



ST. JOSEPH TOWN NEWSLETTER

The Town of St. Joseph has been involved in a tremendous amount of activity this past spring and summer. Town Board members, Committees of the Town, and other designated individuals, have participated in over 200 meetings for, with, or on behalf of the Town. Many skilled individuals, such as Accountants, Financial Planners, Computer Specialists, Parks and Recreation Professionals, and retired Business professionals, have participated on Town Committees. They have volunteered their time and have worked tirelessly over the past year. Their hard work, experience, and input have been extremely valuable during this hectic time.

Chair's CORNER

■ 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 -- which will potentially occur due to the new bridge. The Town of St. Joseph has reached its first milestone by completing the first submission requirement for the mandated **Municipal Separate Storm Water System (MS4)** permit, namely, the Education and Outreach Plan and the Construction and Post-Construction Storm water Ordinance review. Additionally, work continues on our **Facilities Management Plan**. We have dug test pits and completed soil borings to try to determine potential sites for wastewater infiltration if there is ever a need in the future. Again, we are utilizing Bridge mitigation grants to pay for this activity.

■ Comprehensive Plan

Our work on the Town **Comprehensive Plan** is nearing completion. We expect it to be completed by the end of the year. This planning has taken hundreds of hours because of its' complex comprehensive nature. We are moving into the review and Public Hearing portion. Again, the Town was granted Bridge mitigation monies of **\$96,000** for the **Comprehensive Plan** and an additional **\$40,000** for the **Natural Resource Inventory Plan** (which is also near completion). Once again, since these were grants, you – the taxpayer, will bear virtually none of these costs.

■ Lake Management Plans

We are progressing slower than anticipated with the Lake Management Plans, but are very near completion with the Perch Lake Plan. The Bass Lake sociological survey and a storm water modeling activity delayed the Bass Lake Plan, but we are now moving forward once again.

■ The Orchards of St. Croix

Our newest development, The Orchards of St. Croix — a Hartman Homes development, continues to sell lots and construct homes in this development. A successful “Grand Opening “ occurred on August 15. I hope you had an opportunity to attend.

■ Bicycle and Pedestrian Loop Trail

The Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee is continuing to work with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Town residents, and other stakeholders to give their input for the development of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Loop Trail and connections to other communities or places of interest, i.e. Hudson, Somerset, or the Willow River State Park.



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your vote matters!

REMINDER - FALL ELECTIONS



November 8, 2016

7:00 AM — 8:00 PM

Town Hall, 1337 County Road V

Don't forget your photo ID – ID is required to vote

All residents of the Town vote at the Town Hall, located at 1337 County Road V, Hudson WI 54016 (corner of County Rd V and County Rd E next to the Fire Station. Enter the door by the mailbox and the Little Free Library.

You **MUST** have an acceptable Photo ID to vote. For information on what photo IDs are acceptable and how to get a free State ID for voting, please visit www.bringitwisconsin.com

Want to skip the LONG lines on Election Day?? Vote Absentee!

Voter turnout is expected to be VERY high this November, so if you want to avoid waiting in line, join your neighbors and vote absentee. All registered voters are able to vote ahead of the November election for any reason either by mail or in person at the Town Clerk's Office. Simply complete WI State Form GAB-121 and provide a copy of your Photo ID. You can turn the documents in to the Clerk's Office in person, via mail, or email – clerk@townofstjoseph.com

How does Absentee Voting work? There are two ways to Absentee Vote:

1. You can vote in the Clerk's Office October 24 – November 4 (make sure to check office hours)
OR
2. Vote by Mail. You can request a ballot to be sent to you via US Mail and return it either in the prepaid envelope or drop it off at the Clerk's Office.

What do you need to Absentee Vote?

1. You need to be a registered voter.
2. You need to complete an Absentee Ballot Application – <http://gab.wi.gov/forms/gab-121-english>
3. You need to provide a valid Photo ID. If you are requesting an absentee ballot be sent via mail, you can provide a copy of your photo ID along with your application to the Clerk's Office via mail or email.

Everyone needs to be registered to vote!

Check your registration status at <https://myvote.wi.gov> and don't forget to provide your Proof of Residence (your WI Photo ID works if it has your current address listed).

Register to Vote by Mail now through October 19 by Mail. Go to <https://myvote.wi.gov> for more information.

Register to Vote in the Town Clerk's Office now through November 4th.

Did you move, change your name, or not vote within the last 4 years? Make sure your voter registration is up to date by visiting <https://myvote.wi.gov>.

☆☆☆☆☆ **VOTE NOVEMBER 8** ☆☆☆☆☆

Finance Advisory

The Finance Committee has been very engaged and action oriented this year. Early in the year the Town received its Standard's & Poor's Credit Rating which affirmed its "AA-" long-term rating. They reported, **"The outlook is negative, 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.*"

**Standard & Poor's
Credit Rating
of the Town:
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fund balance."**

After receipt of the S & P Rating the 2015 Town Audit was completed and delivered to the Town. The audit showed a decrease in the General Fund (the nominal fund balance) once again, for the fifth straight year. A recommendation from our auditing firm was 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 and 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, in accordance with our 6 year Pavement Management Plan. (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 are establishing a foothold in Town ditches and will need to be addressed soon.

Based on this information, 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 impending additional cost the Town is facing, such as a new Fire Truck, new fire gear, and a much needed roof repair at Town Hall.

