

TOWN OF CENTER
N3990 STATE ROAD 47
APPLETON WI 54913

THE “CENTER” NEWS Fall/Winter, 2020

CURRENT RESIDENT
(INSERT ADDRESS)

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2021 ANNUAL MEETING will be Tues, Apr. 20, 2021. 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: Paul Hermes	858-0102
#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: Sharon Zuehlke	450-1756
		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.

Dear Taxpayers,

I would like to thank the Town Clerk and her team of workers that did the April Election. I also want to thank the Fire Department for all of their help and Wayne DeBruin for building “Safety Shields” for the election workers. Summer brought us some very hot weather - however, all of the gardens did great! The town received \$26,021 from the County Sales Tax. We are putting the money in road repair. As fall and winter approach – everyone drive safely! There will be no annual town meeting this year!!

Warmest regards, Robert Toby Paltzer – Chairman

P.S. – Everyone, please vote!

NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION - Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

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

Early In-Person Absentee Voting Office Hours:

- Wednesday, October 21st from 1:30 – 6p.m.
- Wednesday, October 28th from 1:30 – 6p.m.
- Friday, October 23rd from 9a.m. – 12p.m.
- Friday, October 30th from 9a.m. – 12p.m.

An appointment is not required, however, in order to streamline the process, please call or send a text message to the Town Clerk at 920-213-2119 the day before or the morning of the day you plan on coming to the office for In-Person Absentee voting. Please provide your name, address and which day you will be stopping in. If none of the above times work with your schedule, an appointment can be made at an alternate time.

Would you like an absentee ballot mailed to you? Per State Statutes, absentee requests must be received in the Clerk’s office by 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the election. Go to www.myvote.wi.gov to request an absentee ballot or send a written request by mail or e-mail to the Clerk’s office and include a copy of your Photo ID (*No verbal requests can be accepted*).

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.

2021 ELECTIONS - The following municipal contests will be included on the spring ballot: Town Board Chairperson, Town Board Supervisor #1 and Supervisor #3. If you would like to run for any of these positions and you want your name included on the ballot, nomination papers can be circulated starting December 1, 2020. Contact the Town Clerk for more information.

2021 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING will be held on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Immediately following, a SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS will be held to approve the 2021 town tax levy to be collected. A detailed summary will be available at the Town Clerk’s office or on the town website.

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. ***Due to COVID-19, only one rental per weekend will be scheduled in order to allow time for cleaning between events.*** 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 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.

2020 TAXES - 2020 Real Estate Taxes payable in 2021 should be mailed to residents by early December. First Installments are payable to the Town of Center and are due by January 31, 2021. 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.**

- 1. MAIL:** Mail 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.**
- 2. IN PERSON AT THE TOWN HALL:**
 - Every Wednesday from 1:30 – 5p.m.
 - Saturday, December 19th from 9a.m. – 12p.m.
 - Thursday, December 31st from 9a.m. – 12p.m.
 - Saturday, January 16th from 9a.m. – 12p.m.
 - Friday, January 29th from 8a.m. – 2p.m.
- 3. AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK: The bank is open for payments through January 31st,** located at 2200 North Richmond Street, Appleton. Bank lobby hours are 9:00 – 5:00 weekdays (drive through 8:00 - 5:30). You must present the tax bill stub and **exact payment** amount as stated on the tax bill.
- 4. ONLINE:** Go to www.outagamie.org and click on “Property Taxes”. The fees have not yet been determined for the upcoming tax year, however, the fees for last year were \$0.25 for an e-check, \$3.50 for a debit card and 2.2% of the paid amount for a credit card payment.

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.

REVALUATION IN 2021 – A Revaluation of property assessments in the Town of Center will occur for the 2021 assessment year. Watch for further information in the Annual Report we mail to all residents in April.

2021 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. 2021 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.

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 – Books can be purchased at the Town Hall and Center Valley Store.

2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – In April 2020, the Annual Town Meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19. We will not be re-scheduling the meeting this year. Please join us for the 2021 Annual Town Meeting scheduled for April 20, 2021.

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.

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 4th Annual Summer Picnic!

