

Town of Lyndon Newsletter

2010



REPORT OF CHAIRPERSON

On November 30, 2009 the Town Board held the Annual Budget Hearing. Preparing for this hearing took place over the course of 6 meetings. The Board presented a levy to the public that represented the needs of the town to efficiently operate without raising fees, borrowing money, or taking money from the surplus fund. In addition, we continue to fund repair and maintenance of our town roads. Too many communities have overlooked road work to cut costs and later find themselves spending more money to eventually repair them.

As chair for the town of Lyndon, I don't believe in deceiving the public by telling them we are lowering the taxes, and then later doubling fees (as we recently have seen in the County's sanitary maintenance fee) or borrowing money to offset higher operating costs. The reality is, costs are higher, and winters the last two years have been expensive. Unfortunately, it appears that this winter season will be the same. Our Board members have cut their pay by limiting per diems. Our office staff has been cut to two part-time employees. We monitor our budget on a monthly basis and continually look for ways to be more efficient and cost effective.

People often compare tax rates of communities. When you do that, you first should find out the conditions of their roads, how much they have in their surplus fund and how much debt load they have, as well as their equalized value, and what percent of their equalized value their rate is at.

Your feedback is always appreciated. Please use the contact sheet in this newsletter to let us know your thoughts by email or phone.

Best Regards, Kris Hughes

PERMITS REQUIRED FOR DRIVEWAYS

Those who are planning to have their driveways paved are reminded that a building permit is required for this project even though it does not involve an actual structure.

Since the paving of a driveway does add value to the property, a permit must be obtained before beginning work.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

It is against state statutes to blow, shovel, or push snow onto or across the roadway.

- You're taking treatment off the road and leaving ridges on the road.
- You're taking air out of the snow and making it hard.
- This causes drifting.
- People who do this are liable for any accidents that cause injury or damage to any vehicle or plow because of this procedure.

BUILDING PERMITS

If you are planning to do any remodeling or building, please contact Plan Commission Chair Jerome Rosche, who is also the Building Permit Agent. Phone 528-8844. Many times a building permit is not needed, but the best way to avoid being penalized for building without a permit is to call and check to make sure.

Before permits are granted applicants must seek preliminary approval from the Sheboygan County Planning and Resources Department and then Jerry Rosche. For some permits approval is needed from the Plan Commission. Other's can be

approved by the Building Permit Agent. A new driveway entrance also requires a separate permit.

The Plan Commission will determine if a permit can be granted. Actual issuing of the permit will be done by Clerk-Treasurer Sally Marver at the Town Hall Office.

This procedure will apply to permits for new homes, new garages and new outbuildings; remodeling that changes the exterior dimensions ("footprint") of a building or that involves more than 25% of the structural square footage, or the addition of a new bathroom or bedroom to an existing structure. Outdoor furnaces also need a building permit.

You should allow plenty of time to get all of the necessary approvals before coming to the Town Plan Commission, which meets on the first Wednesday of every month. Applicants must be on the agenda or their permits cannot be acted on. Call the clerk's office (528-7255) or Jerry Rosche (528-8844) to get on the agenda.

Applications that require a hearing, such as a rezoning request, must be submitted at least three weeks prior to the Town Board meeting in order to allow time for publication in the newspaper.

Who checks what?

County Planning and Resources: Issues sanitary permit if one is required, checks setbacks from existing septic systems, determines if County's Shoreland-floodplain ordinance applies, and if requirements of state administrative code for wastewater treatment systems are satisfied.

Building Inspector: Checks plans for compliance with state's Uniform Dwelling Code.

Town Plan Commission: Determines if setbacks comply with town zoning, decides on driveway placement on town roads and checks compliance with all other town zoning regulations. (County Highway Department must OK location of driveway entrances on county roads, but town ordinance regulates actual driveway construction).

Where do you start? Packets that include information and application forms are available from Town Clerk Sally Marver (528-7255). Some forms can be downloaded from our Website (townoflyndon.com).

If a new building lot is being created, a certified survey must be approved by the Town Board prior to the issuing of a permit, and if rezoning is being requested, there will have to be a public hearing before the Town Board and enactment of an ordinance to amend the zoning map. All persons requesting rezoning must go before the Plan Commission before coming to the Town Board. The deadline to be placed on the agenda is 11:00 am on the Thursday prior to the Plan Commission meeting.

Do you need a permit?

Smaller projects that have a value of less than \$1,000 or remodeling work that does not change the structure or footprint of a building can be done without a permit.

If you do the work yourself, the value of labor (if it were performed by a contractor) plus the materials must be included in figuring the overall cost of the project.