The following chart created by the Finance Committee and EHLERS shows the situation:

<i>Levy Tax Year</i>	<i>Year Collected</i>	<i>Base Levy</i>	<i>Debt Levy Amount</i>	<i>Total Town Levy</i>	<i>Mill Rate</i>
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	\$ 1,008,602	2.44
2014	2015	\$ 955,121	\$ 55,000	\$ 1,120,000	2.36
2015	2016	\$ 970,594	\$ 149,406	\$ 1,320,094	2.31

The current annual Debt Payment is approximately \$541,000. You can see from the above chart, starting in the tax year 2012, (from levy year 2011 to 2014) 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. This cannot continue. **We MUST revert to levying for debt service or face serious financial conditions for the Town.**

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EHLERS has offered financial scenarios for the Finance Committee and the Town Board to consider, all of 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 additional loans that the Town may consider at this time are at all-time lows in terms of interest rates.

In addition to all of this, the Federal and State mandates are also placing a burden on the Town's budget. The Federal and State Governments continue to impose new requirements on the Town, such as sign reflectivity standards or MS4 designations, yet continue to reduce Federal and State aid and grants to Towns.

New home construction continues in the Town; however, the effect on the tax burden to each parcel is very minimal. At the current rate this new construction contributes less than 1% of new Town valuation. Additionally, it is important to note that the value of current homes in the Town has grown about 25%, as evidenced by the total valuation of the Town according to our Assessor and the State's Department of Revenue.

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.

Town Bank Update

It is the Finance Committee's responsibility to provide recommendations and information to the Town Board. The Town's previous bank, Central Bank, was acquired by Mid-WestOne Bank. With this change came numerous new fees which would have been quite costly on an annual basis. The Finance Committee explored the option of changing banks and interviewed three banking institutions. A recommendation was made to the Town Board which was accepted. Our new bank is First National Community Bank. During this transition we have also added separate accounts to give us a

better understanding and more transparent view of individual funds, such as, the General Fund, MOU Funds, Impact Fees, etc. The Finance Committee has also been engaged in reviewing and rewriting some policies regarding guidelines/limitations/criteria relating to Town infrastructure expenditures, expenditures relating to professional engineering, legal services, and credit card policy. These have been presented to and approved by the Town Board.

Finally, we 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 few years to guarantee the status of lifestyles we all expect as residents of the Town of St. Joseph. The Finance Committee has two Budget workshops scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 15 and Wednesday, Sept. 28, both are at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall. The workshops are intended to prepare the Town's 2017 budget. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall to present the final 2017 budget.

The Finance Advisory Committee meets quarterly to advise the Town Clerk/Treasurer and the Town Board about financial matters — including but not limited to management, custody and investment of Town funds, borrowing plans and strategies, fees and costs of financial arrangements and the selection of financial service providers. In addition, we develop an annual cash flow projection, monitor budget preparation, monitor expenditures of funds in comparison to budget, monitor custody of fund to assure safety and optimization of investment returns, annually review the Town debt instruments and develop in continuum a ten year finance plan.

If you have some financial background or are interested in serving on this committee, please contact the Town Clerk/Treasurer for more information. Our next meeting is Monday Sept. 26 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

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!!!

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

These two programs are regularly confused with each other and some may even combine them into the same program. There are similarities in the fact that both are controlling water and wastewater in the Houlton area, but the similarities end there. Hopefully this short explanation of both can help in the understanding of what each program is trying to accomplish. Residents can get information at the Town Hall regarding these programs and, as always, feel free to contact Supervisor Bohl or any other Town Board member if you have any questions.

Municipal Separate Storm Water System (MS4) Permit

As we have previously stated, the Town was mandated by Federal Law to comply with the provisions of the Municipal Separate Storm Water System (MS4) Permit for the Houlton area. The Town is required to meet specific deadlines for submission of plans and activities for this permit. One such submittal was due August 26, 2016. It included plans and documentation of compliance for the following permit sections: Public Education and Outreach, Public Involvement and Participation, Construction Site Pollution Control, and Post-Construction Storm Water Management. We have successfully submitted our 143-page document as required.

The goal of the education and outreach is to increase the awareness for storm water impacts on water resources; including, but not limited to:

- Detection and elimination of illicit discharges
- Education on proper management of materials that could contribute to storm water pollution
- Beneficial onsite reuse of grass clippings
- Promotion of infiltration of residential storm water from impervious surfaces
- Education of responsible persons of construction site erosion control
- Promotion of environmental sensitive land development designs by developers and designers

The Town has chosen several implementation strategies to achieve this goal, including news articles, website article publication, information at public events, and communication with other communities and local organizations.

For Public Involvement and Participation, the Town must notify the public of activities required for the MS4 permit and encourage input and participation from the public

regarding these activities. The Town will hold meetings focused on storm water management in conjunction with Town Board meetings, special meetings, or other community events where the public can provide input and participate. Refer to a brief summary to understanding stormwater outlined on pages 12-13 of this newsletter.

Additionally, we have submitted our current Town Ordinances, as well as those of the County, which pertain to Construction Site Pollution Control and Post-Construction Storm Water Management, as part of the August submission.