- A Walbec Company
- ACE Hardware
- Al Kramer Construction
- Appleton Airport
- Arctic Glacier Premium Ice
- Auto Acres
- Badger Sports Park
- Bakery on Terrace
- Bam-Boo-Zeld Outdoors
- Barefoot Gypsies
- Baseman Floors Inc.
- Baum Machine CP Feeds, LLC
- BelGioioso Cheese Inc
- Belonger, Joe & Amy
- Ben’s Small Engine
- Bergstrom Automotive
- Black Creek Garden & Gift
- Blades & Boards LLC
- Board & Brush Creative Studio, Appleton
- Board Up
- Bobbi & Jeremy’s Leap Inn
- Brian Gorges Construction LLC
- Brincks Exteriors
- Broehm, Keith & Barb
- Broehm, MaryAnne
- Brownies Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning
- Bud Light
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Buss Chevrolet
- Bustamove Party Bus
- Buzz’s
- Calmes Verkuilen Construction
- Cedar Crest Ice Cream
- Charlie’s Drive-In
- Cheese Hut BP
- Christensen & Wisnet Heating & Cooling
- CHS Larsen Co-Op
- Cinder’s Charcoal Grill
- CoBank, ACB
- Costco
- CountrySide Veterinary Services
- Culvers
- DeCoster Trucking & Farms
- Dirt Works
- Double J’s Shuttle Service
- Doug Reese Trucking LLC
- Drake Plumbing
- Ebben, Jerry & Lisa
- Eichenauer, Carl & Suzanne
- Erbert & Gerbert’s Sandwich Shop
- Evergreen Power LLC
- F.C. Dadson
- Fabick CAT
- Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott
- Family Insurance Center LLC
- Flanagan’s Stop & Shop
- Fox Communities Credit Union
- Funset Boulevard
- Game Day Sports Bar
- Garrow Oil & Propane
- Gary’s Old Fashion Mix
- General Beer Company
- General Beverage
- Gilbert’s Sentry Foods
- Green Bay Booyah!
- Green Bay Packers
- Greil Enterprises LLC
- Greiner Trucking
- Haen Meat Packing Inc.
- Hank & Karen’s Pub & Grill
- Happy Bellies Bake Shop
- Harbor Freight
- Hills Curbing
- Hofacker, Joe & Lorrie
- Hofacker, Stacy
- Hoffman, Carol
- Home Run Pizza
- Huss, Katie – Pampered Chef Consultant
- Huss, Steve
- Jacob’s Meat Market
- Jay’s Toybox
- JG Home Improvements & Emergency Services Inc.
- JMW Transfer
- Johnson Brothers
- K9 Unit
- Keenan, Andrea & Mark
- Kelbe Brothers Equipment
- Keller, Inc.
- Kountry Bar
- KP Jewelers
- Kramer Family Farms LLC
- Kramer, Al & Dorothy
- Kuba, Cameron & Stephanie
- Kurt’s Services
- Kwik Trip
- L&K Painting & Staining
- Lamm, Eileen & Andrea Waalkens
- Langner, Doug & Donna
- Laundrie, Emma
- Lowney’s Landscape Center Inc.
- Lutzewitz, Kevin
- Mac Tools – Jason Siebers
- Mackville Forest Products
- Markowski, Cole & Kayla
- Matt’s Welding
- McClintock Cabinets Inc.
- Mel’s Coffee House & Café
- Melchert Sales LLC
- Meyer, Ted & Doreen
- Mid Vallee Golf Course
- Miller Electric
- Miller, Brett & Sarah
- Miller, Kylie
- Miller-Bradford & Risberg Inc
- Moser, Keith & Doug
- Mosquito Squad
- Much, Bob
- Murphy, Sam
- Northeast Asphalt
- Northside Hardware Inc.
- O’Reilly’s Auto Parts
- Ort, Joe
- Outagamie Conservation Club
- Paul Bauman Trucking
- PDQ Car Wash
- Pierri Pizza
- Pizza King
- Premier Construction Group
- Printech LLC
- Rainbow Play Systems
- Rathsack, Bill
- Red Wing Shoe Store
- Relien, Amanda & Family
- Romenesko, Craig
- Romenesko, Keith
- Romy’s Nitingale
- Roskom Meats
- Rx Smith Pharmacy
- Saving Paws Animal Rescue
- Scheels
- Schubbe Resch Chiropractic & Physical Therapy Center
- Secrets Lingerie & Adult Party Store
- Simon’s Specialty Cheese
- Simpson’s Auto Service
- Skunk Hill
- Snap-On Tools
- Spectactors Sports Bar & Grill
- Stadler, Craig, Sara & Family
- Stadler, Dave & Glenda
- Stelter, Montana
- Stone Arch Brew Pub
- Swiderski Power Inc.
- The Bar
- The Barbershop A Hair Salon for Men
- The Capitol Centre
- The Chiropractic Advantage
- The Exclusive Company
- The Sportsman Outdoor Sports
- The Wishing Well Bar & Grill on A
- ThedaStar
- Thyssen, Tom & Jean
- Timm, Andrew & Katie
- Trigger Action Sports
- United Cooperative
- Utility Traffic & Restoration Inc.
- Van Handel Heating & Cooling
- Van Vreedes
- VANS
- Vogel, Kurt & Tiffany
- WD-40 Jim Allen
- Wisconsin Timber Rattlers
- Wittman, Danny
- Wolslegel, Sarah – 31 Consultant
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- Zdroik, Kristin - Usborne Books Consultant