



ST. JOSEPH TOWN NEWSLETTER

The Town of St. Joseph continues to move forward and is making great progress with all the activities that we have on our plate. Town Board members, Committees of the Town, and other designated individuals, continue to participate in the numerous meetings that are required to accomplish these activities. The Town continues to utilize skilled individuals, such as Accountants, Financial Planners, Computer Specialists, Parks and Recreation Professionals, retired Business professionals, and other dedicated persons on our Town Committees. They have volunteered their time and continue to work tirelessly. Their hard work, experience, and input has been extremely valuable during this time. We thank each and every one for their contributions.

Chair's CORNER

■ Bridge Update

The new river crossing opened after a brief ceremony on August 2, 2017. Vehicular traffic has increased significantly over this new bridge compared to the traffic utilizing the old lift bridge. According to a Star-Tribune article by Kevin Giles on Thursday, September 21, 2017, the traffic has gone from approximately 17,000 daily crossings over the old lift bridge to approximately 28,145 utilizing the new bridge. Immediately following the ceremony and for several days thereafter, many individuals were driving over the new bridge just to experience the new bridge. These individuals would come across the bridge from Minnesota, get off on the first exit at County Road E, go around the round-a-bouts, and head back across the bridge. The same is true for motorists coming from the Wisconsin side. A phrase was coined by a local resident which made national news and other social media to describe this phenomenon. These drivers were called "LOOPERS." Today, this activity has declined significantly, but we do still see an occasional "Looper."

Although the bridge is complete, the road reconstruction/reconfiguration on the Wisconsin side, particularly in the Houlton area, hasn't even begun. It will take an additional 18-24 months to complete the Bike and Pedestrian Trail as well as the two trailheads and road reconfigurations. This means continued meetings and discussions with those involved and affected. If you have any concerns or questions don't hesitate to call and we will try to answer your questions.



■ Storm Water/Wastewater

The Town continues to participate in the Storm Water/Wastewater Coalition meetings where the Hwy 64 Corridor Communities are planning for change that will potentially occur due to the new bridge. Much of the funding for this purpose within the Bridge MOU mitigation monies has been expended and a small portion remains for additional projects.

Work on our **Houlton Facilities Management Plan** has been completed. A final report was given to the Town Board and has been accepted. We will be closing out the Funding Agreement soon. The Town was granted **\$44,900** from Bridge MOU mitigation monies to fund this plan which included both plan funding and soil boring funding. The final plan will be available on the town's website.

A **Bass Lake Facilities Management Feasibility Plan** has been completed and was presented to the Bass Lake watershed property owners at the June Bass Lake Rehabilitation District Annual Meeting. The Town was granted **\$12,800** from Bridge MOU mitigation monies to fund this plan. This Funding Agreement has been closed and the study can be found on the Town's website.

Work on our **Municipal Separate Storm Water System (MS4) Plan** is nearly complete. We are currently awaiting work by the County on the Storm Water and Erosion Control Ordinances as previously mentioned. We requested and were granted an extension to the matching Urban Non-Point Source Grant due to the timing of the ordinance work.

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Reminder: St. Joseph Town Meetings

Meetings of the Town Board, Plan Commission, Parks, Trails & Recreation, Public Works, and Finance are open to the public. Notice for these meetings are posted at the Town Hall and on our website. Many residents also request these notices via e-mail. If you would like your name added to the e-mail list, sign up directly on the Town website or just drop an e-mail to: email@townofstjoseph.com. The annual budget meeting is normally the 2nd week of November. These are all meetings for YOU, the residents of the Town. You become the voice and vote for the many happenings within the Town. Attendance by a mere handful of residents does not accurately represent the wants and needs of the entire community. Plan to be involved in YOUR Town. Check out the website, www.townofstjoseph.com, to gain additional information. IT IS THERE FOR YOU!!!

Finance Committee Update

In the early part of last year, the Town received its Standard's & Poor's Credit rating which affirmed its "AA-" long-term rating. They reported, "**The outlook is negative (AA-), reflecting our view of the Town's low nominal fund balance.**" Obviously, this negative outlook prompted the Finance Committee and the Town Board to take an in-depth look at our current budgeting and financial condition. The S & P Rating Service reported that the rating reflected the following credit characteristics of the Town: Very Strong Economy, Adequate Management with Standard Financial Policies, Strong Budgetary Performance, Strong Budgetary Flexibility, Adequate Debt and Contingent Liability Position, and Adequate Institutional Framework. However, the *OUTLOOK* was negative reflecting "a one-in-three chance that we may lower the rating during the next year because of the Town's low reserves...the Town's low nominal fund balance precludes a higher rating, but **we could revise the outlook to stable if reserves improve.**"

This year we do not anticipate a "negative outlook" and are hopeful for a "stable" rating, but we have not received the report as of yet. The Town Audit from this year showed an improvement in the General Fund and it is now trending back in the right direction for the first time in six years. By no means are we "out of the woods", but we have seen improvement. **The recommendation from our auditing firm continues to be — the Town needs to increase its tax levy to more adequately cover the loan payments, rather than continuing to fund the current loan payments from the General Fund or extend cut backs in Public Works expenditures.** These cut backs in Public Works expenditures have resulted in significant road maintenance not being completed, such as crack sealing and seal coating. We have done some crack sealing and seal coating this year, but not to the level which is necessary. (Remember, for every one-year that crack sealing and seal coating is delayed, the life span of that road is reduced by 2 – 3 years.) Additionally, invasive weeds such as Wild Parsnip have not only established a foothold; but have exploded this past year, requiring action. A much more aggressive attack will be necessary next year.

This year, similar to last year, the Town asked EHLERS — a leader in Public Finance — to look at our financial situation and offer suggestions and recommendations for the Town to consider that would put us in a better financial position both for the short and long term. The firm was also directed to look at this in light of the S & P Rating, the existing debt, the levy limit worksheets, and the additional cost the Town faces with the new debt for the Fire Truck, fire equipment, and a much needed roof repair at Town Hall.