Additional deadlines are in place and we will continue to work toward completion. You may have noticed some fieldwork activity in the Houlton area. We have been collecting information on existing culverts and storm water runoff areas. We need to do this activity to meet our next deadline of February 26, 2017. The submittal will include the following:

- Illicit Discharge and Elimination
- Pollution Prevention Program
- Storm Sewer System Map
- Storm water Quality Management
- Storm water Quality Compliance Plan

As you can see, MS4 is quite complex and we are doing our best to satisfy these requirements.

Facilities Management Plan

We have been actively working on our Facilities Management Plan for the Houlton area. To reiterate again; we are conducting this plan in the event that future development in the Houlton area will require a new, enlarged, or different waste water facility. This is NOT for the existing situation and would ONLY be considered for the existing situation if there is a catastrophic event or a Federal or State mandate edict. If a developer comes forward in the future, the Town will already understand the things we can or cannot do based on the information we are gathering in this plan. In this planning process, we are looking at potential costs of different types of systems — most of which have already been ruled OUT because of the high cost.

Through the Wastewater Facilities Planning process, the Town has determined that any wastewater treatment facility in the Houlton area would have to discharge treated effluent to a soil infiltration system. To determine if soil conditions

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MS4 Permit & Facilities Management Plan

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would allow such a system, the Town has been investigating the soils in the Houlton Area. To date, six test pits have been excavated with five of the pits showing very similar soil -- thirteen to fourteen feet of coarse sand with gravel and rocks. Three of the five test pits had a layer of clay and silt below fourteen feet. One test pit hit clay and silt layers from about five feet to fifteen feet. No bedrock or groundwater was encountered in any of the test pits. In order to determine the depth to bedrock and the depth to the ground water table, up to two soil borings are scheduled for September 1. The Town will continue to discuss all findings with the Wisconsin DNR in an effort to determine if an infiltration system could be implemented in the Houlton area.



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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 reserving 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.

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■ Road Maintenance/Snowplowing

The Public Works Committee is continuing to work on many issues, including Pacer ratings, sign reflectivity and replacement, invasive species, Right-of-Way incursions, and road projects for this summer. We were unsuccessful in receiving a Town Road Discretionary Improvement Program (TRID) grant for which we applied. Therefore, our road project for this year could not be completed. There are many additional town roads that are in dire need of repair — which the Town is currently unable to fund. We are exploring all options for funding; but, quite frankly, there aren't many options available to us. Later in this Newsletter we will talk more in-depth about the Town's financial situation.

■ Public Safety Committee

The Public Safety Committee recommended a reconfiguration of the Clerk's office and repair of the pergola located outside the main entrance door. A new Clerk's window has been installed and the pergola has been reinforced. A big "thanks" to Jay and Karin Kimble, Mark Vanasse, Patrick Schell, and Mike Rivard for helping with the installation and trimming out of the window.

■ Property Acquisition

The Town continues to look for property to acquire within the Town. Mitigation monies are available to the Town to purchase property for low impact recreation and/or preservation of natural beauty. We cannot use the funds for baseball or soccer fields; but we can use the funds for parks, trails, a farmer's market, a community garden, natural area set aside, or rest stop areas along the Town's proposed Bike and Pedestrian Trail system. If anyone has any property they would like to sell or know of a particular parcel that would be nice for the Town to acquire and seems like a good fit, just give the Town a call.

As you can see, this has been a very busy time. I'm sure you have also noticed the amount of grants that we are applying for — and have received, thus far. We will continue to seek out grants for improvement of our infrastructure — which minimizes cost to the Town and to you. I ask for your patience and understanding as all of us continue to strive to do the best we possibly can for the Town.

Plan Commission

The **Comprehensive Plan for the Town of St. Joseph** is a set of goals and policies that can be used to guide future activities in the Town through ordinances, development tools and standards. The Plan outlines strategies to work with adjacent communities to assure our Town maintains its unique rural character; but still provides the economic and environmental protection that we desire. The Plan Commission has been working almost two years on the plan and is in the final stages of refining it. The project was financed by MOU dollars.

The first nine chapters of the Plan deal with issues facing the town, i.e. housing, economic viability, transportation, community services, etc. Each category lists general goals and policies to guide the Town's planning activities for the next few years in light of the St. Croix River Crossing Bridge. Special attention is paid to the views expressed in the Town's 2013 survey — *Maintain the Town's rural character and natural landscape resources while planning for future growth.* Additionally, protection of ground water is and remains a high priority for St. Joseph's residents. Surface water (defined as storm water run-off) — as well as Bass and Perch Lakes — are equally important in determining the health of our natural resources.

The **Housing** section and goals suggests that the Town could consider a variety of housing types — such as recognition of “mother-in-law” apartments as accessory dwelling units (ADU's), or down sized homes for residents who don't want to leave our community. Providing a safe, convenient and efficient multi-modal transportation system is Goal #1 in the Transportation section, and includes bike and pedestrian trails as well as roads/highways. Community facilities includes working with school districts, adjacent cities/villages, and county/state to ensure that services and utilities are provided to residents in an effective, efficient manner that meets future needs.

The **Natural Resources** section #1 Goal is to improve and protect the quality of surface waters including developing water management programs and ordinances. Key to this is the MS4 (municipal separate storm sewer system) permit requirements facing a small part of the Houlton area west of the new highway 64. Parks, wetlands, storm water, protection of woodlands and prairies are also included. A special public information meeting about the natural resources inventory and what is defined as a natural resource was held on Wednesday, September 14 (see notice below).

