

# TOWN OF RUTLAND 2006 NEWSLETTER

Greetings from Your Chairman:

This has been a busy year for your Town officials.

- An updated fire contract was negotiated with the City of Stoughton to share in the cost of the New Fire station
- The new Brooklyn Fire/EMS station was completed
- We have started the process of moving some territory from Stoughton F/EMS to Oregon Area F/EMS (Sections 4, 9,16 and 21)
- Voter registration rules were updated and an accessible voting station was bought
- We hired Dennis Wendt as road patrolmen, replacing former patrolman Ross Elsing
- A new one ton pickup truck, with a dump box, was purchased

We appreciate all the work done by the Friends of the Rutland Church and Cemetery group. The building was raised, and the foundation underneath it rebuilt. The building was made square again during this part of the restoration. Your contributions and a hard working team of volunteers have made this significant progress possible. A report is enclosed with further details. This work is being funded 100% through donations. I encourage you to support, and participate in, the effort to preserve this piece of Rutland history.

Taxes are always on peoples' minds at this time of year. The state-imposed levy limits allowed us a maximum increase in the levy of 2%. We were able to keep the budget within this limit. The actual mill rate stayed about the same at \$1.86.

We have a number of large expenditures coming up that will make holding the line more difficult in the coming years. Health insurance costs for our employees continue to increase. The new Brooklyn Fire/EMS Station, just opened, and the new Stoughton Station, to be built in 2007, will increase our emergency services costs in coming years. The cost of road construction and road maintenance is also increasing, as the price of petroleum-based products continues to rise. The State, with its budget difficulties, may again lower the shared revenue payments or highway funds. These increased expenses and reduced revenues will have an impact on the levy and resulting mill rate in the coming years. They may also force reductions in other portions of the Town Budget.

We would like to thank our long-time treasurer, Jeanette Walker, for her many years of dedicated service to the town. (See the **Treasurer's Property Tax and Dog Licensing Information** on pages 6-7 of this newsletter.)

We have continuing challenges on the horizon for the coming year. ATC, which provides distribution services for the electric utilities in much of Wisconsin, has narrowed its list of possible routes to three, including one in Rutland, just north of County Highway A. We continue to encourage the short route along the Beltline. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation continues to plan for the expansion of highway facilities in our area. This includes Highway 14, both north and south of Highway 138. It also includes a Highway 51 project that would reach from Interstate 39 and 90 east of Stoughton, all the way to McFarland. An expansion of Highway 138 and Highway 14 is one of the alternatives being considered. Please watch the papers and your mailbox for meetings about both of these challenges. The 14 and 138 project may result in significant changes in the northwest corner of the Town.

I look forward to continuing to work with the residents of the Town during the New Year.

Happy Holidays,  
Dale Beske

## THE RUTLAND TOWN BOARD

Chairman	Dale Beske	(835-7606)
Supervisor	Sarah Shapiro Hurley	(873-8824)
Supervisor	James Lunde	(873-9726)
Supervisor	Milt Sperle	(873-3078)
Clerk	Dawn George	(455-3925)
Treasurer	Jeanette Walker	(873-8130)
Constable	Richard Reilly	(455-8040) (220-7505)
Constable	Denise Markham	(225-5308)
Building Inspector	Steve Kittelson	(873-8784) (445-9715 cell)
Assessor	Gardiner Appraisal Service	(838-3993)

## THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Dale Beske	835-7606	Harley Stokstad	835-7085
Sarah Shapiro Hurley	873-8824	David Krueger	835-5832
Bruce Sime	873-8781	James Lunde	873-9726

The Planning Commission meets on the Monday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month and the Board meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month. Both meetings are held at the Town Hall (873-9553) A preliminary agenda for these meetings is published in both the *Oregon Observer* and the *Stoughton Hub* and a final agenda is posted in three places in the Town on the Friday before the meeting. The agendas are also available on the Town's website: [www.town.rutland.wi.us](http://www.town.rutland.wi.us). If you have questions or concerns, please contact us or come to a regular monthly meeting.

