

TOWN OF CENTER
N3990 STATE ROAD 47
APPLETON WI 54913

THE "CENTER" NEWS Fall/Winter, 2019

CURRENT RESIDENT
(INSERT ADDRESS)

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2020 ANNUAL MEETING will be Tues, Apr. 21, 2020. An annual report will be mailed to residents in early April.

TOWN CONTACTS:

Chairperson: Robert "Toby" Paltzer	257-6822	Town Hall:	731-7229
		Clerk/Treasurer: Amy Olson	731-7229
Supervisors: #1- Steve Schmeichel	716-2189	Building Inspector: Al Uhlenbrauck	733-0472
#2- Wayne DeBruin	733-8254	Fire Chief: Joe Hofacker	851-5864
#3- John Baum	739-2287	First Responders: Gary Timm	841-6177
#4- Pete Hofacker	585-8551	Animal Control: Toby Paltzer	257-6822
		Assessor, Borree Appraisal:	920-766-9166
		Harter's FV Disposal	1-888-804-8556

Regular Town Board Meetings: 2nd Monday of each Month, 7:00 p.m.

Office Hours: Wednesdays – 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. & the 3rd Saturday of each month – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Town of Center e-mail: tnclerk@tnofcenter.com

TOWN WEBSITE — Go to www.centerwi.com for information on dog licensing, facility rental forms, hall availability, recycling and garbage pickup dates, Fire Department info, town personnel contact information, Town Board Agendas and Minutes and other misc. town information.

2020 ELECTIONS – Polls for all elections are open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

- February 18, 2020 – Spring Primary
- April 7, 2020 – Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary
- August 11, 2020 - Partisan Primary
- November 3, 2020 – General Election

WI Requires a photo ID to vote! Acceptable Photo IDs include: WI DOT Driver's License, WI DOT issued ID, Military ID, US Passport and Veteran Affairs ID card to name a few. A complete listing can be found at www.bringitwisconsin.com

Absentee Voting Hours: Wednesdays, 1:30–5:00p.m; and the 3rd Saturday of each month. Check the website or call the town office for additional times to vote absentee as the elections get closer. Would you like an absentee ballot mailed to you? Per State Statutes, all mailed or emailed (*No verbal requests can be accepted*) absentee requests & Photo IDs must be received in the Clerk's office by 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the election.

Need to register? Proof of Residence in the town is required. Most common is a current and valid WI DOT Driver's License or State ID card, a real estate tax bill, a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or paystub. You can register at the town hall any time or at: www.myvote.wi.gov up until 20 days before the election.

Spring Elections: The following municipal contests will be included on the spring ballot: Town Board Supervisor #2 and Supervisor #4. If you would like your name on the ballot, nomination papers can be circulated starting December 1, 2019 and are due Thursday, January 2, 2020. Contact the Town Clerk for more information.

2019 TAXES - 2019 Real Estate Taxes payable in 2020 should be mailed to residents by early December. First Installments are payable to the Town of Center and are due by January 31, 2020. After January 31st, payments need to be made to the Outagamie County Treasurer. **You have four different options to pay your taxes as noted below.**

Payments can be mailed to: Town of Center, N3990 State Road 47, Appleton, WI 54913. Payments by mail will be **posted as paid by the post-marked date on the envelope**. Include your check, payable to the "Town of Center", and the "1ST INSTALLMENT OR FULL PAYMENT" stub from your tax bill. If you need a receipt, please also include a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with your payment stub and check. Please be sure that the numeral amount and written amount are the same on your check. If your name is also on your escrow check, please endorse the check.

Payments can be paid in person at the Town Hall during the following times:

- Every Wednesday from 1:30 – 5p.m (except Dec 25th & Jan 1st)
- Saturday, December 21st from 9a.m. – 12p.m.
- Friday, December 27th from 9a.m. – 12p.m.,
- Tuesday, December 31st from 9a.m. – 12p.m.
- Saturday, January 18th from 9a.m. – 12p.m.
- Friday, January 31st from 8a.m. – 2p.m.

Payments can be paid at AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK through January 31st, located at 2200 North Richmond Street, Appleton. Bank hours are 9:00 – 5:00 weekdays (drive through until 5:30) and 9:00 – 12:00 Saturdays. You must present the tax bill stub and **exact payment** amount as stated on the tax bill.