The following chart created by EHLERS shows the situation:

Levy Tax Year	Year Collected	Base Levy	Debt Levy Amount	Total Town Levy	Mill Rate
2010	2011	\$ 942,891	\$ 561,420	\$ 1,504,311	3.15
2011	2012	\$ 947,172	\$ 46,506	\$ 993,678	2.25
2012	2013	\$ 949,322	\$ 44,356	\$ 993,678	2.59
2013	2014	\$ 952,825	\$ 55,777	\$ 1,010,022	2.44
2014	2015	\$ 955,121	\$ 55,000	\$ 1,120,000	2.36
2015	2016	\$ 970,594	\$ 149,406	\$ 1,120,094	2.31
2016	2017	\$ 981,027	\$ 309,619	\$ 1,290,646	2.35

The current annual Debt Payment is approximately \$624,838. This includes the road improvement debt of \$541,275 plus the new debt of \$83,264 for the fire truck and the roof replacement. You can see from the above chart -- starting in the tax year 2012 — (from levy year 2011 to 2014) that about \$500,000 **per year** was not funded by the tax levy; but instead, from the General Fund and cut backs in the existing Public Works budget for four years. We continue to try to move toward complete debt funding as authorized by state law; but we would prefer to do it over time, rather than one fell swoop. The current situation cannot continue. We continue to fall behind our annual road maintenance, which shortens the lifespan of our road infrastructure. We **MUST** revert to levying for debt service or face serious financial and infrastructure conditions for the Town.

EHLERS has offered financial scenarios for the Town Board to consider, all which include an increase in the Town levy. No one likes tax increases, but the consequences for not increasing the levy will be significantly more painful and have long term, negative impacts on the Town infrastructure, safety, and financial stability. The good news is that any restructuring of loans may benefit the Town and actually lower the debt repayment costs.

In addition to all of this, the Federal and State mandates continue to place burdens on the Town's budget. The Federal and State Governments continue to impose new requirements on the Town; such as we have seen in the past with sign reflectivity standards or MS4 designations. Additional good news is that the state aids for roads increase by 10% for this year. However, the bad news is that now we have additional road length due to the mandated turnback of old sections of Hwy 35/64 and County Road E. The Net effect is that we have fallen further behind.

New home construction continues in the Town. However, the reduction of the tax burden to each existing parcel is very minimal. At the current rate this new construction contributes less than 1% of new Town valuation. This year we anticipate the number of new housing starts to go up 60%. Although this may seem like a huge increase, we are only going from about 12 new homes last year to about 19 new homes this year. Additionally, it is important to note that the market value of current homes in the Town has grown 11% this last year — as evidenced by the total valuation of the Town according to our Assessor and the State's Department of Revenue. That translates to three consecutive years of market and assessed valuation growth.

Please take the time to look back on your tax statements from 2008-2010 to see what you were paying as the TOWN'S portion.

Finally, I think it is important to remind everyone that the Town of St. Joseph portion of your tax bill represents only about 15% of your total tax bill. The largest majority is for St. Croix County and School Districts.

Hard decisions **will have to be made** over the next couple of years to satisfy our debt obligations and our infrastructure needs.

PERKS FOR RESIDENTS: Rentals and more

Town residents can rent table and chairs from the Town of St. Joseph! Have a big event coming up? Reserve the 85 folding chairs and 8 large tables housed at Town Hall. There is a \$10 use deposit for every 24 hour rental period. Rental forms are available online and in the Clerk's Office. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Did you know that the Town of St. Joseph has an outdoor Park Pavilion? Baseball field? Playground? Walking Trails? These wonderful amenities are located outside of Town Hall at the corner

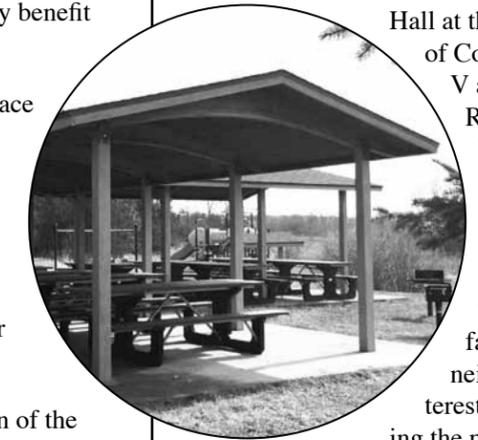
of County Road V and County Road E.

Please come enjoy our outdoor amenities with your friends, family and neighbors! Interested in reserv-

ing the park pavilion or baseball field for a

special event? Residents can rent the pavilion FREE. Rental forms are available online and in the Clerk's Office. Reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis. The baseball field can be reserved for \$10/4 hour slot. Contact the Clerk's Office for more information.

Have a LARGE event? Reserve the Town Hall! Residents can rent out the entire Town Hall! Amenities include a large meeting room, projector, kitchen, restrooms, and table and chairs. Rental forms are available online or in the Clerk's Office. There is a minimum \$100 rental fee plus \$100 deposit required for each rental.



Fire/Rescue/EMS Update

The Town of St. Joseph will be putting two new fire trucks in service in 2017.

In January, the Town bought a 2017, Ford ¾ ton pickup. Additionally, we used fundraiser money to install a water tank and pump on the truck. A number of our members installed emergency lighting, a winch, emergency radio and miscellaneous other options to make it fire ready. All of the aftermarket options came from fundraising money. The new brush truck has been in service since April.

In January, the Town also ordered a new Fire Engine. It will replace a 1989 Engine. The vehicle is being built by Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton, Wisconsin and should be completed around Thanksgiving.

Burning permits are required for any fire that takes up an area larger than a three-foot diameter circle. To obtain a permit contact, any fire department member, any Town Board member, or the Town Clerk can issue you one at the Town Hall. Once you have the permit in hand, you simply call the non-emergency dispatch number (715-386-4701) and tell them that you wish to burn. They will ask if you have a permit and then ask your name, location of burn and a phone number where you can be reached. If possible, give them your cell phone number. They are going to call you if someone calls in your fire; and if no one answers the phone, they are going to page the fire department. Remember that *once you strike a match, you are responsible for the fire and — with or without a permit — you*

will be billed if the fire department has to extinguish your fire.

After 18 years of service to our Township, Jeff Amundson has retired. He is enrolled in graduate school and also works 40+ hours a week. Jeff was fourth on the seniority list of department members. He has held the positions of secretary/treasurer for three years and has been one of our Captains for the last three years.

With two successful businesses and four children, Ryan Flattum also decided to retire. Ryan had been on the department for 15 years and was number six on the seniority list. Ryan was a Captain for three years and served as an Assistant Chief for five years.

It is very obvious that we are going to miss these two men's knowledge and leadership! We wish them both the best of luck and cannot possibly thank them enough for their dedication.

