.** Not all plants are created equal. About 14% of our native plants provide 90% of the caterpillar food that sustains our food webs.
3. **Change security lights.** Lights are a major cause of insect demise. Use motion detectors or switch to LED yellow bulbs so you don't attract night-flying insects.
4. **Make layered landscapes.** Incorporate landscape beds with trees and shrubs to provide a diversity of habitat where soil under the trees is not compacted. Many insect species need soil or organic litter to complete life cycles.

I would add a number 5: **Avoid or cut back the use of chemical pesticides and herbicides.** These chemicals are not healthy for any living critters.

I recommend Tallamy's book or go online, google "*Nature's Best Hope*" and watch his PowerPoint presentation. Check out native plants for this area by using native plant finders such as the National Wildlife Federation. In the footsteps of Aldo Leopold and Gaylord Nelson, we can make a difference for our own local area. We are nature's best hope.

Rd, Lally Rd, Wilnor Dr, and Vic Anderson Rd. While this process can be a bit messy, the preventative maintenance is needed for the road and the cost savings compared to new blacktop are great.

Winter Snowplowing Reminders

Wisconsin law states vehicles must remain 200ft behind a snowplow. If you can't see both mirrors of the snowplow, you are too close. Do not place items or park in the road right-of-way. Do not push or blow snow into the road: it is illegal. Please place garbage carts in your driveway apron on the morning of your garbage pick-up and remove them as soon as possible after garbage pick-up.

American Farmland Trust & the Natural Resources Conservation Service to Partner to Accelerate Farmland Protection in Wisconsin, including Dunn

Adapted from an American Farmland Trust press release.

On May 5, 2021, American Farmland Trust (AFT) and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) announced they will join together on the “Wisconsin Farmland Protection Partnership Project” through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) to address the need for increased agricultural conservation easement funding in the state. The project will leverage over \$7 million in partner contributions for an additional \$7 million in federal funding to stem farmland loss, incentivize the increased adoption of regenerative practices on protected land, and identify farmland access opportunities for historically underserved producers.

RCPP partners offer value-added contributions to amplify the impact of RCPP funding. The project will be led by AFT and the NRCS and bring together a host of partners including: Tall Pines Conservancy, Driftless Area Land Conservancy, Groundswell Conservancy, Ozaukee Washington Land Trust, Mississippi Valley Conservancy, North Central Conservancy Trust, Town of Dunn, Rock County, Jefferson County, The Savanna Institute, Gathering Waters, UW-Division of Extension, UW-Dept. of Agronomy, WI Land + Water, and Dept. of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer. Together the partners will work to maximize the impact of permanent protection while fostering environmental benefits and addressing equity issues in farmland access.

In AFT’s recent release of Farms Under Threat, Wisconsin is among the leading states in the nation for the conversion of agricultural land to urban, highly developed, and low-density residential land use. Between



Photo by Kelsey Shepperd.

2001 and 2016, nearly 250,000 acres of land was converted out of agricultural use - lost land which could have generated \$190 million in annual agricultural revenue. The response is to utilize easement dollars strategically and where most needed.

Wisconsin has some of the best agricultural land in the country, with 61% of the state’s farmland considered to be nationally significant. Wisconsin has needed more tools to help ensure the continued availability of farmland.

“We see the Wisconsin Farmland Protection Partnership Project as a real opportunity to respond to and address significant farmland loss identified in the AFT National Farms Under Threat report,” expresses Alison Volk, Easement Project Manager of AFT. “The RCPP project will enable partners to protect important farmland across the state. Agricultural easements can anchor larger blocks of farmland and support the future of sustainable farming in Wisconsin.”

“The Regional Conservation Partnership Program is public-private partnership working at its best,” says Terry Cosby, Acting Chief for NRCS. “These new projects will harness the power of partnership to help bring about solutions to natural resource concerns across the country while supporting our efforts to combat the climate crisis.”