The **Economic Development** goals are designed to promote economic diversity that can provide job opportunities to residents. Identifying and promoting a well designed, efficient commercial and light industrial area that builds on the transportation accesses available can benefit our Town in many ways.

The **Land Use** goals and suggested future land use map encourages diverse land uses across the whole Town — preserving open spaces and agricultural land, while providing space for business development, housing and proposed mixed use development. For example, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Loop bike trail could lead to the development of a Houlton Village Center that could include a bike shop, a coffee shop or a small grocery store, as well as businesses that could support local residents. A business park area could provide a center of economic development.

The bulk of Chapter 10, **Implementation**, lists the goals and a plan for meeting them over the next few years.

The Plan Commission has scheduled a community open house and public hearing to present and review the Comprehensive Plan to the community (see notice below).

open house & public hearings

Town of St. Joseph Comprehensive Plan Community Open House & Public Hearing

Wednesday, October 12, 2016 – 6:00 PM at the Town Hall

Stantec representatives and Plan Commission members will be on hand to answer questions and explain the updated portions of the Comprehensive Plan. Following the Public Hearing, action will be taken to adopt the plan and forward it to the Town Board for further action and dissemination as required by Wisconsin Statutes.

The Plan, in its entirety, is posted on the Town's website (100+ pages). You can read the Plan at any time before the open house/public hearing. Come to the public hearing to ask your questions and voice your views about the Plan.

Past Public Information Meeting (Open House/Presentation) Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 – 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Displays and presentations described some of the natural resources we wish to protect in the Town. The goal was to present the basis for the goals and policies that will protect St. Joseph's ground water supplies, wetlands, woodland areas, and wildlife habitat. That Open House was at 6:00 PM with a Presentation at 7:00 PM. A Stantec ecologist, Paul Bockenstedt, discussed the Natural Resources Inventory report used in developing the comprehensive plan.

Equipment Needs for the Fire/Rescue/EMS

To better serve the members of our community, the St. Joseph Fire/Rescue/EMS needs to replace aging and non-compliant equipment. To keep us in compliance with state requirements and to keep the emergency team members safe while on site, under consideration are three major purchases.

The 3 pieces of equipment that need replacement are:

1. The 1989 Engine number 2 (27 yrs. old) – often referred to as the **pumper truck**.
2. The 1989 Wildland Fire Truck (27 yrs. old) – often referred to as the **brush truck**.
3. The 2001 SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) – by law is currently out-of-date, but will no longer be usable after December 31, 2018. Every team member needs their own set for fires, carbon monoxide calls or any other toxic air quality contact – which has the potential to damage their lungs or to cause their death.

Replacement for Engine Number 2

Cost Estimate: \$618,000

(Ref. #1. Above)

The Town currently has two engines or pumper trucks that carry 1,000 gallons of water, the water pump, our tools and the fire fighters to our emergency calls. We have two for a number of reasons:

On large incidents we need both of them -- not only for pumping and water but for tools and transporting personnel

There is always a truck on site and available when one of the trucks is getting repaired or serviced

Every Citizen's Homeowners Insurance rating benefits because we have two engines

Engine 1: Our 15 year old truck is a 2001 "Custom Fire Apparatus, Inc." Osceola, WI – purchased for \$260,000

Engine 2: Our 27 year old truck is a 1989 "Pierce Manufacturing, Inc." Appleton, WI – purchased for \$119,000.00

The National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) sets guidelines for the age of fire apparatus. They recommend front line (#1) engines be no more than 15 years old, and back up or second line engines be no more than 25 years old. As you can see both trucks exceed those recommendations.

Safety is the number one reason for the need for a new engine, along with updated attached equipment, higher visibility graphics and improved LED lighting for on-site use.

The new engine we are proposing includes:

- Air bags for the operator and five other personnel (total of 6)
- Stability control – studies have shown dramatically helps reduce the chances of a motor vehicle crash when equipped
- LED emergency lighting, which is much brighter and noticeable than the current lighting on 1989 Engine 2

- Back of truck and front bumper would have mandated reflective chevron stripping
- A retractable light tower which will provide us with light to illuminate the emergency scene in low-light or night conditions
- The ability to add firefighting foam to the water. This will be a huge asset to help us quickly and more efficiently extinguish fires. 1989 Engine 2 does not have a foam option.
- Automatic tire chains
- Rear vision cameras will also make our job safer

When the 1989 Engine 2 was built, one of the standard configurations was for two fire fighters to ride in the back of an open cab. By 1995, this practice was discontinued because it was determined that in a motor vehicle accident, firefighters riding in the back were more prone to be injured or killed than firefighters riding in an enclosed cab. Also on our truck, the pump operator stands outside to operate the pump, exposed to the weather as well as passing traffic or other response vehicles. A new engine would have

St. Joseph Fire Department

Please stop by the Fire Department and ask for a tour. We are all proud of our equipment and enjoy showing it to the public along with answering your questions.

Our meetings are every first and third Mondays.

Burning permits are required for all outdoor fires larger than three feet in diameter. Permits can be obtained from any fire member, Town Board member, as well as the Town Clerks.

Call any officer below with questions or comments!