Thankfully, we have hired 10 new members. This will bring our membership up to 31 members. Nine of them are enrolled in Fire School with WITC and the tenth is already a certified fire fighter.

Thanks to all of you who so graciously support the Fire Department. We appreciate your support. Stop by and see our new trucks. Meetings are on the first and third Mondays of each month from 6:00 to 9:30.

Reminders:

Check your smoke alarms and replace the batteries!

With the winter heating season right around the corner we'd also like to remind you to check your carbon monoxide detectors, as well as your smoke detectors!

Make sure your FIRE NUMBER is visible at all times... remove all overhanging branches, plants and snow to protect the visibility of your sign and the safety of your family and residence.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a poisonous gas that is created when common fuels such as natural gas, oil, wood or coal burn incompletely. This odorless, colorless, tasteless gas is often called the "silent killer" because it is virtually undetectable without the use of detection technology like a CO alarm.

Installation Tips

Install CO alarms on every level of your home and outside each sleeping area. Interconnected CO alarms provide the best protection. When one sounds, they all sound. CO alarms are not a substitute for smoke alarms. Install both types of alarms in your home. Purchase CO alarms from a reputable retailer that you trust. Choose alarms that bare the label of a nationally recognized testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturers instructions regarding proper placement and installation height.

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St. Joseph Fire Department Officers

Chief.....Ron Burton	715-222-4887	Captain	Cale Dahm	612-709-2390
Asst. Chief.....Charles Barrette	651-303-8857	Captain	Zac Spates	612-205-0914
Asst. Chief.....Tyler Williquett.....	715-808-1692	Captain	Tim O'Brien	715-497-6896

Municipal Separate Storm Water System (MS4) Permit & Houlton Facilities Plan Updates

MS4 Update

The Town of St. Joseph has completed the initial work for the MS4 permit to be submitted to the DNR. We are waiting on the County to complete some ordinances and resolutions to which we can tie the town's ordinances and be in compliance. The submittal of the permit is scheduled to be completed by year-end 2017. This project was completely paid for with funds associated with the new bridge. This will complete the initial work on the permit. Yearly inspections and reports will need to be completed moving forward. Please contact Supervisor Bohl with any questions.

Houlton Facilities Plan Update

The Town of St. Joseph has completed soil testing at five additional locations along County E and Thielen Farm Road in order to get a composition of the soil for potential infiltration sites. The test results were submitted to the DNR. The DNR has approved some of the sites. There has been a final report approved by the Town for submission to the Hwy 64 Corridor Committee from which the funds are supplied for all the work on this project. At this time, the work on the Houlton Facilities Plan is completed. If a developer has any interest in projects around the Houlton area, there will be a reference for them to review if waste water treatment is required or desired for their development. The town's position is that any new facility would need to be paid for by the developer. Please contact Supervisor Bohl with any questions.



Plan Commission Update

The plan commission is charged with advising the town board on matters related to the future of the town; including developing the town plan, reviewing land division proposals, reviewing requests for variances and exceptions to certain ordinances, and addressing other development issues. As an unelected body, we discuss issues and provide advice, but the Town Board and County Board make the final decisions.

The Comprehensive Plan for the Town is an important guide for our work. An updated plan was adopted this January, and can be viewed on the town's web site. It reflects our town's rural character, and prepares for modest increases

in growth with the completion of the new bridge. The plan also includes supporting documents such as a survey of town residents and demographic, economic and natural resources studies. When reviewing requests for development, we attempt to ensure that they fit with the Town's overall plan.

Ongoing Plan Commission projects include updating guidelines for non-residential development (such as retail businesses) and reviewing the Town's ordinances. The county is also beginning to update its zoning code, and we expect some involvement in the process.

If you are interested in the future of our Town, consider attending our meetings. There is always time set aside for public comments, and we welcome input from Town residents. We also have openings for new members; contact the Town Clerk to apply.

Committee members include: Town Board Member-Joy Packard, Chair-Anton Rang, Members-Chris Matter, Daniel Lynch, Steve Balfanz, Theresa Schousek, Jason Coyle, Alternate Members-Carolyn Barrett, Town Board Member-Laurie DeRosier

Public Works News

Our roads are our biggest assets and most used facility of the town. We face many challenges in keeping these roads in good condition for — you — the driving public. Doing our best to maintain our roads currently saves the town money — as future maintenance always costs more.

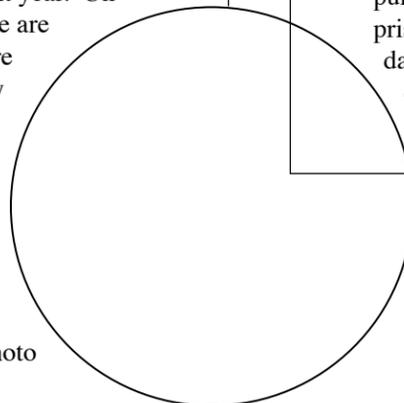
Crack seal and seal coating

During this past summer, we spent approximately \$150,000 to crack seal and seal coat a variety of roads -- which prolongs their life. Water and ice are enemies of our roads and sealing them extends their lifespan until they have to be replaced. This type of ongoing maintenance is proven to save the town money in the long run. Unfortunately, our budget restricts us from doing all of the roads that need maintenance each year. Ideally, we should be spending \$300,000 per year for this type of maintenance. The longer we put off required maintenance, the faster our roads age — and, therefore, will need **replacement** sooner.

Signage

This year, we have replaced many of our aging signs in the town — including stop signs. This project will be completed in the next year. Under State mandate we are required to make sure our signage is highly visible and in good condition.

stop sign photo



Snowplowing

Again this season, our snowplow contractors will be Schmitt & Sons and Tuma Excavating. As part of their contract, we have guidelines in place to ensure snowplowing compliance, i.e....“ The goals include providing uniform plowing and sanding in all areas of the Town; establishing priorities; identifying the timing for completing plowing and sanding; setting plowing and sanding performance standards.”

These guidelines lay out when, how and what timing is used to remove snow. This assures us that the snowplowing is done consistently across the town. If you have any questions concerning these guidelines, feel free to contact a Town Board member or a Public Works Committee member.

The Public Works Committee meets monthly. If you would be interested in serving on this committee, please send an email of interest to the Town Clerk/Treasurer. The Committee personally inspects the roads of the town throughout the year, recommends repairs and maintenance to the Town Board, installs and determines use of the traffic counter, completion of sign inventory and other public works needs as identified by the Town Board.