Over the next 5 years, the partnership will utilize easement dollars strategically, informed by expert practitioners and AFT’s Farms Under Threat analysis, to help protect land where protection may have the greatest impact.

The funds from this project will continue AFT’s work to save the land that sustains us by protecting farmland, promoting environmentally sound farming practices, and keeping farmers on the land. Special thanks to the many partners who made this project possible.

This grant is anticipated to become available in 2022 and can be used to fund farmland conservation easements through Dunn’s Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program. If you are interested in enrolling your farmland in the Town’s PDR program, contact Ben Kollenbroich at bkollenbroich@town.dunn.wi.us or (608) 838-1081, ext. 205. PDR program information can be found at www.townofdunnwi.gov/purchase-of-development-rights-pdr.

Introducing the New Town Chair, Steve Greb



The Town Board appointed its longest serving Town Board Supervisor, Steve Greb, to serve as Town Chair for the remainder of Ed Minihan's term after Ed passed away in August. The appointment covers the remainder of the elected term which ends

in April of 2023. Steve has lived in the town for 35 years. He’s no stranger to Town of Dunn government having served on the plan commission for over 30 years, being elected to serve as chair of the plan commission for a term in 1988 and serving on the town board for over 20 years. Steve is a 5th generation Wisconsinite, attended UW-Stevens Point with degrees in chemistry and water resources management, followed graduate school at Utah State University. He currently works as a researcher at the UW Space Science and Engineering and is the director of an international water quality organization. He and his wife Julie reside on a 35-acre place on Labrador Rd. where they grew garlic commercially for many years. These days, they spend their free time restoring a 12-acre prairie and working in their gardens and biking around our town. Steve was previously a volunteer for the Oregon Area Fire/EMS and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Oregon Area Food Pantry.



*Current Town Board Members:
Roz Gausmann, Jeff Hodgson, and Steve Greb.*

Welcome Rosalind (Roz) Gausman, New Town Supervisor



When Steve Greb was appointed to the position of Town Chair on August 16, Rosalind (Roz) Gausman was appointed to fill his position as Town Supervisor. Roz is a familiar name and face in the town. Her first connection to the town began in 1975 when she

was hired as Deputy Clerk and then served on the first Plan Commission during the development of the Land Use Plan documents that shaped the rural preservation program in the town. In 1979 she was elected as Clerk and has served as Clerk or Clerk/Treasurer for 33 years until her retirement in 2009. Roz and her husband Bill own and operated a grass-based dairy adjacent to the town hall in section 21. They were the recipients of the Town of Dunn Stewardship Award in recognition of exceptional commitment towards agricultural conservation. Following her retirement as Clerk Treasurer, Roz stayed involved by serving as an election worker and as Dunn's representative on the Stoughton Area Commission on Aging. In her spare time she enjoys quilting, biking, and spoiling her grandchildren. Roz is looking forward to serving with Steve Greb and Jeff Hodgson on the Town Board.



Ed Minihan presenting photo montage created by Mark Jung to Roz Gausman in recognition of her service to the Town.