Payments can be paid via the Outagamie County Website: Go to www.outagamie.org and click on "Property Taxes". The fee for an E-Check is \$0.25 and the fee for a debit or credit card is 2.2% of the amount you are paying.

FREQUENTLY ASKED TAX QUESTION: *There is a special assessment charge for POWTS and/or DRAINAGE DISTRICT on my taxes, what is this?* POWTS is for "Private On-site Waste Treatment System" and is a special assessment from Outagamie County for record maintenance; the DRAINAGE DISTRICT is a special assessment established by the County Drainage Board for a natural water flow district on your property which they have jurisdiction. The Town has no authority over these assessments.

2020 DOG LICENSES – *Can I include my dog license payment with my taxes?* Yes! It is a good practice to renew your dog license(s) when you pay your taxes! Dog licenses expire December 31st of each year. Per State Statute, you must get a new license every year from your municipality. 2020 licenses will be available at the Town Clerk's office mid-December. The Certificate of Vaccination must be included with your payment. The fee is \$4.00 per spayed or neutered dog and \$9.00 if your dog is not spayed or neutered. If your dog is new to your household and more than 5 months old, you must obtain the license within 30 days of getting the dog. If the following information is included on the Vaccination Certificate, a separate dog license application form is not required: your name, address, phone #, dog's name, color and if they are spayed/neutered. PLEASE INCLUDE A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE. NOTE: The Certificate of Vaccination will be returned with your license.

Dear Taxpayers,

Our summer has been as we all know – too wet! All of the rain has caused great problems with our culvert system and our roads. The board is busy with getting our budget ready for 2020 and our clerk will be very busy with elections. There will be some changes at our town hall. Warmest regards, Robert Toby Paltzer – Chairman

2020 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING will be held on Monday, November 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Immediately following, a SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS will be held to approve the 2020 town tax levy to be collected. A detailed summary will be available at the Town Clerk’s office or on the town website.

NEW ORDINANCE & ORDINANCE UPDATES - The Town Board will be voting to adopt/revise the ordinances below on November 11th following the Budget Public Hearing and Town Meeting of the Electors. The full ordinances will be available at the Town Clerk’s office or on the town website.

NEW Chapter 20, Refund of Certain Overpayments to the Town. The purpose of the ordinance will be for the Town to retain nominal overpayments to the Town through error, inadvertence or oversight as it is not cost effective to process those refunds. The proposed ordinance states that a “nominal overpayment” shall be the overpayment of any tax, fee, or other obligation to the Town in an amount which does not exceed \$5.

NEW Chapter 21, All-Terrain/Utility Terrain Vehicle Routes within the Town of Center, Outagamie County, Wisconsin. The purpose of the ordinance would be to allow ATV/UTV’s on Town of Center Roads. The applicable provisions of §23.33 regulating ATV/UTV operations pursuant to routes would be adopted. This ordinance would not allow ATV/UTV’s on county or state roads within the town unless authorized by Outagamie County or the State of Wisconsin.

Revisions to Chapter 11, Volunteer Firefighters and First Responders Length of Service Award Program. The revisions are to reflect the board’s decision to transfer the local management of the Firefighters and First Responders Length of Service Award Program to a state approved program.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER – If you or anyone you know would have an interest in being the Animal Control Officer for the Town, please contact Chairman Toby Paltzer for details.

TOWN HALL AND PAVILION RENTALS - All hall and park rentals are taken at the Town Clerk’s Office. If you would like to check out available dates before calling the clerk’s office, you can check the calendar on the town’s website. Persons renting the facilities **MUST BE A RESIDENT and PROPERTY OWNER** in the Town of Center and over 21 years of age. The rental charges are \$75.00 for the hall and \$25.00 for the park. A security deposit equal to the rental amount must be paid with a separate check and enclosed with the rental payment. If the facilities are left in a condition not satisfactory to the Town Board or their authorized agent, the security deposit will be forfeited. The security check will be returned to the renter if the premises are left in good order within 10-14 days after the event. The person renting the facilities will be responsible for any damage to the building(s) or equipment. Rental of the facility will be accepted up to 1 year in advance of the desired date. **Bounce Houses** – If you would like to have a bounce house at your event please notify the town clerk. Due to underground utilities, there are limited areas where it is safe to place the stakes to hold down the bounce house. We will let you know the safe areas.

