

# TOWN OF NEW DENMARK NEWSLETTER August 2023

### Upcoming Meeting/Event Dates

9/6 Board Meeting, 7 pm
10/11 Board Meeting, 7 pm
\*Special meeting of the Board to discuss 2024 Budget (date to be set)
11/13 Board Meeting, 7 pm
12/11 Board Meeting, 7 pm

\* No Fall Elections are scheduled

Deadline for Agenda Items Anyone wishing to place an item on the Town Board Agenda will need to contact Chairman Krueger by the first Monday of the month with that request. Chairman Krueger will make the final determination as to whether a specific item will be placed on the agenda.



### VETERANS WAR MEMORIAL PARK ATTENDANT Effective: August 1, 2023 – August 1, 2024

**Veterans War Memorial Shelter House:** The Town of New Denmark has been an integral part and co-partner (with the Village of Denmark, the Legion and the VFW) of the Veterans Memorial Shelter House, which is located at Memorial Park in the Village of Denmark.

The Veterans War Memorial shelter house committee is looking for a volunteer from the Town of New Denmark who would be willing to serve as a liaison for the shelter house starting August 1, 2023. For more information, please contact Michelle Wallerius, Clerk or Francis Rabas, representative for the Veterans War Memorial Park.

The shelter can hold approximately 60-75 people and provides access to the surrounding park, playground and ball diamond. The rental fee is \$75.00 and the proceeds benefit the Veterans Memorial Fund. Please call 920-677-2217 to reserve a date.

### Notary Public Service Free of Charge:

As a reminder to the residents of New Denmark, I will provide free notary public services at my residence, the Town Hall or if you are restricted to your home, I will come to your residence to notarize documents. Please call (863-5523) or email me if you are in need of this service.

## 2023 Property Reassessment/Revaluation Update Open Book & Board of Review BOWMAR APPRAISAL,INC

The Town of New Denmark has completed the 2023 reassessment of all taxable property in the town and notices were mailed to property owners on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. When reviewing your assessment, please note the 2022 value on your notice is actually the **assessed value from 2007**, the last year a reassessment took place in the township.

For most properties, your property would only have changed if you had permitted work done between the last reassessment (2007) and the present (2022). It has been 16 years since the last reassessment and the average overall increase for property value over this timeframe was 58%. This does not mean your taxes are going up or down for 2023. The town is gaining 58% more in value to draw taxes from and the Town's mill rate and the Assessment Ratio used to calculate the estimated Fair Market Value on the tax bills will be adjusted based on this revaluation. In 2022, the Town's assessment ratio was .693140 (69.3%) of total assessed value, which set our mill rate at 2.914 before the property tax credit. With an increase in overall property value and an increased assessment ratio, the Town mill rate will be adjusted accordingly to reflect these changes.

If you have any questions about your new assessment, please feel free to call Bowmar Appraisal, Inc. at 920-733-5369 (Monday thru Thursday 9AM to 3:30PM).

Open Book will be held at the New Denmark Town Hall (5531 West Town Hall Road) on **September 14th 10AM to Noon & 1:30PM to 5PM**. Board of Review will be held September 26<sup>th</sup>, 6PM to 8PM at the Town Hall, and <u>is by appointment only</u>. Objection forms must to be filed with the Clerk 48 hours before the Board of Review. Please talk to the Assessor before filing any Board of Review Objections as most issues or concerns can be addressed beforehand to save you time and preparation work as the Board of Review operates similar to a court hearing.



**Wild teasel :** Dipsacus fullonum, syn. Dipsacus sylvestris, is a species of flowering plant known by the common names wild teasel or fuller's teasel. Teasel seed germinates throughout the year, but most commonly in spring and fall. The fall crop takes advantage of space provided by dying teasel plants that have shed their seed, prolonging and expanding the population. Common teasel is a highly invasive plant that can choke out desirable native growth and agricultural crops. The plants have stout, 2-foot taproots that anchor them firmly into the soil. A single plant can produce as many as 40 blooms, each of which can produce more than 800 seeds. The seeds are easily dispersed by water, birds, animals, and humans.