Summary of Proposed Budget for 2022

Detailed budgets are available on the town's website at www.townofdunnwi.gov

GENERAL FUND	Estimated	2021 Adopted	Proposed	Variance
Revenues	2021 Yr End	Budget	2022 Budget	2021-2022
TOTAL Taxes	1,266,778	1,267,644	1,265,843	-1,802
TOTAL Intergov. Rev	669,270	457,315	670,961	213,646
TOTAL Lic./Permits	110,836	110,249	110,316	67
TOTAL Fines/Penalties	33,728	38,220	32,715	-5,505
TOTAL Publ Charges	338,619	334,618	349,253	14,636
TOTAL Misc. Revenues	24,479	48,942	52,616	3,674
TOTAL Gen Fund Revenues	2,443,709	2,256,988	2,481,704	224,716
Expenditures				
TOTAL General Gov.	436,101	452,339	476,621	24,282
TOTAL Public Safety	593,023	619,739	690,533	70,794
TOTAL Public Works	1,000,108	1,005,101	1,076,908	71,807
TOTAL Health & Human Svc	48,370	59,570	59,189	-381
TOTAL Culture Recreation	25,168	48,449	51,626	3,177
TOTAL Conservation & Dev.	71,939	62,338	66,580	4,242
TOTAL Transfers	269,000	15,337	60,247	44,910
TOTAL Expenditure/Transfer	2,443,709	2,262,873	2,481,705	218,832
Beginning General Fund	595,100	595,101	595,100	-1
Gen Fund Revenues	2,443,709	2,256,988	2,481,704	224,716
Gen Fund Expenditures	2,174,709	2,247,536	2,421,458	173,922
Gen Fund Transfers	269,000	15,337	60,247	44,910
Ending General Fund	595,100	589,216	595,100	5,884
RURAL PRESERVATION FUND (PDR)				
PDR Fund Revenues	659,480	992,112	1,066,805	74,693
PDR Expenditures	521,165	949,442	971,867	22,425
Ending Balance PDR Fund	630,022	182,984	724,960	541,976
DEBT SERVICE				
Debt Revenues	327,361	321,477	328,705	7,229
Debt Expenditures	328,010	327,361	328,045	684
CAPITAL PROJECTS				
Capital Expenditures				
Road Construction	410,716	440,952	898,632	457,680
Hwy Related Equipment	55,139	58,500	56,500	27,000
TOTAL Capital Expenditure	465,855	605,502	955,132	378,630
VALUATION	2021	2022		
Assessed Valuation	952,796,100	952,796,100		
Equalized Valuation	857,854,200	922,791,000		
Tax Levy and Mil-Rate	2021	2022	Variance	
General Fund Tax Levy	1,239,035	1,238,313	(722)	
Debt Service Tax Levy	327,361	328,082	722	
PDR Tax Levy	366,605	366,605	0	
Total Levy	1,933,000	1,933,000	0	
Assessed Value Mil-Rate	2.91	2.03	(0.89)	
Equalized Value Mil-Rate	2.32	2.25	(0.06)	
Undesignated Gen Fund Balance	220,364	303,898		
General Fund Balance	595,100	595,100		
Prior Year Assessment Ratio	78.93%			

Project Home

Is your home in need of repairs such as roofing, siding, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, accessibility modifications, or need repairs costing between \$5,000 - \$24,999? You may be eligible to receive a 0% interest, deferred-payment loan for repairs.

Eligibility Requirements: Home must be located in Dane County (except the City of Madison and non-participating communities). Your home cannot exceed 95% of the Dane County Median Purchase Price for a home. Single family home: \$290,000 Duplex: \$371,000 (Work only eligible on owner's side of the duplex). Participants must be in good standing with all other mortgage holders. Your loan to value ratio cannot be over 95%. In other words, if you owe over 95% of the value of your home, you probably will not qualify. Income cannot exceed 80% of County Median Income. See chart below:

Household Size	Max. Annual Gross Income
1	\$55,950
2	\$63,950
3	\$71,950
4	\$79,900
5	\$86,300

How Do I Apply? Contact Wyolanda Singleton at (608) 246-3737 ext. 2200 for more information or visit ww.projecthomewi.org/.

Reducing Water Pollution

Tips from eartheclipse.com.

Reducing water pollution begins with individuals. You can help by taking these steps below:

1. Reduce or eliminate the use of herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers.
2. Practice organic farming or purchase organically grown produce. Organically grown crops reduce the quantity of herbicides and pesticides used and promotes the use of organic fertilizer, eliminating the use of toxic chemicals found in synthetic fertilizers.
3. Properly dispose of oils, fats, pet waste, contaminated liquids, drugs, medications, batteries, and antifreeze.
4. Unclog drains naturally. Typical drain cleaners contain several noxious chemicals. Instead use natural methods such as pouring equal portions of white vinegar, boiling water, and baking soda down drains. Before rinsing, let it sit for 30 minutes.
5. Efficiently use water. By reducing the amount of water used, the amount of contaminated water needing treatment is also reduced.