ADDRESS SIGNS & TOWN SIGN POLICY - Please be sure your address sign is visible to allow prompt locating of your residence if you need emergency response for fire or medical reasons. State law does not allow the building of any improvements or the placing of any personal property on Town Property. Town Property includes roads, road right-of-ways, Town Hall properties, parks and any other property owned by the Town. The only exceptions to the above are the placing of a permitted driveway and culvert, a mailbox meeting federal postal requirements and emergency address signs. Without limiting the generality of the above, no person may place a fence, landscaping, signs, buildings, cars or any other property or improvement on Town property. This includes signs placed on or around the Town Hall property which is bordered by State Highway 47, County Road S and County Road PP. It is only with express written or verbal permission from the Town Chairman that any signs may be placed on any Town property including temporary purposes, such as signs advertising fundraisers for non-profit organizations. It is the Town’s present policy to not allow any signs of a personal, political, or religious nature to be placed on Town property for any reason. All such signs must be placed on private property, and not Town owned property.

DOING WORK IN THE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY - No boring, filling or changes of any kind shall be made to the Town of Center road right-of-way without first obtaining a permit from the Town of Center. An application for a permit must include a detailed written description of the work to be performed along with a map of the work area. Any ditch enclosure in the Town right-of-way requires a Ditch Enclosure Agreement and/or Permit issued by the Town. The Ditch Enclosure Application and Ditch Enclosure Detail sheet shall be obtained from the Town Clerk. Permit fees are reviewed annually and set by resolution of the Town Board. All costs are the property owner’s responsibility.

It is a violation of Town Ordinance and State Statute to plow snow or to blow snow onto or across Town, County or State Roads. Persons found doing the above are subject to fines as established by Town, County and State regulations.

TOWN OF CENTER HISTORY BOOKS - \$5 – They can be purchased at the Town Hall and Center Valley Store.

CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST RESPONDERS - The fire department and first responders are always looking for new members to serve on one or both departments. If interested, contact Joe Hofacker, Fire Chief at 851-5864 or Gary Timm, First Responder President at 841-6177.

American Red Cross Home Fire Campaign: The American Red Cross, in partnership with WisSAFE, is providing the Fire Dept. with home smoke detectors for installation in resident’s homes. Alarms will be provided and installed at no charge by our Fire Department employees for at-risk residents including elderly, people with disabilities, children, low income households, household where English is a second language and neighborhoods with historically high rates of fire responses as identified by the Red Cross. If you feel you may qualify, please contact Fire Chief, Joe Hofacker.

The Center Fire Department would like to thank Crystal Print for their generous donation this year.

Thank you to the following sponsors of the Fire Department’s 3rd Annual Summer Picnic!