State law governs **Town Right of Ways**. Reference: *State Statute: 86.21*

- * No person shall, within the limits of any public highway, plow, cultivate or otherwise work any lands in such manner as to interfere with or obstruct the drainage in any public highway ditch, nor shall any person operate any farm or other machinery on, over, along or across any public highway in such manner as to materially damage the said highway.
- * Any person who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$50, or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than 10 days nor more than 30 days, and shall in addition pay the whole cost of restoring the ditch or highway, or both, to their former condition.

Road Right of Ways

Please be aware that our road right of ways extend from approximately 33' from the center line of the road. It is against town ordinance #160-1 to deposit or plow snow onto or across a town road.

Per State Statute: 86.021(1)(2), Please refrain from landscaping, installing irrigation, building, depositing debris, planting crops, or any activity that would deter storm water drainage, snow removal, and future construction areas for roads.

Parks, Trails & Recreation

The Town of St. Joseph's Park Trails and Recreation Committee provides input and recommendations to the Town Board on issues pertaining to existing parks as well as the potential development of future parks and trails in the Town.

Did you know?

The town of St. Joseph has places for you to exercise and enjoy both active and passive recreation:

The Interstate Bike Trail was opened on August 2, 2017. The utilization of the trail on the Wisconsin side has exceeded expectations. Take a bike ride, jog or walk and enjoy the expansive view from the new bridge. Don't forget to bring your doggy waste bags with you and please leave the area trash free.

The ball fields were used all summer long by families, the Hudson Boosters and 4-H clubs. If you would like to use the field, call 715-549-6235 or email the Town Clerk at clerk@townofstjoseph.com.

Walk the trails at the Town Hall Park and enjoy the birds, wild flowers and grass paths. The park is a beautiful spot for wedding and special occasion photos.

Park in the Perch Lake Parking lot or use the Town boat launch to head out fishing on Perch Lake. Beautiful Perch Lake is also a great place to swim, scuba dive and ice fish. Remember no gas motors are allowed on the lake.



We would like to thank all the volunteers that have stepped forward this summer to complete park projects in the Town. A special thank you goes to Brad Coulter for organizing church members and friends to volunteer on the projects listed below:

Thelen Cemetery was weeded and the brush was cut and chipped. The woodchips were used to mulch around the gravestones.

The pergola at the town hall building was power-washed and stained.

The vintage Town of Joseph sign was repaired; power-washed, stained and new letters were added.

Brush and trash were removed from the Perch Lake parking lot and surrounding area.

Committee members include: Town Board Member-Laurie DeRosier, Chair-Mark Vanasse, Members-Kevin Moeltor, Kyle Lindstrom, Janet Lindstrom, Nina Boonacker, Gail Bahner and Pat Tuma. The Town of St. Joseph's Park, Trails and Recreation Committee meets the third Wednesday of every month at the Town Hall at 6:00 pm. We would appreciate your ideas and suggestions!

For more information on the St. Croix Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan see:

<http://www.sccwi.us/bikepedplan>



Wisconsin Loop Trail Construction Update

The next phase of the St. Croix River Crossing Bike/Pedestrian Loop Trail (Loop Trail) is underway and will continue through 2018. Starting October 2, the main trail-head will be closed for construction and will remain closed to the public until final completion, anticipated for October 2018.

2017-18 Construction Activities will include:

- **Construction of two trail-head parking areas:** one will be located at the top of Houlton Hill and the second will be located across the street from Houlton Elementary School (main trailhead).
- **Main trailhead amenities:** sanitary system, well, restroom building, drinking fountains, picnic shelter, picnic tables, benches and interpretive panels.
- **Wisconsin Garden Federation partnership projects:** veteran's marker, pollinator gardens and other landscaping features.
- **Art Bench project with the Houlton Elementary School.**

St. Croix County has had tremendous support for the Loop Trail project and have several sponsorship opportunities available including the following: bicycle aid stations, bike racks, pet fountain, pet waste stations, art benches, little free library, and landscape plantings. For more information, contact the Community Development Department at 715-531-1906 or tamara.wittmer@sccwi.gov.

Perch Lake & Bass Lake Management Plans

As mentioned in the Spring Newsletter, both Lake Management Plans — for Perch Lake and Bass Lake — were accepted by the DNR and incorporated into the Town's Comprehensive Plan, making both of these lakes eligible for certain grants. The Bass Lake Rehabilitation District was awarded the Lake Protection Grant it applied for in the spring — on the heels of the successful application and award of a Lake Planning Grant.

Work has begun on the installation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to improve the capture, infiltration, and/or diversion of storm water runoff from individual lakeshore parcels. The intent of this is to reduce the phosphorous runoff into the lake, which in turn, makes for a healthier lake and reduces algae blooms. We applaud those riparian owners who have stepped forward and have taken action to accomplish this task. The creation of these BMPs is not free — although they are subsidized via the grant. These installations come with a cost to the land owner(s). Our thanks go out to them for going above and beyond by spending their own money to protect this Outstanding Resource Waters (ORW) for not just themselves, but for generations to come. We expect to have almost ten individual landowner BMPs completed by the end of the year, with more landowners signed up for next year.

Also, the Bass Lake Wastewater Facilities Feasibility Study has been completed. The study, paid for through the use of wastewater mitigation funding as part of the bridge Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The purpose of the study was to examine the feasibility and costs associated with the construction and utilization of a wastewater treatment facility servicing the Bass Lake watershed area. The results were presented at the Bass Lake Rehabilitation District Meeting in June of this year. The study can be found on the Town's website.

The County is currently rewriting storm water and erosion control ordinances, which is anticipated to have a positive effect on storm water runoff in the County — including both Perch Lake and Bass Lake. There will be more news to come on this in our Spring 2018 Newsletter.

Additionally, as many may have noticed, the water level in Bass Lake, as well as other wetlands in the area, has risen substantially in the last couple of years. In anticipation of additional

rising of these waters, discussion has begun with the DNR on potential action to be taken if the level rises above the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) as it did in the mid 90's.

As far as Perch Lake is concerned the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee continue discussion on the improvement of facilities for Perch Lake. Due to the nature of the improvements, many issues have arisen which has had an impact on the timing of the improvements.