Scam Alert! Four Signs It’s a Scam:

Scammers PRETEND: to be from an organization. They might use a name like the Social Security Administration, the IRS, or pretend to be from a business. They use technology to change phone numbers that appears on caller ID.

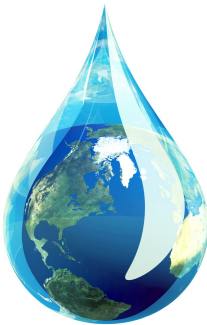
Scammers say there’s a PROBLEM or a PRIZE: They may say things such as you’re in trouble with the government, you owe money, that there’s a virus on your computer, that there’s a problem with one of your accounts and they need to verify your information, or that your family had an emergency. They may also say you won something but have to pay a fee to get it.

Scammers PRESSURE you to act immediately: Scammers want you to act before you think and might threaten to arrest or sue you.

Scammers tell you to PAY in a specific way: They often insist you pay by sending money by money transfer or by putting money on gift cards.

How to Avoid a Scam:

1. Stop. Talk to someone you trust before you do anything.
 2. Block unwanted calls and text messages.
 3. Do not give personal or financial info out in response to a unexpected request including Social Security number or bank account information.
 4. Don’t click on any links!
 5. Resist the pressure to act immediately.
 6. Never pay with a gift card or money transfer service.
- Report Scams to: *ReportFraud.ftc.gov* or 1-877-382-4357



Proper Leaf Management

Water on leaf piles results in harmful nutrients draining into our lakes, contributing to toxic algae blooms, murky water, and rapid weed growth. You can help reduce these nutrients by managing leaf litter properly.



Cemetery Clean Up

Please remove ALL items from graves by November 15th. This includes planters, plant stands, shepherd’s hooks, artificial flowers, solar lights, decorations etc. The only allowable items are Veteran flag markers. Items not removed by this date will be taken down and discarded. Holiday decorations are limited to wreaths on wire stands.

Look For Gypsy Moth Egg Masses

Article by: Bill McNee, DNR Forest Health Specialist

In 2021, gypsy moth populations increased for a second consecutive summer. If weather conditions are favorable again in 2022, the most noticeable increase in caterpillar numbers would likely occur in southern counties, where conditions were driest this past spring and summer.

Caterpillars are mostly noticed on dry sites with sandy soil and abundant oak, mowed lawns with preferred tree species (oak, crabapple, birch, etc.), and on large oaks (bur, in particular) with rough bark, especially on or adjacent to mowed lawns.

This fall is an excellent time to look for and dispose of egg masses which are tan-colored lumps about the size of a nickel or quarter.

Treat or remove masses safely within reach by spraying with horticultural oil (available online or many home and garden centers) or gently scrape into soapy water and soak for a few days before discarding in the trash. “Fresh” egg masses produced during the current summer will feel firm and appear darker in color compared to older, faded egg masses which feel spongy and do not contain viable eggs.

Visit gypsymoth.wi.gov for more information.

Leaf Collection Drop-Off Sites

There are nine centralized leaf collection drop-off sites available 24/7 to any and all Town residents from October through the end of November, weather permitting. Sites are for leaves and grass clippings only - **NO** brush, rocks, bags, animal waste, seaweed, or other non-leaf material. Look for orange fencing and signage and only place leaves in marked areas. Visit www.townofdunnwi.gov/leaf-management to view maps of the collection sites.

Collection Sites

- Amundson Boat Launch
- Colladay Point Park
- Fish Camp County Park
- Barber Drive by Quickstop
- Dunn Heritage Park
- Goodland County Park Parking Lot
- Tower Road at Crescent Drive
- Camp Leonard Road by Babcock Park
- McConnell Street

The Transfer Site also accepts leaves and is open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month from 8a.m. to 3:45p.m. Between the months of April and the end of November, the site is also open every Wednesday, from 2p.m. to 4:45p.m.