**ANNUAL MEETING..April 10, 2007 – 6:30 p.m. Rutland Town Hall**

### 2007 ELECTION DATES...

**Polling Place..Rutland Town Hall..785 Center Rd.**

Spring Primary – Tuesday, February 20, 2007 (if required)  
Spring Election – Tuesday, April 3, 2007

Town Officers whose terms will be expiring and will be filled at the election in April are Chairman Dale Beske, Supervisor Milt Sperle, Clerk Dawn George, Treasurer Jeanette Walker, and Constables Richard Reilly and Denise Markham. The candidates for these offices will be nominated at the **Caucus to be held on January 9, 2007 at 6:30 pm.**

**Contact the Clerk if you need an absentee ballot. Written requests should be sent to the Clerk at 4177 Old Stage Rd., Brooklyn, WI 53521. You must be registered to vote before an absentee ballot may be sent.**

**VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIRED!**

The Federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) and Wisconsin state statutes require all voters in Wisconsin municipalities to be registered in order to vote after January 1, 2006. The Town of Rutland was not required to have voter registration before January 1, 2006, so although we may have had your name on a list of potential voters, you may not be registered. If you are not sure that you have completed the application, please contact the clerk at 455-3925.

**BURNING PERMIT REQUIRED...**

Ordinance 83-12 is the ordinance regulating fires and trash burning in the Town of Rutland. Except for burning in a covered trash barrel, burning is not permitted without getting a burning permit. If a controlled burn gets out of control requiring the services of the fire department, the property owner will be subject to a \$200 fine, even if a permit has been obtained. To obtain a permit, a property owner must do two things: 1) Contact a Town Supervisor or the Town Chairman, and 2) Contact the fire department servicing the property where the burn will take place. A permit is required each time you have a controlled burn. ***Please do not burn recyclables or garbage.*** We have the collection center where these items may be taken. This will help protect the environment, comply with state laws, and provide comfort for yourselves and your neighbors. The telephone numbers of the Town Board are included at the beginning of this newsletter. Below are the administrative numbers for the various fire departments.

**Use 911 for all EMERGENCY CALLS**

**BROOKLYN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief Phil Mortenson 455-3621 (work) or 455-4252 (home)  
Fire Department 455-3812

**OREGON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

835-5587

**STOUGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

873-7218

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FIRE AND EMS DISTRICTS**

All Fire and EMS Districts are in need of volunteers. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer for any of these districts, please contact the districts directly at the numbers shown above.

**SNOW PLOWING POLICY...**

The snow plowing policy for the 2006-2007 winter will be as follows. No driveways will be plowed before town roads are open, except in an emergency. When private driveways are plowed by the Town, a charge of \$60.00 will be made for the first 10 minutes or less, plus \$3.00 per minute for each minute in excess of ten. The town policy entitles Senior Citizens (age 65) to one free plowing per season. The Town will assume no liability for damages to mailboxes and posts, which occurs when plowing is taking place. Every effort will be made to keep this from occurring. Salt and sand for residents' home use is usually available in front of the town garage. Residents may pick up reasonable amounts for use on sidewalks.

**SENIOR CENTERS**

Seniors from Rutland may use either the Stoughton or Oregon Senior center facilities. Outreach services are provided through the McFarland Senior Center for Stoughton and through the Oregon Center for Oregon. The McFarland Case Manager is able to meet with seniors at the Stoughton Sr. Center.

Telephone numbers for the Senior Citizen centers are:

Oregon Senior Center, Allison Koelsch – Director 835-5801

Stoughton Area Senior Center, Cindy McGlynn – Director 873-8585

McFarland Outreach Services, Sara Sprang – Case Manager 838-7117 (Available T,Th, Fri)

## MILL RATE COMPARISON BY SCHOOL DISTRICT

	STOUGHTON	% of Millrate	OREGON	% of Millrate	EVANSVILLE	% of Millrate
<b>2006</b>						
STATE	0.182898300	0.01	0.182898300	0.01	0.182898300	0.01
COUNTY	2.859972777	0.20	2.859972777	0.17	2.859972777	0.17
TOWN	1.863715051	0.13	1.863715051	0.11	1.863715051	0.11
MATC	1.262556690	0.09	1.262556690	0.08	1.262556690	0.08
SCHOOL	8.139964850	0.57	10.53862017	0.63	10.22081612	0.62
TOT. Mill Rate	14.30910767	1.00	16.70776298	1.00	16.38995893	1.00
Less School Credit	1.420268511		1.420268511		1.420268511	
Final Mill Rate	12.88883916		15.28749447		14.96969042	