TOWN OF ST. JOSEPH Citizen of the Year 2016 Awarded in April 2017

Carolyn Barrette

**"If you want something done,
ask a busy person."** — Benjamin Franklin



Talk about busy...Carolyn Barrette was the Chair of the Plan Commission, which led the charge for our Comprehensive Plan revision (over the last two and a half years). Additionally, she attended countless meetings, Open Houses, and Public Hearings — including those for our Natural Resource Inventory Study. She has been and remains the Secretary of the Corridor 64 Stormwater/Wastewater Coalition (an unpaid position, I might add). She has attended numerous GMAT Meetings, plus worked on Chapter 149 Revisions, Non-Residential Design Standards, the Outdoor Recreation Plan, the Fall Festival, and countless Certified Survey Map field trips.

She has an incredibly long history with this Town. She was the Clerk from approximately 1977-1986. She has been tirelessly dedicated for all this time. She even bought a house across the street about 50 years ago.

Additionally, she has participated in activities outside of Town activities. She has been an active member of the Master Gardeners, the Community Garden, a Bowling League, and active participant with her church, and even a mentor to the current Town Chairman.

Also, this is the first time we have a REPEAT RECIPIENT. She was given this award exactly 10 years ago in 2007.

No one has worked harder this past year than this year's recipient of the Citizen of the Year...

Hudson Area Public Library

Something for Everyone @ the Hudson Area Public Library
By Tina Norris, Library Director

The Hudson Area Public Library's new iLab is now open! The iLab has a variety of software and equipment for innovation and creation, including a 3D printer, 2-iMac computers, a Linux computer, and a Windows based computer, iPads loaded with a plethora of apps, a Cricut Air 2, a sewing machine, Digital conversion equipment, a Wacom Drawing Tablet, Blue Ice mic, and a photography kit. Software includes Home Designer, a variety of open source software comparable to Adobe's Creative Cloud software, stop-motion animation, Anime / Manga / Comic and animation software. In November and December, the Library will be hosting workshops on using the 3D Printer, Coding classes, and more! Check the Library's website www.hudsonareapubliclibrary.org for the latest information on workshops and events, and to find out more about using the equipment. The iLabs are made possible through a generous grant from the Hudson Area Library Foundation.

Upcoming Events

October – December

Fall Story Times (Santa visits in December, so check the website for details!)

November

November is **National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)**—If you are an aspiring author take the 30-day challenge and join us for a "write-in". The goal of this challenge is to complete your novel in 30 days, so sharpen those pencils, create those characters, thicken those plots, and write a bit each day.

November 1st @ 6:30 pm — **Holiday Decorating with Hudson Flower Shop** — Register for this hands-on creative craft workshop.

November 10th @ 10:30 am — **History & Genealogy @ the Library** — Join us the second Thursday of each month (no program in December) for informative presentations on History and Genealogy. Dr. Kurt Leichtle, Professor Emeritus, University of Wisconsin, River Falls will present an informative presentation on World War I (in January 2018, we will begin the year with a new genealogy topic).

December 2017

Join us on December 9th for a **life-size game of Candyland**. All are welcome to join the fun-filled annual event.

January – February 2018

Get ready for the **Third Annual Hudson Area Public Library Winter Reading Program** for Adults and Teens.

The Hudson Area Public Library — where knowledge flows freely...come check us out!

Town of St. Joseph Assessor's Update

My name is Mark Garlick and I'm the Assessor for the Town of St. Joseph. I want to give you a brief update on the real estate market in the Township. As you know, we recently completed a full revaluation in the Town and reassessed all properties during 2014. As a result of this process, we were able to get the Town in compliance with the Department of Revenue for the year 2014.

However, as you may already know, the real estate market has picked up since then. We are currently seeing a very active and strong market in the Hudson/St. Joseph area. We are experiencing a 20% to 25% appreciation in property values since the revaluation in 2014. This is good news for property owners in the area.

For example, for the year 2014 revaluation, our sales analysis told us that the average sale price for a home in St. Joseph was approximately \$250,000 and we were at 101.57% equalized value. This is exactly where we need to be. In 2015 the average sale price for a home was \$285,700 and average lot value was \$93,600 and the equalized value dropped to 91.37%. In 2016 the average sale price for a home was \$322,100 and the average lot value was \$110,300 and the equalized value is currently 81.90%. It's easy to see the trend here. The projected equalized value for 2017 is 74.77%. As of October 1, 2017, the town of St. Joseph has 80 sales recorded.

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Town of St. Joseph Assessor's Update

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All of this information is good news for the property owners in St. Joseph; however, we need to get the market values on properties back up to 100%. In 2018 we will be doing a market adjustment of all real and personal property in the township. This is a perfect time to do the market adjustment because the increase in values of homes and land, +/- \$113 million, will cause the current mill rates to react.

I know this is lot information, but it is obvious we need to stay on top of the market in the area. A market revaluation means we won't be re-measuring or taking pictures of all properties as we did in 2014, but we will look at properties and analyze sales. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Mark T. Garlick
CHIMNEY ROCK APPRAISAL
W1905 Pine Road, Eleva, WI 54738
(715) 287-3376

Houlton Bazaar

The annual Houlton Bazaar, run by the Houlton Parent Association (HPA) is on the calendar for Saturday, November 4th from 10:00-2:00! It's always a great day, with carnival games, food, crafts, and an overall community-building event. Also, this also the school's biggest fundraiser. Profits are used to fund things like field trips, Prairie Fire Theater, classroom supplies and projects, and bigger projects like our greenhouse and new playground and the upcoming St. Croix River Valley Art Bench. The HPA uses these funds to help support the amazing learning that goes on in our school.

Upcoming projects that Houlton students are going to be involved in include the St. Croix River Crossing Bike Trail Trailhead -- specifically with the planning and creating of a St. Croix River Valley Art Bench that will be a part of the Trailhead. These are great opportunities for our students to get involved in community activities, and to learn about how someone's idea gets developed, from start to finish.

Please mark your calendars and "see you there"!

Get Involved in the Future of the Town of St. Joseph Now Hiring:

DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER

The Town of St. Joseph, WI (pop 3,900) is seeking a candidate for the part-time position of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. The position directly supports the Town Clerk/Treasurer and is responsible for a wide variety of projects and tasks, including general accounting, licensing, election administration, and other record keeping duties and general office administration. This position works collaboratively with all staff and board members and includes assisting residents on the phone and at the front desk. The ideal candidate will display a strong attention to detail, have general accounting knowledge, and excellent customer service skills. Qualified candidates must hold a Bachelor's Degree in public administration, political science, or a related field; have general municipal experience; demonstrated computer skills, and a positive "can-do" attitude.