*Picture of egg masses.
Photo Credit: KMSU*

2022 Budget

By Cathy Hasslinger, Clerk Treasurer/Business Manager

In November each year town residents get together to determine the tax levy to fund the next year’s budget. This will be the second year where we have accomplished this important discussion and decision by attending a virtual meeting on Zoom. If you are a town resident and would like to participate in this important tradition, and need assistance with participating on Zoom, or just want to weigh-in with a phone call or email, please contact me at chasslinger@town.dunn.wi.us or (608) 838-1081, ext 208.

The budget hearing and Special Town Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 16, at 7pm and you can attend from a computer, device or phone.

The hearing is an opportunity to ask questions, make comments and learn more about how town funds are budgeted. You can also learn more about the details of the budget for road work, proposed equipment upgrades, purchases and expenses by reading the attachments to the agenda for the budget hearing and Special Town Meeting published on our website at www.townofdunnwi.gov/

After the public hearing and discussion, town residents who are eligible and virtually attending the meeting will vote to set the tax levy. It is possible that the town residents will set a levy amount that is different from the amount proposed in this newsletter. The final budget is considered for adoption at the December 20, 2021 Town Board meeting.

No Increase in the Tax Levy for 2021 Tax Bills: The town tax levy for 2021 will be the same as 2020. This complies with the state mandated levy limit of zero increase. This will put some pressure on the budget since

Full Property Revaluation Completed in 2021

To comply with Wisconsin Department of Revenue regulation, the Town Assessor completed a revaluation to adjust the assessment level to 100% of equalized value. The goal of the revaluation is to make assessments as accurate as possible. The town’s assessments are not updated annually, so over the years our assessed values fall behind the real estate market. The Department of Revenue estimates the fair market value of real estate in the town by establishing the equalized value.

The result of the revaluation was an increase in the town’s overall assessed values of about 43.5%. Properties with

costs are increasing faster than the tax levy, but the town is working hard to trim costs and to secure grants for funding.

Decrease in the Mil-Rate Proposed for 2021 Tax Bills: The revaluation of all real estate to bring the level of assessment up to 100% has increased the towns overall assessed values by about 43.5%. That causes a decrease in the mill rate. The proposed local assessed value mil-rate is down from \$2.91 last year to \$2.03 per thousand this year. This equates to \$203.00 local tax for a property value of \$100,000.

2022 Highlights: The town has been awarded \$275,121 in 2021 and anticipates another \$275,121 in 2022 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. This is a \$550,242 grant restricted to sewer infrastructure, broadband infrastructure, and certain Covid-19 related human services expenditures and the funds can be spent over a three-year period.

The budget maintains a target General Fund balance of \$595,100.

2022 Capital Projects and Debt Service: The 2022 budget provides \$898,632 for road reconstruction of Rutland Dunn Townline Road, Hook Island Road, Labrador Road, and south end of Sandhill Road. A grant to cover 50% of the cost of Rutland Dunn Townline Road is expected. Equipment upgrades of the loader and excavator trailer are planned for \$56,500. Capital projects will be discussed at the budget hearing. New debt will cover the town’s portion of the cost of these long-term asset investments. The 2022 budget proposes new borrowing of \$1,032,000.

an assessment that increased more than the average of 43.5% will likely experience an increase in property tax related to the revaluation. Properties with an assessment that increased less than the average are likely to experience not increase or a decrease in property tax related to the revaluation. The mill-rate will decrease for 2021. All taxing jurisdictions, including schools, MATC, the county and town must set their tax levy independently of the revaluation and the increase in assessments does not generate revenue for any taxing jurisdiction, including the Town.