Chief	Ron Burton	715-222-4887
Asst. Chief	Charles Barrette	651-303-8857
Asst. Chief	Tyler Williquett	715-808-1692
Captain	Cale Dahm	612-709-2390
Captain	Zac Spates	612-205-0914
Captain	Jeff Amundson	651-269-6573
Captain	Tim O'Brien	715-497-6896

climate controlled interior seating for six fire personal – which includes getting the water pump operator out of the elements.

Once again, due to the age of both engines, dependability comes into play. Last year we had to invest \$5,000 into the pump on Engine 2. Soon, we will be looking at replacing tires and having immediate available replacement parts for a 27 year old fire truck – an on-going problem.

In August, we were pressure testing our fire hoses and we had multiple problems with the pump on Engine 1. The pressure testing was one week after we paid to have it gone over and inspected by a certified pump technician.

After the St. Croix River Crossing and the 4 lane Highway 64 in our community opens in 2017, the Fire department is planning on responding to calls on the highway with cars traveling at speeds in excess of 70 MPH. The increased safety features of a new engine will enable the staff to respond more effectively to any incidents, which might occur, while providing the safest way to do the job.

Unfortunately, rising costs of materials and labor and the mandated safety features on a new engine is expensive. We have had three fire truck manufacturers bid out a new engine. Pierce Manufacturing, Appleton, WI came in with the lowest bid at \$618,000. In the last two

years neighboring Fire Departments, including Somerset and River Falls, purchased similar engines from Pierce Manufacturing. The City of Hudson, WI's new truck will be delivered from Pierce Manufacturing soon.

As you can see, the Fire department has some major financial needs. To safely protect the citizens of the Town of St. Joseph, we need to replace this aging equipment. The safety of the firefighters alone warrants this need. Without the dependability of newer equipment, it is going to be considerably more difficult to serve the citizens of the Town of St. Joseph.

Replacement for Wildland Truck
Cost Estimate: \$25,000
(Ref #2. Above)

The Town currently has 2 Wildland Trucks/Brush Trucks. The Town's newest 1990 Chevrolet Wildland fire truck/brush truck was purchased "used" in 2010 and refurbished with donated labor and outfitted with fundraising money by the Firemen – with no money coming out of the Fire Department's annual budget.

The second Wildland Truck/Brush Truck is a 1989 Ford (this is the vehicle we are looking to replace). It has had on going "needs-for-repairs" to keep it in service. Additionally, currently there are leaking rear seals along with additional potential engine issues. Dependability has become an issue over and above the repair problems – just to keep it on the road.

The firemen are in the process of working toward building a new Wildland Truck/Brush Truck. They obtained the slide-in pump, water tank and the plumbing – which is a universal unit to fit long-box pick-up trucks. The value of the slide-in unit pumping system is approximately \$10,000 and has been paid for with DNR Grant and Fundraising money. Additionally, the firemen have set aside money from their funds

to buy the emergency lights and other miscellaneous equipment needed to make a new truck operational. The estimated total value of the completed vehicle will exceed \$50,000.

The Fire Department has evaluated costs for a chassis from multiple vendors; and the best deal so far, is a new 2017 Ford for \$25,000. This price is deeply discounted. The Fire Department is requesting the additional funds of \$25,000 to finish the build of a Wildland Truck – over and above their annual budget – to purchase the chassis. The result will be that the Town will have a new "outfitted" Wildfire/Brush truck in-service for the 2017 fire season.

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
Cost Estimate: \$180,000

On December 31, 2018 our outdated SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) becomes obsolete, and on January 1st of 2019 we will be mandated to take our SCBA out of service. The SCBA we currently use, will be over 15 years old and three upgrades behind NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) standards. NFPA is the government agency that regulates fire departments and their equipment. We have been actively seeking grants to replace our breathing apparatus equipment, but have not been successful so far. We will continue to apply for grants, and hopefully, will be awarded a grant in time to make our January 1, 2019 deadline. The total cost of the replacing SCBA equipment for the department will be \$180,000.

In the event the Department is not awarded a grant to obtain compliant SCBA equipment, the finance committee has been discussing options for funding the replacement. New SCBA equipment will not be purchased until we are approaching the deadline or we receive a grant. Additionally, the possibility exists that with a grant application, the Town may be required to provide a portion of the SCBA total purchase price out of the Town budget.

**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.**

Public Works

The Public Works Committee provides input and recommendations to the Town Board regarding the condition of our roads. The committee makes recommendations to the Town Board for work that is needed to maintain our infrastructure. The committee uses a Pavement Management Plan (setup in 2014) to prioritize what road maintenance needs to be done – both short term & long-term maintenance. The committee has 5 members and meets once per month. Roadwork is reviewed and Work Orders are issued and completed.

Recent Activities:

- A recommendation from our auditing firm indicated that the Town needs to increase its debt levy amount to more adequately address the loan payments. (See the chart on page 3). Instead of continuing to fund loan payments from the General Fund resulting cutbacks of Public Works expenditures. These cut backs from the Public Works budget have resulted in delaying necessary road maintenance (according to our 6 year Pavement Management Plan), i.e. crack sealing and seal coating. For every one year that crack sealing and seal coating is delayed, the life span of the road is reduced by 2-3 years.
- Spring road inspection completed by committee members to identify maintenance needs, i.e potholing, shouldering, winter damage, etc.
- All gravel roads had additional gravel added before grading commenced in late spring. This is done periodically to maintain a good travel surface for residents and aid in proper water runoff during storms.
- A piece of equipment (“Retriever”) was purchased in January to aid in the recovery of gravel that is pushed to the side of the road during snowplow operations. This unit was used on 95% of the gravel roads before grading was started, and saved the Town from buying an additional 30-40 yards of gravel.
- Installation of new signs meeting Federal Reflectivity Standards will start early fall. This will be a multi-year project due the number of signs needing replacement.
- The updating of our chapter 149 Ordinance concerning roads, trails, erosion, sediment control, and right of way construction is nearing completion. Detail plates that identify standards for contractors that build roads, driveways, trails, parking lots, etc. are in the works and will soon be finished.
- We are pursuing the erection of a building behind the Town Hall at the west end of the parking lot for storage of Public Works Equipment.