- 95 Yoga House
- ACE Hardware
- Al Kramer Construction
- American National Bank
- Arby’s (Northland)
- Arctic Glacier Premium Ice
- Ashline, Eric & Shelly
- Badger Sports Park
- Bam-Boo-Zeld Outdoors
- Barbershop
- Barefoot Gypsies LLC
- Baseman Floors Inc
- Bergstrom Automotive
- Beyond Inflatables LLC
- Black Creek Garden and Gift
- BMO Harris Bank (Black Creek)
- Boar’s Nest
- Board & Brush
- Bonnell, Bill & Jayne
- Brincks Exteriors
- Brincks, Maury & Denise
- Brincks, Steven & Bethany
- Broehm, Keith & Barb
- Brown & Greiner Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning & Water Restoration
- Buss Chevrolet
- Buzz’s
- Calmes Verkuilen Construction
- Cedar Crest Ice Cream
- Charlie’s Drive In
- Cheese Hut Citgo
- Chiropractic Health & Rehab Center
- Christensen and Wisnet Heating & Cooling
- CHS Larsen Co-Op
- Colonial House Supper Club
- Costco
- CountrySide Veterinary Services
- Cousins Subs
- Dairy Queen (Appleton)
- Derks, Julie
- Drexel Building Supply
- Enuff Said Bar, Grill & Pizzeria
- Erbert & Gerbert’s Sandwich Shop
- Family Insurance Center
- Fazoli’s
- Fink, Mariah
- Flanagan’s Stop & Shop
- Fox Communities Credit Union
- Franke, Fred & Ella
- Frontier Builders
- Funset Boulevard Entertainment Center
- GAF Roofing
- Game Day Sports Bar
- Garrow Oil & Propane
- Gary’s Old Fashion Mix
- General Beer
- Geno’s Steakhouse
- Gilbert’s Sentry Foods
- Good Company
- Granite Valley Lumber
- Great American Cookies
- Great Harvest Bread Co
- Green Bay Gamblers Hockey
- Green Bay Packers
- Greiner Trucking
- Haen Meat Packing Inc
- Hank & Karen’s Pub & Grill
- Hawg Tyed BBQ
- Herrling Clark Law Firm
- Hofacker, Joe & Lorrie
- Hofacker, Stacy
- Hofacker’s Hillside Orchard
- Hoffman, Carol
- Home Run Pizza
- Iron Buffalo Saloon
- Jeff’s Water Conditioning & Greenville Plumbing
- JMW Transfer
- Johnny Rockets
- K9 Unit
- Kary’s Family Restaurant
- Keenan, Andrea & Mark
- Keller, Inc
- Kessler’s Diamonds
- Kingdom Kuts Kid’s Salon
- Klink Equipment
- Kostka, Kayla
- Kountry Bar
- Kramer Family Farms
- Kramer, Al
- Kratzer, Helen
- Kuba, Cameron & Stephanie
- Kurt’s Services
- Lakeshore Cleaners
- Lamm, Eileen & Andrea Waalkens
- Landwehr, Jimmy
- Laundrie, Emma
- Leap In
- Little Pieces of Magic
- Lowney’s Landscape Center Inc
- Lutzewitz, George & Carol
- Mackville Forest Products
- Matt’s Welding
- McClintock Cabinets Inc
- McCreery, Tom & Linda
- Melchert Sales
- Menominee Casino Resort
- Mer & Jackie’s Supper Club
- Mid Valley Golf Course
- Mid-Western Rodeo
- Miller Electric
- Miller, Brett & Sarah
- Miller, Kylie
- Milwaukee Brewers
- Modern Sky Boutique
- Moser, Keith & Doug
- Mosquito Squad
- Much, Bob
- Murphy, Sam
- Nakashima of Japan
- Nordic Mountain
- Nutrition Service Company
- Olson, Joe & Amy
- Outagamie Conservation Club
- Parallel 44 Vineyard & Winery
- PDQ Car Wash
- Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel
- Presto Products Co
- Printech Inc
- Rainbow Play Systems
- Rathsack, David Blackie
- Red Wing Shoes
- Riehl Stop
- Riesterer & Schnell
- River Rail Bar & Banquet Hall
- Robinson Florist & Greenhouse
- Romy’s Nitingale
- Roskom Meats
- R-TEK Safety Solutions
- Saving Paws
- Scheels
- Schubbe Resch Chiropractic & Physical Therapy Center
- Simon’s Specialty Chees
- Simpson’s Auto Service
- Skunk Hill
- Skyline Comedy Club
- Smith Pharmacy
- Spectators Sports Bar & Grill
- Stadler, Craig, Sarah & Family
- Stadler, Dave & Glenda
- StateFarm Agency, Dan Gassner
- Stone Arch Brew Pub
- Stuc’s Pizza
- Subway
- Tanner’s Grill & Bar
- The 10th Frame Sports Bar
- The Capitol Centre
- The Exclusive Company
- The Waters
- The Wishing Well Bar & Grill on A
- ThedaStar
- Two of a Kind
- United Co-op
- Valeri Furniture
- Van Camp, Wayne & Carol
- Van Handel Heating & Cooling
- Van Vreede’s
- VANS
- Vertical Velocity Park
- Vortex Optics
- Wagner’s Market LLC
- Wilmar Chocolates
- Wisconsin Herd
- Wisconsin Timber Rattlers
- Y Go By
- YMCA