The best way to gain teasel weed control is to remove flowering stalks by hand before seeds are mature. Dispose of the flowering heads in sealed bags to prevent spread. Be persistent because the seeds remain in the soil; controlling teasel weeds may require up to five years or even more.

Large stands of common teasel can be treated with herbicides such as 2,4-D or glyphosate. Apply the chemicals to rosettes in spring or fall. Tips For Controlling Teasel Weeds <u>https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/plant-problems/weeds/controlling-teasel-weeds.htm</u>

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

April 2023	May 2023
<ul> <li>*Pine Grove road agreement to be amended to include snow removal for each municipality.</li> <li>* Discussion of culvert/driveway install on Langes Corners and required DNR permits prior to Town approval. ND-184-1 for addition to residence. MC ND-3, 4815 Cherney Rd for demo of silos and granary. MC</li> <li>*Bowmar Appraisals finishing up field work. First Bd of Review scheduled for 5/8/23 and to be adjourned to August/Sept.</li> <li>* Hawkins Ash representative ltr submitted for annual review.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>* Resolution 2023-01 approved for Pine Grove Rd agreement.</li> <li>* ND-135 for restoration of existing garage. MC, ND-436 to construct 50x80 garage. Nonconforming use permit needed as zoning is AG-1 and only .4 acres. 5480 Langes Corners for 70x60 cold storage building. Zoned Ag-1. MC ND-712 restoration of cattle shed, MC ND-398-1 for 36x50 shop. Non-conforming use permit included. ND-774-1 for 24x20 garage addition. MC ND-709-11 5474 Damsal Ct for new shed. MC</li> <li>* BOR held and adjourned. Revalue still in progress.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>* Plan Commission nominations: Renewal of all members for respective terms. MC</li> <li>*Vacancy on Variance/Appeal Committee. To be filled at later date.</li> <li>* Railroad signs have been updated and installed per requirement of Railroad Commission. Discussion of broken up pavement/right of way on Cooperstown, Kvitek, Church and Peterson Lane. Pro1 to</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>* 2022 Final report from Hawkins Ash submitted.</li> <li>* Jesse Watzka nominated to replace K. Kafka on Variance Committee. MC</li> <li>* 2023-2024 Brown County Treasurer tax agreement approved. MC Cost to be \$1.60 per parcel for preparation &amp; collection.</li> <li>* Gravel roads to be gravel and graded. Brown County to repair</li> </ul>
repair. Water flowing over R. Kane Lane and washed out shoulder. Rip rap added. Culvert to be replaced on Town Hall Rd. Debris cleaned from roadway on Maribel and Pepper due to flooding. *Grass cutting of right of ways. Proposal for 3-year contract with cutting half of right of ways to fence line each year, alternating years. Price options of \$36,000 annually to fence for entire town, \$29,000 alternating each year. Motion to approve 3 yr contract, option 2 year alternating cutting to fence line half of town alternating	North Ave guardrail. Follow up to torn up right of way, Sup. Goetsch to follow up with Pro1 on repairs. * Road bids reviewed and to be submitted for bids for May 24 mtg. *Constable to address dog concern on North Avenue. * Bd reviewed draft Garbage/recycling contract bid notice. * Rezoning of ND-395 32.4 acres from Ag-1 to I-1 for the construction of storage units. MC * Rezoning of ND-347-1 from Ag-1 to B-1 .903 acres at 5409
<ul> <li>years. MC</li> <li>* Posting of garbage/recycling bids for 2023.</li> <li>* 2022 Census report filed: 3 new single family constructed in 2022.</li> <li>* ND-144-1, discussion of zoning of property and use as campground or storage; and safety concern of parking on roadway.</li> <li>* Road Tour set for 4/13/2023.</li> <li>* Town to host BCJMC on 6/15/23.</li> </ul>	Steves Cheese Rd, mixed residential and business zoning. MC * Review of CUP for NEW Organics. Additional language to be added re: monitor of off-site storage of waste per guidelines. *Zoning Admin: ND-342-6 CSM to be submitted to subdivide two residential properties, even though non-conforming for size. ND- 633 concern about trailers on property line. Legal to send ltr.