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.

Perch Lake & Bass Lake Management Plans

The plans for both the Perch Lake Management and Bass Lake Management are near completion. The Bass Lake Management Plan was setback a few of months due to the in-depth sociological survey and storm water runoff modeling which was necessarily undertaken before any additional work on the plan proceeded.

For the first time, Perch Lake (Outstanding Water Resource (OWR), as designated by the State) will have a Lake Management Plan to help protect this unique resource. The Plan will be posted on the Town’s website and included in the Town’s Comprehensive Plan when finalized. The same is true for the Bass Lake Management Plan once it is completed. As a reminder, Bass Lake, as well, is an Outstanding Water Resource (OWR), affording the Town of St. Joseph two of only about 103 in the entire State.

Both of the watersheds of these lakes are relatively small and most of the protection practices MUST come from the watershed property owners. We cannot “blame” someone upstream, because there is no “upstream”. That said, the Town of St. Joseph and St. Croix County are responsible to protect these resources through Ordinance development and enforcement -- such as Low Impact Design Standards for storm water runoff when development or redevelopment occurs.

Goals and Objectives have been or will be established within these plans with specific recommendations and timetables for activities to protect these resources.

A special thanks goes out to all those who have participated and spent several hours in meetings and discussions concerning these plans. It must be remembered that these plans are not just for lakeshore owners, but also for all the residents of the Town, County, State and Country. Insuring this resource can be enjoyed for generations to come.

Parks, Trails & Recreation

The St. Joseph 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.

Recent Activities:

The Park, Trails and Recreation Committee will host a meeting on Tuesday, September 27 at 6:30 PM at the St. Joseph Town Hall to discuss suggestions for improvements to the Perch Lake Boat Ramp and Parking Lot. The Committee will address pedestrian safety and access. The following suggestions were discussed at the July 20th meeting.

- Build a boardwalk along the south side of Perch Lake Road from the parking lot entrance to the crossing area at the boat launch.
- Put in a stairway from the Parking Lot to the boardwalk ramp.
- Put in a designated crosswalk connecting the boardwalk to the boat ramp.
- Add a portable satellite along with the current garbage containers in the parking lot.
- Complete a landscaping plan for the parking lot and boardwalk area addressing aesthetic treatments, invasive plants, and storm water runoff.
- Add a fishing dock next to the boat ramp.

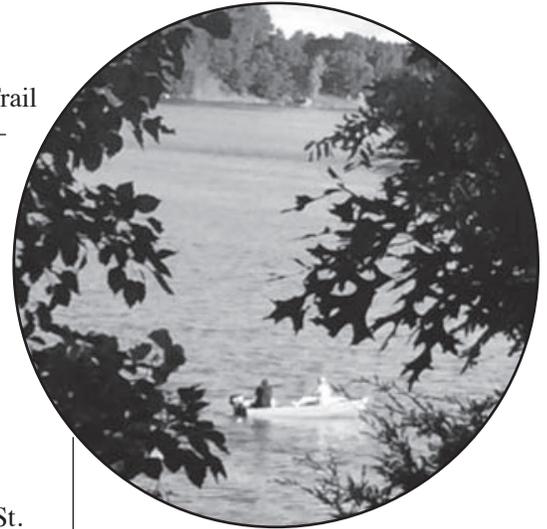
The Town of St. Joseph joined the Trail Coalition Hwy 64 Corridor Committee (which is responsible for connecting the loop trail in Houlton to the City of New Richmond). Kyle Lindstrom has been appointed to be the St. Joseph representative. Anyone interested in helping with the bike plan, please call the Town Hall or attend a regular scheduled meeting the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

A big “Thank You” goes out to the St. Joseph Fire Department for completing the prairie restoration burn at the Town Hall Park in April.

Volunteers met in April to remove invasive Wild Parsnip from the Town Hall Park. Thank you Chris Matter, Mark Vanasse, and Kyle Lindstrom for your help.

The Town Hall Pergola was repaired and reinforced in August. It will be stained in the spring of 2017. Thank you to volunteers Jay Kimble, Mark Vanasse, Pat Schell and Mike Rivard who contributed a total of 45 hours to the project. The total cost of supplies was less than \$450.

The outdoor bathrooms at the Town Hall have been improved. Volunteers have repaired light fixtures, added gravel to the entryways and weeded the nearby play area. Thank you to Kevin Moelter for supplying equipment to haul and grade the gravel and remove the pine trees by the town hall sign.



Thank you to Caroline Barrette for organizing local Master Gardeners to plant and weed flowers by the Town Hall sign.

