

TOWN CONTACTS:

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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.

2022 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING will be held on Monday, November 8, 2021 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 in 2022. A detailed summary will be available at the Town Clerk's office or on the town website.

THE "CENTER" NEWS Fall/Winter, 2021

Dear Taxpayers,

As summer season moves into the middle of October, it appears as our fall season will be short. As we all see winter coming soon, I ask that we all drive safely. There seems to be some concern that our "Town" needs to change our zoning. This will be up for much discussion. Have a safe winter season.

Warmest regards, Robert Toby Paltzer – Chairman

PLANNING FOR THE TOWN'S FUTURE – Come voice your opinion! - What will the town look like in the next 10 years? How does the town grow, yet maintain plenty of farmland for our farmers? Where should new developments be allowed? How do we create harmony between residential, agriculture and commercial businesses? These are all questions the Town Planning Committee and Town Board have been facing as they work through the challenge of updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan. **There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, November 30th at 6:00 p.m.** to consider adopting the proposed Town of Center Comprehensive Plan Update, in accordance with 66.1001(4) Wis Stats. Click the following link to view the Comprehensive Plan Addendum: <https://centerwi.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Center-Comp-Plan-Amendment.pdf>

The update is in the form of an addendum. Many of the items in the current town comprehensive plan are still relevant, including goals, objectives, policies and programs. The primary goals for this addendum are to:

- Ensure compliance with the State of Wisconsin's 10 year Comprehensive Plan Update requirement;
- Provide basic, up-to-date socioeconomic information; and
- Incorporate the Town's new Future Land Use Map & categories, creating a more flexible future land use framework that seamlessly aligns with what is contained in the County's Comprehensive Plan.

The Town's Future Land Use Map that is up for consideration of adoption includes changes to the area north of Wege Road. The area north of Wege Road (with the exception of the sq. mile of Center Valley Rd, Cty Rd S, Meade St & Cty Rd EE) would be designated as Agriculture & Open Land. Changes to the Future Land Use map would not change current zoning; however they would allow for farmland preservation (Exclusive Agriculture) zoning / Agriculture Enterprise Area / tax credits in this northern area if the Town desired to pursue these options in the future. New home sites in the northern part of the town designated as Agriculture & Open Land with existing General Agriculture Zoning would only be created by Certified Survey Map (CSM). New residential developments (by Plat w/Residential Rezoning) would be kept primarily to the area south of Wege Road. There is also a corridor along Cty Rd A and State Rd 47 that was extended for Town Center/Hwy Mixed Use which allows for a variety of different land uses. You can view the addendum and Future Land Use Map on the Town's website or request a copy from the Town Clerk. Click the following link to view the proposed future land use map: <https://centerwi.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Center-Future-Land-Use-Map.pdf>

2021 TAXES - 2021 Real Estate Taxes payable in 2022 should be mailed to residents by early December. First Installments are payable to the Town of Center and are due by January 31, 2022. 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 18th from 9a.m. – 12p.m.
 - Friday, December 31st from 9a.m. – 12p.m.
 - Saturday, January 15th from 9a.m. – 12p.m.
 - Monday, January 31st 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 – 4:00 weekdays (drive through 8:00 - 5:00). 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". There is no fee for payments using an e-check. The fee is \$3.50 for a debit card and the fee is 2.2% of the paid amount with a minimum fee of \$1 if paying by credit card.

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.

2022 ELECTIONS— Polls for all elections are open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. – Photo ID is required!

- February 15, 2022 – Spring Primary (if needed)
- April 5, 2022 – Spring Election
- August 9, 2022 - Partisan Primary
- November 8, 2022 – General Election

The following municipal contests will be included on the spring ballot: Town Board Supervisor #2 and Supervisor #4.

Would you like to run for Town Board? If you want your name included on the ballot, nomination papers can be circulated starting December 1, 2021 and must be returned to the Clerk's office by 5:00 p.m. on January 4, 2022. Contact the Town Clerk for more information.

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.

2022 ANNUAL GARBAGE FEE – The annual garbage fee that is included on your tax bill, will increase by 3%. You will see a \$118.80 charge on your tax bill for garbage.

TOWN HALL & PAVILION RENTALS – To rent town facilities, **YOU MUST BE A RESIDENT and PROPERTY OWNER IN THE TOWN OF CENTER** and over 21 years of age. You can check available dates on the calendar on the town's website and then call the Town Clerk's Office to make the reservation. The rental charges are \$75.00 for the hall and \$25.00 for the park pavilion. A security deposit equal to the rental amount must be paid with a separate check and enclosed with the rental payment. The security check will be returned to the renter if the premises are left in an acceptable condition. Reservations 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.

2022 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. 2022 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-way, 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.

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.

DO NOT PLOW OR 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.

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.

Thank you!

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 5th Annual Summer Picnic!

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