Position is open until filled; Salary DOQ. Please visit the Town's website: www.townofstjoseph.com to apply.

MINUTE TAKER

The Town of St. Joseph is seeking a candidate to take Plan Commission meeting minutes. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month. Additional meetings may be called on from time to time as well. The position is paid. Please visit the Town's website: www.townofstjoseph.com to apply.

SERVE ON PLANNING COMMISSION

Have you considered joining the Town of St. Joseph Planning Commission? It's a wonderful way to meet fellow neighbors. Meetings are held monthly. Member compensation is \$20 per meeting. The Planning Commission reviews documents relevant to planning and zoning for the town.

Interested residents should send a Letter of interest to the clerk's office.

SERVE ON A COMMITTEE

The Town of St Joseph needs interested residents to serve on its various committees and commission. Committee/Commission members should plan to attend at least one meeting monthly.

Town Committees:

- Finance Committee
- Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee
- Public Safety Committee
- Public Works Committee

Interested residents should send a Letter of Interest to the clerk's office.

The St. Croix River Crossing Bridge officially opened August 2, 2017!

update



Marker on the bridge where Wisconsin and Minnesota meet.

The new St. Croix River Crossing Bridge opened at 7 p.m. on August 2, 2017

The official ribbon cutting ceremony for the bridge opening was held at 11 am at the entrance to the bridge on the Stillwater, Minnesota side. Among a large crowd of interested folks, the ceremony was officiated by governors of both Wisconsin and Minnesota, along with other governmental officials. A busload of residents from the Town of St. Joseph was also attendance. Town Chair and Board Members participated in one of the ribbon cuttings. Chair, Thomas Spaniol, also addressed the gathering with a fine opening speech.



The St. Croix River Crossing Ribbon Cutting Ceremony August 2, 2017



The old Stillwater bridge officially closed at 7 p.m. on August 2, 2017

Following are interesting statistics reported in an article by Kevin Giles of the Star Tribune (Thursday, September 21, 2017):

- Since the new bridge opened on August 2, 2017, daily traffic has increased significantly on the new St. Croix River Bridge compared with crossings on its predecessor, the Stillwater Lift Bridge, according to data from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.
- Measurements taken at the east end of the four-lane bridge, where it connects with St. Croix County, show a daily average of 28,145 vehicle crossings since its opening.
- The two-lane Lift Bridge was logging about 17,000 daily crossings when it closed to vehicle traffic on Aug. 2, the same day the new bridge opened. (Originally built to accommodate??? cars).
- The new bridge was built to accommodate 71,500 vehicles a day, according to MnDOT.

Check us out on Facebook! (Did you know?)



Understanding Stormwater

Article Title:

“Minimal Impact Development Standards: A New Cutting Edge in Stormwater Management”

March 13, 2017

Written by: Spencer Peck & Jay Michels, Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc.

NOTE: Part A was published in the Spring 2017 newsletter.

Part B

II. The Minimal Impact Design Standards Explained (cont.)

Flexible Treatment Alternatives

Many developers and land owners fear updates to development policies. They believe new regulations may result in impracticable requirements for a previously undeveloped site, or a redevelopment project. These beliefs are often especially strong in communities where development policies are less stringent or are applied infrequently. The MIDS development group foresaw these obstacles, and purposely integrated measures of flexibility in the Model Ordinance and its performance standards. If an applicant is unable to achieve the full MIDS performance goals due to site restrictions as documented by the applicant and attested by the local authority, the development project may instead follow the Flexible Treatment Alternatives process.

The first alternative is to retain a smaller volume of runoff, remove a large percentage of the total phosphorous load from the discharged runoff, and attempt to address constraints by relocating project elements. If the first alternative is unfeasible, the second alternative reduces the volume standards to a “maximum extent practicable” level, further decreases the percentage of total phosphorous that must be removed, and may permit relocation of project elements. Finally, if the first two alternatives are unattainable, the third alternative allows off-site mitigation equivalent to the full volume reduction performance goal. These alternatives are intended to be used in sequence. Each

step of the sequence must be documented, reviewed, and approved by the local authorities.

MIDS Calculator

One of the greatest aspects of MIDS is that it standardizes the benefits of non-structural and structural stormwater practices. The MIDS Best Management Practice (BMP) calculator is a Microsoft Excel-based tool used to determine stormwater runoff volume and pollutant reduction capabilities of various low impact development (LID) BMPs. The MIDS calculator estimates the stormwater runoff volume reductions for various BMPs based on the MIDS performance goal (1.1 inches of runoff off impervious surfaces) and annual pollutant load reductions for total phosphorus (including a breakdown between particulate and dissolved phosphorus) and total suspended solids (TSS).

Standardizing stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) not only simplifies the development process, but also supports decision-makers in determining which design aspects will satisfy a community’s goals. All the Best Management Practices recommended by the MIDS system have been reviewed and approved by a host of stormwater professionals, including the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). The MIDS Calculator also helps communities quantify load reductions in applications for grants and other funding opportunities. In short, the MIDS Calculator reduces workloads for developers and City Staff, and clarifies the stormwater management possibilities to even the most inexperienced user.

Overlapping Authority and MIDS

MIDS is especially effective in Minnesota because it is typically implemented by several overlapping authorities, including watershed districts (WDs), watershed management organizations (WMO), counties, and municipalities. In fact, nearly every level of water governance in the state has adopted the MIDS approach. The MIDS development process and state wide application is codified in state

statute. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, a state-level agency, incorporated the MIDS performance goals into its Stormwater and Shoreline Best Management Practices for Public Water Accesses. Further, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), the state agency responsible for issuing permits and overseeing many pollution prevention and water quality programs, was heavily involved in the development of MIDS, and has approved MIDS as a method for achieving the regulatory requirements for several state-wide programs. At the watershed level, a significant number of Watershed Districts and Water Management Organizations and the communities within their boundaries, have adopted, or are actively preparing to adopt MIDS standards. These organizations play a critical role in achieving the water quality and resource conservation goals set at the state and local level. Finally, nearly a dozen counties and municipalities have formally adopted at least parts of the MIDS model ordinance, with a few adopting the model ordinance in its entirety.