2022 Thursday Trash and Recycling Schedule

Recycling & Trash Pickup Trash Pickup Only Extra Pickups: June 16th & October 13th

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For garbage, recycling, extra pick-up day, or any additional questions,
contact Pellitteri Waste Systems at (608) 257-4285 or info@pellitteri.com

2022 Friday Trash and Recycling Schedule

Recycling & Trash Pickup Trash Pickup Only Extra Pickups: June 17th & October 14th

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PELLITTERI WASTE SYSTEMS

PAPER PRODUCTS

Cardboard, catalogs, magazines, phone books, empty food, milk or juice cartons, paper, envelopes, junk mail, gift wrapping paper (no foils), pizza boxes (no food or grease), newspapers, egg cartons, paper grocery bags, and shredded paper (put in a transparent plastic bag and tied shut; bags should be no larger than a basketball).

PLASTIC PRODUCTS

All plastic bottles besides motor oil or gasoline bottles, #1-7 plastic items (including #1 clamshell), all plastic bags besides black or brown bags (put in a transparent plastic bag and tied shut; bag should be no larger than the a basketball).

METAL AND GLASS PRODUCTS

Empty aerosol cans, aluminum cans or plates, metal pots and pans, small metal appliances (nothing larger than a basketball or heavier than 10 lbs), small metal plumbing fixtures, faucets, valves, tin and steel cans, and clear, blue, brown, or green translucent glass bottles and jars.

NON ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Brake rotors or drums, construction waste, deli containers except #1 plastic, electronics, frozen food or microwave dinner plates, glassware and ceramics, metal items larger than a basketball or heavier than 10lbs, mirrors, windows, motor oil or gasoline bottles, plastic film or wrap, styrofoam, recyclable containers containing liquids or food, carpet, clothing, diapers, fishing line, food, hoses, ropes, and shoes.

RECYCLING TIPS

In a week containing a holiday, collection pick up is delayed by one day. Visit www.pellitteri.com/pages/residential-recycling for recycling tips. Direct additional questions to info@pellitteri.com or call (608) 257-4285.

ELECTRONIC RECLYCLING

For a list of electronic recycling collection sites, visit dnr.wi.gov and search "ecycle". Some collectors may charge fees and may not accept all devices. Contact collectors beforehand to learn about their policies and direct additional questions to Wisconsin DNR ECycle at (608) 264-6001.

TOWN TRANSFER SITE

Open to Town residents only

Located at 4030 County Road B, McFarland, WI 53558

1/4 mile east of the Dunn Town Hall

Open monthly on the 1st and 3rd

Saturdays, 8 AM to 3:45 PM

Also open Wednesdays, April through the end of November, 2 PM to 4:45 PM

ACCEPTED ITEMS

Brush and wood free of soil, leaves and grass clippings, any compostable material, holiday trees without tinsel, decorations, or stands, antifreeze that is free of oil, motor oil that is free of other liquids, automotive type and rechargeable batteries, all appliances (except water softeners and dishwashers), scrap metal, and motors free of gas and oil.

Tires are also accepted for a fee. We charge a fee based on our costs for disposal. At the time of this publication, auto tires without rims are \$5 and \$10 for tires with rims. Semi-truck tires cost \$10 for disposal and tractor tires cost \$25.

NON ACCEPTED ITEMS

Construction materials, dishwashers, electronics, furniture, household batteries, lumber, shingles, stumps, TVs, and water softeners. Direct additional questions to (608) 838-1081.

CLEAN SWEEP

Hazardous household materials and electronics can be brought to Dane County Clean Sweep. Fees may apply. For a list of acceptable items, visit danecountycleansweep.com. For hours, location, or additional questions, call (608) 838-3212.

MEDICATION DROP OFF

Protect our water! Do not flush medications down the drain. Drop off unused or unwanted medication at our local police departments. For more information, contact:

McFarland PD at (608) 838-3151

Oregon PD at (608) 835-3111

Stoughton PD at (608) 873-3374

REDUCE. REUSE. RECYCLE.