For more information on the country wide Bike and Pedestrian Trail Plan, see the links below:

St. Croix County Bike & Pedestrian Plan: <http://www.sccwi.us/bikepedplan>

St. Croix River Crossing Link: www.dot.state.mn.us/stcroixcrossing/index.html

The Committee is looking for volunteers for various projects within the parks. Interested individuals, scout groups, church groups and other organizations should contact the Town Hall Staff at 715-549-6235 and leave their name and contact information.

Members include: Town Board Member; Laurie DeRosier, Chair; Mark Vanasse, Nina Boonacker, Janet Lindstrom, Kyle Lindstrom, Kevin Moeltor, Pat Tuma.

The St. Joseph Park, Trails and Recreation Committee meet the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM at the St. Joseph Town Hall. We would appreciate your ideas and suggestions!

Northwest Communication's Internet Update

All main line construction is complete for the year and we will begin splicing during the week September 12. Splicing should last a couple months then we will begin activating customers in the area of Arbor Hills and to the North and NW including 23rd St., 24th St. and 150th Ave.

Again, Northwest Communications thanks the Town for all the support!

Understanding Stormwater & How to Manage It

Understanding Stormwater

(Reference: EPA 833-B-03-002 *After the Storm – A citizen's guide to understanding stormwater*, www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater)

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground. Heavy rains or snow are not needed to send pollutants rushing towards streams, wetlands, and lakes. A garden hose, alone, can supply enough water. Contrary to popular belief, most storm sewers do not carry storm water to wastewater treatment plants. Storm and sanitary sewers may be combined in some older communities.

Stormwater becomes a problem because it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flows into a storm sewer system or directly into a lake, stream, river, or wetland. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged, untreated, into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

The effects of untreated stormwater runoff (or pollution) are many, and adversely affect plants, fish, animals, and people.

- Sediment can cloud water, making it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow and can destroy aquatic habitats.
- Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low, dissolved oxygen levels
- Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, often making beach closures necessary.
- Debris – plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts – washed into waterbodies – can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.
- Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick or die from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water.
- Polluted stormwater often affects drinking water sources. This, in turn, can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs

How to Manage Stormwater

(Reference: *Home.A.Syst Environmental Risk Assessment Guide*, muextension.missouri.edu/explore)

Keep harmful chemicals and materials out of runoff! For example:

- Silt, sand, and clay particles and other debris: bare spots in lawns & gardens, wastewater from washing cars and trucks on driveways or parking lots, unprotected stream banks.
- Nutrients: over-used or spilled fertilizers, pet manure, grass clippings and leaves left on streets and sidewalks, leaves burned in ditches.
- Disease organisms: Pet manure and garbage.
- Hydrocarbons: Car & truck exhaust; leaks & spills of oil & gas, burning leaves & garbage.
- Pesticides: Pesticides over-applied or applied before a rainstorm, spills & leaks.
- Metals: Cars & trucks (brakes & tire wear, exhaust), galvanized metal gutters & downspouts.

Questions to ask yourself

Where does the storm water go on my property?

Next time you are home during a rain shower, head outdoors with your boots and umbrella — watch where the rainwater goes. Make a simple sketch of your property and note the direction the water flows off driveways, rooftops, sidewalks, etc.

What is my soil type?

Soil type can affect water infiltration. Sandy soil = filters quickly, clay or fine-grained silt = longer and harder to seep in to the ground.

How far it is to the nearest storm sewer, ditch, wetland, stream or body of open water?

Distance that runoff travels affects infiltration.

Are any car or truck wastes being carried away by my storm water?

Try washing your car on the lawn or take it to a commercial car wash.

Are household products stored outside the reach of storm water?

Keep such chemicals in waterproof containers and store up high – out of the potential path of runoff or floods. Prevent them from freezing – they may burst rendering the product unusable and/or a potential pollutant.

Do you use and handle chemicals safely?

Mix chemicals within a washtub so spills are contained. If spilling occurs, act quickly to contain & clean up the spill. Use only the amount you need (pesticides or fertilizers) and time applications well before it rains (24-48 hours). Read all labels carefully for application instructions and restrictions.

Do you use road salt or other de-icing products?

Consider sand or regular kitty litter as a less toxic alternative and chipping ice off pavements is a good choice.

How is animal manure kept from becoming a pollution problem?

Droppings that are not mixed with litter or other materials should be flushed down the toilet or if local ordinances allow, droppings may either be buried or wrapped and put in the garbage for disposal.

Are yard & garden wastes kept out of stormwater?

Keep grass clippings and other yard wastes off sidewalks, driveways or roads — which can wash away during the next storm. Compost excess amounts of plant matter. Avoid burning yard waste. Rain washes smoke particles out of the air and runoff picks up dust and ashes left on pavement or in ditches.

How can landscaping and site management be planned to control storm water runoff?

Minimize bare soil in gardens, newly seeded lawns, and around construction projects. Water from rain and snow can remove large amounts of soil and carry it into wetlands, rivers, and lakes.

Control runoff and erosion during construction. Eliminate paved surfaces or install alternatives. When you have a choice, consider alternative materials such as gravel or wood chips for walkways.

Is your basement protected from storm water seepage or flooding?