June 2023	July 2023
<ul> <li>* L. Feller and concern about potholes on Town Hall Rd. A. Nelsen of 5144 W. Town Hall Rd raises odor concern about neighboring property for past 3-4 month. Zoning Admin to follow up with DNR. J. Fischer of 5649 Hope Lane notified of complaint re: firework display and clarification of Town permits. Town does not issue permit or police. Best to work with neighbors due to fire safety.</li> <li>*Atty. Sickel working on Jensen Lane agreement and Old Settlers road layout.</li> <li>* ND-407-1 5736 Cty Rd R for 18x16 sunroom. MC</li> <li>* Assessor Gaworek states MAR filed. 5.2 million has been assessed for new Belgioioso Cheese construction on Cty R for 2023. Preliminary values show 11% increase for residential and 8% commercial.</li> <li>* Class B Beer and Liquor licenses and operator permits approved for Twin Oaks, LLC, The Mark, Circle Tap, Basil's II, Loopy's on the Loop and Class B for Duck Creek Vineyard &amp; Winery.</li> <li>* Guardrail fixed on North, cost to be billed per accident report on file. NE Asphalt to begin roadwork after Hwy 96 is complete. Tree removed from Pine Grove Rd.</li> <li>* Non-conforming permit approved for ND-398-1 for accessory building. Non-conforming permit approved for ND-436 for accessory building on North Ave.</li> <li>* Motion to approve CSM for M. Hardy to split existing non-conforming residential properties on Steves Cheese Rd.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>* A. Wenzel 5114 W Town Hall Rd inquires about odor complaint and continuous tanker trucks on site.</li> <li>* Pine Grove Road maintenance agreement approved and forwarded to Town of Eaton for approval.</li> <li>* ND-182-2 5712 Aspen Court for addition. MC</li> <li>* Assessor Gaworek states Bowmar is on schedule with revalue.</li> <li>* Residential Garbage Recycling bids reviewed GFL weekly garbage and bi-weekly recycling. \$18.70 for their location, \$19.20 for Brown County. CPI 3% with \$4.00 base for fuel surcharge.</li> <li>Harters: \$21.00 per hour or \$24 with weekly recycling. No set CPI and \$4.00 fuel surcharge. Motion to approve 5-year contract with GFL. MC</li> <li>* NE Asphalt addressing issues on North Avenue and R. Kane Lane. Thank you to Rick Finnel for smoothing out gravel and signage. Discussion of invasive teasel and request to add to newsletter. Road signs continue to be stolen and replaced at expense of Town.</li> <li>* Discussion of trespassing at abandoned property and rights Town would have to fence or post. Town could also condemn and assess on tax roll.</li> <li>* Local 4-H group who utilizes Town Hall has volunteered to paint railing outside of building. No objection from Bd.</li> <li>* CUP for NEW Organics approved and signed by Clerk.</li> <li>* Odor update to ND-409. Motion to issue 3-day odor violation citations to property owners by legal counsel.</li> <li>* Towns Association meeting 7/27/23 at Wander Springs.</li> </ul>

#### **Town Board Members**

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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 at 863-5523 or at michwallerius@gmail. com 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 items on the agenda by calling the Town Chairman.

Notice of hearings and agendas are posted at the Town Hall and online at the town website: wwww.townofnewdenmark.gov

The **Plan Commission** will meet as agenda items arise each month with a special meeting being scheduled at 7 p.m. The **Variance Committee** will meet as zoning issues arises. Notice of hearings will be posted & published in <u>The Denmark News</u>.

#### TOWN OF NEW DENMARK MICHELLE WALLERIUS, CLERK 5993 W. CHERNEY ROAD DENMARK, WI 54208