Consistency and the MIDS Approach

MIDS also ensures a community’s stormwater management ordinance is internally consistent and easy to use. Many municipal codes use obsolete or multiple terms (i.e. drainage, stormwater, runoff, etc.) when regulating stormwater runoff. This could easily cause a developer or landowner significant confusion. Communities that do have stormwater management codes, often also have confusing or ineffective regulatory thresholds. Some ordinances have multiple triggers for implementing stormwater best management practices that vary depending on project type, proximity to waterbody or natural feature, or intended use (residential v. commercial). Still other codes permit numerous exceptions or exemptions from stormwater management and erosion control regulations.

The MIDS model ordinance simplifies these convoluted triggers and thresholds, and instead uses simple thresholds that

apply regardless of location, project type, or intended use. The Model Ordinance addresses land disturbance and development projects that may not necessarily meet the main trigger as a result of multiple, small, distributed sites, as well as projects a community believes might impact an environmentally sensitive area.

More problematic is the fact that many municipal codes are cumbersome and disorganized. The relevant terms and standards are scattered throughout codes with no organization or consistency. In many of the municipal codes reviewed by the authors, stormwater provision appear in various places, including zoning, subdivision, land development, environmental, and performance standards. In fact, several codes did not even mention the term “stormwater management” or concepts related to modern stormwater management. Many code sections, especially zoning codes, can be very long, with several dozen subchapters, sections and subsections. This forces developers to page through several hundred pages to find the provisions that determine the particular stormwater and erosion control requirements for a project. Creating a stormwater pollution prevention plan for a project is thus a major undertaking requiring frequent contact with City staff, long hours reviewing the City Code, and possibly even hiring professional help. More troublesome, is the fact that even City or County staff may be entirely unaware or unsure of existing stormwater management requirements, as a result of voluminous, lengthy ordinances.

Adopting MIDS offers an easy alternative. First, the new provisions can simply be slotted into the existing codes. MIDS can be integrated into the existing codes as a standalone chapter, or as an addition to an existing chapter. No major rewrite is required, beyond deleting conflicting or supplemented sections. More importantly, a stand-alone chapter offers myriad benefits. A single, organized stormwater management chapter would save developers and City staff enormous amounts of time and money. Instead of searching through a 200-page document, both Staff and developers would need to look at only one chapter of the code to determine what stormwater management standards must be met. Even first time builders, or

developers new to an area could easily integrate the performance standards, and use the simple tools in the MIDS ordinance to develop a state-of-the-art stormwater management system.

III. Conclusion

Adoption of the MIDS approach to stormwater management has slowly gained momentum since its release in 2013. The Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization was awarded a Clean Water grant in 2014 to implement the MIDS Community Assistance Package. This watershed management organization is currently working with the 13 communities in the St. Croix Basin to adopt ordinance revisions to incorporate MIDS. Among the MSCWMO communities, two (Lakeland Shores and Lakeland) have already adopted the MIDS approach, while the other 11 are at various stages of the approval process for similar updates. Across Minnesota, three communities within the Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District (Crosby, Deerwood, and Irondale) have or are in the process of adopting the MIDS approach. Lindstrom, Center City, and Chisago City, communities in the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District are also adopting MIDS. Finally, a number of communities in western Wisconsin, and several in Iowa are actively considering MIDS updates to their respective ordinances.

Conclusion

In summary, every community has much to gain from adopting the Minimal Impact Design Standards. The MIDS model provides clear, consistent, and effective performance standards and regulatory thresholds. The model ordinance does not place an unreasonable burden on landowners or developers, and in fact benefits the project itself, as well as local and regional water resources. Thanks to the Flexible Treatment Alternatives, MIDS offers substantial flexibility to development projects forced to manage site constraints. MIDS also provides communities state-of-the-art stormwater management while also seamlessly integrating local approaches with neighboring communities and other overlapping layers of authority. Finally, MIDS improves the effectiveness and consistency of the county and municipal codes by presenting comprehensive package of tools that can be approved as a stand-alone chapter, or easily integrated into existing codes. All water resources in Minnesota deserve and will greatly benefit from the reduced runoff volumes and rates, and decreased pollution loads once MIDS is adopted and implemented



¹ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, *Results of the Nationwide Urban Runoff Program: Final Report*, Washington D.C., Dec. 1983, available at https://www3.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/sw_nurp_vol_1_finalreport.pdf.
² Jennifer Laston, “The Burning River That Sparked a Revolution,” June 22, 2015 available at <http://time.com/3921976/cuyahoga-fire/>.
³ Ibid. at 1-1. Uncertainties were so great and cost estimates were so high that funding for treatment of separate stormwater discharges was deleted from the Clean Water Act of 1977 (P.L. 95-217).
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⁹ Michael E. Dietz, *Low Impact Development Practices: A Review of Current Research and Recommendations for Future Directions*, 1 Water, Air, and Soil Pollution 351 (Sept. 2007).

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■ Comprehensive Plan

As mentioned in our last Newsletter, our work on the Town **Comprehensive Plan** and **Natural Resource Inventory Plan** is complete and now the Funding Agreements have been closed. Again, the Town was granted Bridge MOU mitigation monies of **\$96,000.00** for the **Comprehensive Plan** and an additional **\$40,000.00** for the **Natural Resource Inventory Plan**. As with all plans conducted under these mitigation monies, they can be found on the Town's website.

■ The Orchards of St. Croix

The Orchards of St. Croix, our most recent development, continues to sell lots and construct homes. About half of the lots remain to be built upon.

■ Road Maintenance/Snowplowing

Our snowplowing contractors, Schmitt Excavating and Tuma Excavating, are ready to go for this upcoming season. We anticipate an early winter this year and more snow than the last two winter seasons. Please continue to call us, the Town, when you see issues during the season and we will try to respond as quickly as possible. *Remember - The deeper the snow the more patient we have to be.*

■ Road Signs

The Town has been actively replacing road signs to meet the state requirements for reflectivity. We have almost finished with the eastern and western sides of the Town. Next year we will complete the project by resigning the central part of the Town. This is a very detailed and time-consuming process; but we have made significant progress.