Examples of work you can do without obtaining a permit include installation of new kitchen cabinets and counters, new windows if the same window opening is used, replacement of furnace, air conditioner, or plumbing fixtures and reroofing. If in doubt about whether a permit is needed, call Jerry Rosche (528-8844) for information.

Remember: Decks and patios require permits and advance clearance from County Planning. It is better too make the extra trip for county approval rather than find out later that you have inadvertently encroached on a designated wetland or built too close to a septic system.

Permits for some smaller projects, such as enlarging a window or paving a driveway may be issued without having to go before the Plan Commission.

TAXES AND DOG LICENSE

Taxes and dog licenses can now be paid at the Town of Lyndon Hall. Regular hours are 9:00 am – Noon.

The Dog License for 2010 are \$7 for neutered and \$14 for non-neutered. Kennel licenses are \$60 up to 12+\$6 per animal over 12.

Due date for obtaining licenses is April 1st, so be sure to get your licenses before then so you can avoid a \$15 per month penalty.

Thank You

Again, it is time to thank all the people that have donated their time and talents to make the Town of Lyndon Continue to be a 'township' government: Jim Weigel for volunteering to clean and maintain the town hall since its inception: Betty Steiner and Barb Drewry-Zimmerman; Christmas tree decorations: Dave and Ruth Drewry; Mark and Barb Drewry-Zimmermann; for their donation of 2 mature trees each for the Town Hall: Wayne Muhs for the printing of this newsletter: Ray Zimmerman for stereo equipment: Steve Stuebs and family for landscaping services: Tracy Thome; hand built flag stands.

Also thanks to our dedicated poll workers and to the staff, employees and officials that work tirelessly to make the Town of Lyndon a better place.

DOR Proposal to County Wide Assessment

The DOR (Department of Revenue) is proposing to create county assessment of the real and personal property system. If the county would take over assessing the Town of Lyndon property there would be a loss of local control, which is a basic principle of local government.

This is only a proposal at this time, it would take legislative action to change the state law. We will keep you posted on any changes that might occur.

Uniform Rural Numbering System

The county Planning committee has drafted an ordinance for all Sheboygan County municipalities to have a uniform rural address system. The proposal calls for a two-sided flag style sign.

The Lyndon Town Board has endorsed this system because, among other things, it would help fire and emergency vehicles to better respond to calls.

This ordinance has not been passed yet but many of our neighboring communities have already implemented this system on their own.

Renting the Town Hall

The Town of Lyndon hall is available for rent. The deposit charge is \$150 and the refund for residents is \$100 and non residents \$75 if the hall is left in the condition it was prior to the party. This comes to a charge of \$50 for residents and \$75 for non residents. The hall has been rented out for many occasions including; birthday parties, bridal showers, anniversary parties, and other occasions. Call the clerk's office or download a copy of the contract on our website:

www.townoflyndon.com

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Plymouth, WI 53073

Phone 920.528-7255
Fax 920.528-7202

Email: tol@excel.net



Cascade Recreation Association Sign-Up

Tee-ball, Girls Softball, Boys Baseball

February 4th 6pm – 8pm

February 6th, 10am – Noon

Signup at the Cascade Village Hall

Questions? Call Steve Green @ (920) 912-1175

BOOKMOBILE

Eastern Shores Library System Bookmobile is at the Town Hall on Thursdays from 1:00-2:00 pm on January 14, 28; February 11, 25; March 11, 25; April 8, 22; May 6, 20; June 3. For further information go to their website:

<http://www.estslib.wi.us/>

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Waldo Pond Improvement Association Inc. Membership Application

The Waldo Pond Improvement Assoc. Inc. (WPIA) is established to preserve, protect, and promote, and enhance the general welfare of Waldo Pond and the surrounding community through furthering of water quality, water safety, environmental stewardship, and public education.

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the preservation and enhancement of Waldo Pond for future generation's recreational enjoyment.

Annual dues to WPIA supports costs for our newsletters, pond projects, and other work dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of Waldo Pond.

WPIA will hold an annual membership meeting each spring for election of officers and board members. Board meetings will be held quarterly this first year .

Thank you for your membership, any additional donation is welcomed.

Please complete the following and return to:
W.P.I.A. P.O. BOX-205 WALDO, WI. 53093

Further Questions: Chuck McCoy 920-528-8517 - Roger Hintz 920-528-8296
Or bring it to the next W.P.I.A. Meeting, held always on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at the Waldo Village Hall.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Dues of \$10.00 Single Membership _____

\$20.00 Family Membership _____

\$40.00 Corporate Membership _____

Any affiliation with' a similar environmental or sportsmen organization?

I can help with W.P.I.A's mission by:

Issues and concerns for Waldo Pond and WPIA:
