

# TOWN OF NEW DENMARK NEWSLETTER MARCH 2014

Spring Election April 1, 2014

Denmark School District Bd: Vote for 1

Paula J. Larsen Derek Rosek

(Wards 1-2) County Bd Supervisor District 13:

Norbert Dantinne

(Ward 3) County Bd Supervisor District 20:

Bill Clancy
James Crawford

#### School District Referendum:

To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes". To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No".

Shall the School District of Denmark, Brown, Manitowoc and Kewaunee Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$800,000 for the 2014-2015 school year; by \$900,000 for the 2015-2016 school year; and by \$900,000 for the 2016-2017 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operating expenses, including ongoing education programming and maintenance, enhancing safety and security, transportation and technology? Yes / No

Upcoming Meeting/Event Dates	Spring
April 1, 2014	SPRING ELECTION: Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. The Town Hall is located at <b>5531 W Town Hall Road</b> .
April 14, 2014 @ 7:00 pm	Town Board Meeting
April 15, 2014 @ 7:00 pm	Annual Town Meeting
April 22, 2014	EARTH DAY – Take a walk and help clean-up the Town roads and ditches.

Absentee Voting: Requests for Absentee Ballots must be made in writing and received by the Clerk on or before 5:00 pm on March 27, 2014. If you have a question or concern about voting after this deadline, please contact Michelle Wallerius, Clerk at 920-863-5523 or michwallerius@gmail.com. The Application for Absentee Ballot can be located at the Town website www.townofnewdenmark.com (GAB-121) or a handwritten request (signed and dated) is acceptable.

**Dog Licenses:** Pursuant to Wisconsin statutes, all dogs over 5 months of age must be licensed. Licenses can be purchased from the Treasurer, Dawn Chervenka. Applications are available online at the Town website or through the Treasurer. Fees for SPAYED OR NEUTERED DOGS are \$10.00; otherwise the license is \$15.00. You will need to provide the dog's name, sex, breed, whether it is spayed or neutered and the date of last **Rabies Vaccination** when applying for a license. Should you have any questions regarding a license, please contact Dawn at 920.863.6677.

### 2014 Earth Day - Highlights

# Electronic Equipment can be recycled at the following locations:

Best Buy at 825 Pilgrim Way; Lamp Recyclers, Inc. located at 3055 Holmgren Way; Milwaukee, PC located at 1683 E. Mason Street; & Brown Cty HHW Facility located at 2561 S. Broadway.

# <u>Disposal of Household</u> <u>Hazardous Waste:</u> The Brown Cty HHW Facility

also collects & disposes household cleaning products, paints/stains, expired or unused prescription drugs, chemicals, solvents, batteries, fluorescent lights, propane tanks & pesticides that *cannot* be disposed of through a landfill. There may be a small fee associated with the disposal of these products. For more information, please contact the Center at 920-492-4950.

#### **Hours of Operation:**

Thursdays: Noon – 6 pm & Saturdays: 8 am – 2 pm

Reminder to Residents: The 2014 Garbage and Recycling Pick-up Schedules are available online at the Town website:

www.townofnewdenmark.com

Advanced Disposal has moved to single stream recycling which means paper, plastic, glass & all recyclable material can be placed curbside in the same bin each week for pick up.

## Road Projects for 2014

With Spring upon us, the Board will be conducting their annual road tour in April/early May. If you have a concern about a Town road, please contact one of the Board members with the road name and your concern so the road can be inspected.

Weight Limit Restrictions (60% weight limitations) have been placed on the following Town roads effective March 21, 2014: Maribel between KB to Langes Corner Road; Irish between KB and BB; Kvitek between 96 and Cooperstown; Wanek between 96 and Cooperstown; Pine Grove between R and Game Lane/T; and Langes Corner from T to R and from R to NN. This list is not all inclusive, so please watch for additional postings on local roads.

#### BUILDING / ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:

Effective January 1, 2014 - Ralph Witte has been appointed as the Town Building Inspector, in addition to his duty as Town Zoning Administrator. Mr. Witte has over 17 years of experience as a Zoning Administrator & Certified Building Inspector. Ralph can be reached at 920.321.8937 or at <a href="mailto:rwitte59@gmail.com">rwitte59@gmail.com</a> with zoning or building questions. Building applications and a fee schedule can be found online at the Town website.

Reminder: A <u>Building Informational Permit</u> must be furnished to the Zoning Administrator & approved by the Town Board prior to the start of any construction project over \$500 & is required before a formal Building Permit can be issued. Any structure over 100 sq. ft will require an Informational Building Permit to ensure setback requirements have been met. This form can be found online at the Town website and there is no charge for the informational permit.

#### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual town meeting of the electors will be held on **April 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** at the New Denmark Town Hall (5531 W. Town Hall Rd). This meeting gives the residents an opportunity to conduct official town business and voice their concerns on issues facing the Town. The 2013 Annual Financial Report will be available for review as of April 1, 2014 and can be viewed online at the Town website <a href="https://www.townofnewdenmark.com">www.townofnewdenmark.com</a> in advance of the meeting.

**Town Board Actions:** The following are **only highlights** of actions and discussions at the monthly Town Board meetings. For detailed Minutes please visit <a href="https://www.townofnewdenmark.com">www.townofnewdenmark.com</a>.

#### December 2013

- \* Info Permits for ND-75: roofing and siding replacement. ND-669 on Church Rd for a 3 sided ag structure on existing barn.
- \* Rezoning of 5 acres from ND-643 (R. Kane Lane) for existing home. Parent parcel to have less then 35 acres and remain agricultural. MC
- \* Motion by Sup. Goetsch for additional time to review revised Zone Code, and review a red line copy. MC
- \* Resolution 2013-08 to Appoint Election Officials for 2014/2015. MC
- \* Bd reviews Building Inspector Agreement. Appt for 2 yr term. Bd believes most effective to have Ralph Witte serve in both capacities as building inspector and zoning administrator. Motion to appt. Ralph Witte as building inspector. Effective 1/01/14.
- \* Bielinski has completed culvert replacement. Shady Lane road sign replaced. Joe's Lane to be addressed: trees, gravel/grading. Motion to publish for snow removal bids for 2014 for January mtg. MC
- \* Motion to proceed with Schenk for 2013 Annual Review and CT filing. MC
- \* Review of year end budget and adjustments made from road fund in the amount of \$5,000 to Safety. MC

#### February 2014

- \* C. Sarns inquires about Langes Corner property due to deterioration and safety of neighboring buildings.
- \* Motion to add Sec. 18.10 to Chapter 18 of Town Code to adopt State imposed court fees and costs associated with possible municipal court citations.
- \* Info permit: Antennae addition to Ronk Rd cell tower.
- \*Assessor active in road work & reviewing building permits from 2013.
- \* Review of Inter-governmental Agreement for DS200 with Brown Cty. Covers use and insurance of new voting equipment. Agreement approved. MC
- \* Discussion of residents pushing snow from private driveways across Cty Hwys & Town Rds. Creates problem for graders/plows if excess snow left in right-of-ways. Practice prohibited on Cty roads & residents have received ltrs from Brown Cty if in violation. \*Discussion of survey map of Love Lane and possible
- \*Discussion of survey map of Love Lane and possible abandonment of property on north side of Lane.
- \* Zoning Code revisions reviewed. Sup. Goetsch opposed to any type of maximum setback requirement of new homes. Temporary building defined as anything over 100 sq. ft and on property less then 6 months and does not contain utilities. Every new building over \$500 or 100 sq. ft shall require an info permit to ensure setbacks met. Tabled for additional review.
- \*Motion to adopt revised building fee schedule with fee for new siding and roofing struck from schedule and construction deposit to be eliminated. MC

#### January 2014

- \* Shared Snow Removal Contract with Village of Denmark to be finalized with annexation of Wood properties from North Avenue to the Village.
- \* Snow Removal Contracts reviewed from Brown Cty and Bielinski Excavating. County to maintain northern portion of township, with Bielinski assigned to south.
- \* Arrow sign on Larsenville Rd replaced. Funding approved for bridge repair to Wanek & Cooperstown.
- \*Review of Revised Zoning Code. Discussion of maximum setback of 150 ft from roadway. Sup. Goetsch feels this should be left to landowner to determine location of home. Other means to ensure access is acceptable for emergency vehicles and variance difficult to obtain & does not want to see this limited. Discussion of stock yards and stock farms and specific animal unit defined in each category. Would like to see temporary building further defined. Still leaves question when permit is required and/or setback question.
- \* Proposed building inspector fees for 2014. Motion to table for further review and consideration. MC
- \* Contract from Brown Cty Planning for issuance of fire numbers. Motion to approve. MC
- \* Ltr from Dept of Administration annexation of ND-460-7 A. Peterson Lane (9.278 acres) to the Village. \* DOT highway aids for 2014 \$127,147.

#### March 2014

- \*Board of Review set for May 13, 2014 from 7-9 pm.

  \* Discussion of combined Clerk/Treasurer position.

  This was a directive from the residents at the 2013

  Annual Town Meeting. Change can be made by the electors at the Annual Town Mtg or by the Board if noticed as an agenda item at regular Bd meeting.

  Proposed change not personal, but something that can be discussed by the residents at the Annual Mtg.
- \* Town has received \$13,537 for re-surfacing project of Langes Corners Road. Sup. Olsen states a number of signs need repair from damage from snow plows and replacement to high definition signs.
- \* Revised copy of Zoning Code not received in advance of meeting / redline copy. Tabled until April.
- \* Review of Title Abstract for ND-325. Established in June of 1978 and contains 33 acres. Suitable for home per Smart Growth Plan. 20 acres parcels acceptable from Aug. 1974- Sept. 1985. Otherwise, must contain 35 acres to build a new home.
- \*Review of correspondence from Rienows re: Bd of Appeals mtg conducted 2/19/14. Unable to refund as costs for legal publication & payment of Bd incurred. \*Admin. Witte excused from April 15 Town Bd Mtg due to scheduling conflict. Discussion about future screening of residential property from commercial.

#### Town Board Members

William J. Krueger, Chair 863-6965 Matthew Goetsch 863-3956 Steve Olsen 863-2194 Michelle Wallerius, Clerk 863-5523 Dawn Chervenka,

863-6677 Treasurer Derek Rosek, Constable 621-1526 Gary Taicher, Assessor 863-2913

Ralph Witte, Zoning &

**Building Inspector** 321-8937

The Town Board meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Residents are invited to attend these public meetings and may place an item on the agenda by calling the Town Chairman.

The goal of this newsletter is to promote resident awareness and involvement in town government and community affairs.

If you have any criticisms, comments, requests or suggestions, please contact Michelle Wallerius @ 863-5523 or at michwallerius@gmail.com

#### Posting of Notices

Notice of hearings and agendas are posted at the Town Hall, Denmark State Bank and M&I Bank. Agendas can also be found online at the Town website: www.townofnewdenmark.com.

The Plan Commission and Variance Committee will meet as zoning issues arise. Notice of hearings will be posted and public hearings regarding these requests will be published in The Denmark News.

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