■ Safety Committee

Upon recommendations from the Safety Committee, the Fire Department, and the Finance Committee — the Town Board, after careful consideration — authorized the purchase of a new Fire truck. We were able to secure a loan at 1.77%. The truck that is being replaced is over 27 years old and continues to have mechanical issues. We expect delivery within the next couple of months. *(Anyone want to buy an old one?).*

■ Leaking Roof

I am happy to report that the leaky roof at Town Hall has finally been repaired. As part of the loan we secured for the fire truck, we included a portion to fix this problem that has plagued the Town for several years.

■ Property Acquisition

The Town has entered into a Purchase Agreement to purchase property under the Bridge MOU mitigation funding and has also applied for a matching grant under the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant. We are working in cooperation with the County and the DNR to secure this purchase. The purchase has passed a couple of major hurdles; the ranking for western Wisconsin and the recommendation from the DNR Board. It has now moved onto Joint Finance of the Legislature. We are very optimistic at this point. In anticipation of approval, the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee has been working on a Park Management Plan for this potential new park. We will keep you informed and will probably have a dedication ceremony once the acquisition is complete.

■ Meeting with the Governor



On August 30, 2017, I had the opportunity to have a one-on-one meeting with Governor Scott Walker in his office in Madison. The principal purpose for our meeting was to discuss three important issues concerning the Town:

1. Reconstruction of State Hwy 35 and Transportation Alternative Program Grants— which will be applied for by the Town and County this fall.
2. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship funding within the State Budget and our recent application for such a grant, as mentioned above in regards to property acquisition.
3. Senate Bill 309 and Assembly 399. I am happy to report that there is evidence that the Governor has taken action on some of my requests.

Additionally, I presented him with a plaque commemorating the St. Croix River Crossing Bridge Opening Ceremony. (A copy of this plaque can be seen in the Town Hall).

As you can see this continues to a very busy time. Although many activities have been completed or nearing completion, others are just beginning. I continue to ask for your patience and understanding as all of us strive to do the best we possibly can for the Town.



2018 St. Croix County Dog License Application				PAYMENT DUE BY MARCH 31	
Owner's Name		Phone #		Penalty will apply if payment is late	
Address				Make checks payable to:	
				TOWN OF ST. JOSEPH	
				1337 Cty Rd V, Hudson WI 54016	
Date Paid	Cash/Check	Dog #1	Dog #2	Dog #3	Dog#4
Dog Name					
Color					
Breed					
Male	\$20.00				
Neutered Male	\$10.00				
Female	\$20.00				
Spayed Female	\$10.00				
Rabies Vaccine Mfg #					
Date Given:					
Date Exp.					
Office use: tag number if assigned					
Reminder: Before a dog license may be issued, evidence that each dog is currently immunized against rabies is required. (Wis. Stat. 174.07). Vaccination certificates may be obtained from your veterinarian. Please include a copy of the certificate with your dog license application.					

2018 dog tags and licenses are available for purchase. State Law requires all dogs be licensed annually.

There are three ways to purchase a dog tag:

- In person (Office hours Tuesday and Wednesday 8 AM – 3 PM & Thursday 1-6 PM)
- Mail in the dog license application and payment to: 1337 County Road V; Hudson, WI; 54016
- Leave the application and payment in the black mailbox located by the town hall's entry door

Current Fee Amounts: \$10 if the dog is Spayed or Neutered; \$20 if the dog is not Spayed or Neutered.

Starting April 1, the amount due per dog doubles. The additional \$10 or \$20 is considered the late fee for paying after March 31st. Dog owners must show proof of a rabies vaccination. Please notify the Town if you no longer have your dog. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the clerk's office at 715-549-6235 or send an e-mail to: clerk@townofstjoseph.com.

In an effort to save costs, Dog License Forms will no longer be included with your Property Tax Statement. For your convenience, we have included a form in this newsletter. Please clip below or, alternatively, you can stop into the Clerk's office, or forms can be found under the "Forms & Permit" Section of the Town Website.

Dog Owners Be Warned: Fees are your responsibility

No one wants to lose their pet. Fortunately, the Town of St. Joseph contracts with an animal control officer to assist lost animals. When a lost animal is reported or located, the animal control officer tries to identify the owner's information (for DOGS, this is most easily done through the current year's dog tag or microchip). When an owner cannot be located or contacted, the animal is dropped off at Woodbury Animal Humane Society.

ALL charges for a lost animal are billed back to the owner. This includes a base \$100 reclaiming fee, the animal control officer's time, mileage and all Animal Humane Society fees.

2017 Dog Licenses are now available for purchase — STATE LAW requires that all dogs be licensed and have updated rabies vaccinations. It also helps ensure that is your dog can get home quicker.



Calvin
(right) and
Hobbes (left)



Town of St. Joseph

1337 County Road V
Hudson, WI 54016

Can you help?

The Town keeps an ongoing list of persons interested in serving on our committees and Plan Commission. Contact the town clerk if interested. Committee contacts are also listed on the town website

Quick Reference Listing

Chairperson	Thomas Spaniol	chair@townofstjoseph.com 715-222-6235	Olson Sanitation	715-247-3440
1st Supervisor	Steve Bohl	supervisor1@townofstjoseph.com	Waste Management	715-425-8397
2nd Supervisor	Mike Long	supervisor2@townofstjoseph.com	Diggers Hotline—CALL BEFORE YOU DIG	800-242-8511
3rd Supervisor	Laurie DeRosier	supervisor3@townofstjoseph.com	Midwest Gas	715-247-5279
4th Supervisor	Joy Packard	supervisor4@townofstjoseph.com	St. Croix Electric	800-924-3407
Animal Control	Kathi Pelnar	715-386-7789	Xcel Energy	800-895-4999
Assessor	Mark T. Garlick	715-287-3376	TOWN HALL:	
Zoning Administrator	Jay Kimble	651-775-6996	Clerk/Treasurer — Nicole Stewart	
Building Inspector/ Building Permits	All-Croix Insp.	715-377-2152	clerk@townofstjoseph.com	
County Treasurer		715-386-4645	715-549-6235, Fax 715-549-6249	
County Zoning		715-386-4680	Office Hours are generally:	
			Tuesday & Wednesday, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	
			Thursday, 1:00 - 6:00 PM	

The town e-mails agendas of upcoming meetings. If you want to be included, send a note to: emailtownofstjoseph.com.
For information and a link to the ordinances go to: www.townofstjoseph.com

The Town Board has approved the publication of this newsletter. We appreciate your comments and feedback on this issue. Please contact Joy Packard, 4th Supervisor (supervisor4@townofstjoseph.com) if you have comments.

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