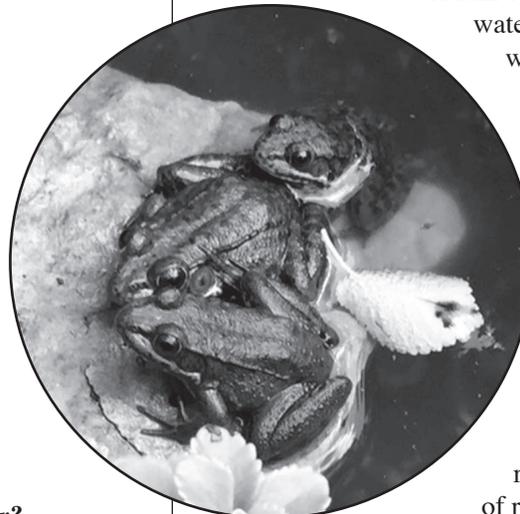
Storm water in your basement can be a hazard – (1) water carries contaminants or disease organisms into your home, (2) it also picks up chemicals stored in your basement and carries them into the sewer or ground. Seal windows or doors in basements to avoid water entry points.

Does roof water flow onto pavement or grass?

Aim downspouts away from foundations and paved surfaces onto grassy areas. Homes without gutter systems -- plant grass, spread mulch, or use gravel under the drip line to prevent solid erosion. Consider using cisterns or rain barrels to catch rainwater for watering lawns and gardens in dry weather.

Can you rearrange your current landscape layout to reduce runoff?

An essential part of stormwater management is keeping water from leaving your property or at least slowing its flow as much as possible. If your yard is hilly, consider terracing slopes to slow the flow of runoff and make mowing and gardening easier. Consider “naturalizing” areas with prairie, woodland or wetland plants. Add a buffer strip of thick vegetation along the waterfront.

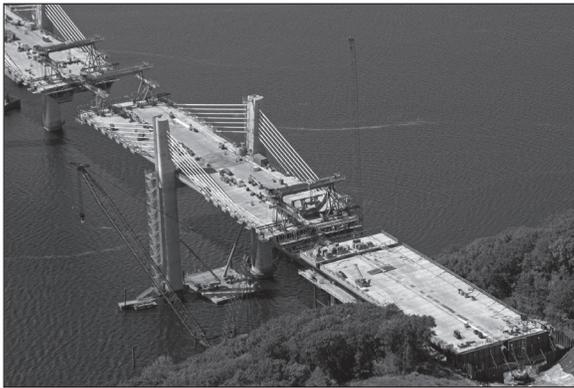


While the suggestions and recommendations above are not exhaustive or complete, the intent is for our Town to begin thinking and considering what stormwater is and ways to manage it. In the coming months, we will be including more educational information on this topic.

View on the Wisconsin Side



In late June, crews began paving WIS 64. This image depicts the Wisconsin approach work completed to date. Photo from August 29, 2016.



Segment placement at Span 14, located between Pier 13 and the east abutment on the Wisc. bluff. Segments are placed at this location by a ringer crane. The ringer crane lifts the segments from the barge, to the bluff, onto a rail cart that moves it into place. Once in place, crews use jacks to make sure the segment is lined up correctly. Epoxy is applied to each segment and positioned together with PT bars. Photo from August 29, 2016.

View on the Minnesota Side



View of St. Croix Crossing bridge. Photo from August 29, 2016.



View of Piers 8 & 9 (left to right), closest to the Minnesota shoreline. Crews completed stay cable installation at both Pier locations in mid-June and installation of cables continues. Photo from August 29, 2016.

All photos this page: Mike Demulling, New Richmond, Wisc.

For additional updates, the River Crossing project can be contacted at the following:

Phone: 1-855-Go-Croix • Email: stcroixcrossing.dot@state.min.us

Facebook: www.facebook.com/saintcroixssingmindot • Twitter@stcroixcrossing or Visit the Wisconsin project site for more information.

Hudson Area Public Library

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

The Hudson Area Public Library has something for everyone, so check us out this Fall.

Our Fall, Early Literacy Story Times, will kick-off on October 4 and run through December 15. Santa Claus will be visiting our story-times December 13-15, so be sure to mark your calendars! We have a variety of fun events planned for children, 'tweens and teens. 'Tweens and teens can stop in and make a "Banned Book Bracelet" on October 1, attend the Library Con event on October 15, and children, 'tweens and teens can join us for Harry Potter Game Night on November 4, or help us celebrate Pokemon Day with us on November 19. Check the library's website for all the details: www.hudsonareapubliclibrary.org.

For Adults, we have a variety of programs happening this Fall. On October 1 and November 9, we will have special card making events. On October 5, we will host a Halloween Wreath Craft, and on November 16 you can join us to make a special Thanksgiving Centerpiece. The Library, in partnership with Associated Bank, will be offering a series of Financial Literacy Workshops throughout the Fall, and SCORE will be presenting a special workshop on creating your business plan on October 6. Finally, November is NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month); so if you've been wanting to start that novel, join us at the Library during the month of November and get started!

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



Dog Licensing

2016 St. Croix County Dog License Application				PAYMENT DUE BY MARCH 31	
Owner's Name		Phone #		Penalty will apply if payment is late Make checks payable to: TOWN OF ST. JOSEPH 1337 Cty Rd V, Hudson WI 54015	
Address					
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					
<p>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.</p>					

2016 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.

2016 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.

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 651-308-1912	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	Deputy Clerk — Anne Coyle	
County Treasurer		715-386-4645	clerk@townofstjoseph.com	
County Zoning		715-386-4680	715-549-6235, Fax 715-549-6249	
			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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