<b>2005</b>						
STATE	0.180637841	0.01	0.180637841	0.01	0.180637841	0.01
COUNTY	2.751929460	0.20	2.751929460	0.17	2.751929460	0.17
TOWN	1.866648791	0.14	1.866648791	0.11	1.866648791	0.12
MATC	1.219768683	0.09	1.219768683	0.07	1.219768683	0.08
SCHOOL	7.638656228	0.56	10.33688487	0.63	9.709302326	0.62
TOT. Mill Rate	13.65764100	1.00	16.35586964	1.00	15.72828710	1.00
Less School Credit	1.153155929		1.153155929		1.153155929	
Final Mill Rate	12.50448507		15.20271371		14.57513117	

### **ROAD PROGRAM**

The town's largest investment is the town road system and consists of approximately 46 miles of roadway. All roads in the town should meet the town road standards as set forth by the State of Wisconsin. The road program in the township is based upon an annual road survey. The survey results are processed through a computer program that suggests what roads should be upgraded. Based upon this analysis a five-year program is approved by the board and updated annually.

In 2006 North Union road was reconstructed to Town road standards. In addition several miles of roads had a slurry seal to preserve the life of the pavement and the crack-filling program was continued.

In 2007 the town will reconstruct about one mile of Old Stone Rd. starting at the intersection of Old Stage Rd. The crack-filling program will continue.

## **SINGLE SOURCE RECYCLING USED AT THE COLLECTION CENTER**

The collection center has for the past year used a single source recycling system. Residents do not need to separate the newspapers, cardboard, and magazines and other paper from the recyclable containers (glass, tin and aluminum cans, plastic food and laundry containers). All recyclables can be mixed and placed in the green containers (dumpsters) at the collection center. These containers are emptied weekly and transported to the recycling center in Madison by Waste Management. We strongly urge all residents to use extreme care to make sure that only recyclable materials go into these containers. To keep the volume down, we encourage all residents to crush all non-glass containers. The Town can be charged \$100 each time a non-recyclable item is found in the recycle containers. We appreciate your cooperation.

### **IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS REQUIRED AT COLLECTION CENTER...**

The Collection Center is available for use by Town residents after obtaining an identification sticker (number). This number is available from the Clerk, Treasurer, or members of the Town Board prior to use of the Collection Center. These stickers are not issued at the Collection Center.

**Starting January 6, 2007, the Collection Center at 4232 CTH A will be open on Saturdays from 8 A.M. until 4 P.M., which is an hour earlier start.**

### **Collection Center Charges:**

- Recyclables.....no charge.
- Solid Waste.....\$1.50 per 30-gallon trash bag or the equivalent.
- Auto tires..... \$2.00 ea.
- Light truck tires...\$5.00 ea.
- Tractor tires..... \$10.00 ea.
- Batteries..... \$2.00 ea.
- Refrigerated Appliances .....\$25.00 ea. (includes refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers)
- Non-refrigerated Appliances.....\$15.00 ea. (includes washers, dryers, stoves, microwaves, dishwashers, televisions, fluorescent light fixtures, large furniture items)
- Bulky Items, such as furniture \$5.00 to \$15.00 each (as determined by the judgment of the Attendant)

The cost of handling refuse has been increasing the past several years. In order to keep fees collected in line with our costs, the Board has implemented a charge for depositing furniture and other bulky items too large for the roll-off containers. There will be a \$15 charge for light fixtures other than a simple light fixture, including fluorescent light fixtures. Residents are reminded that the collection of **residential waste** is all that is allowed at the collection center. Other arrangements must be made for any solid waste from a business. Construction waste is also not accepted at the collection center and must be taken to the Dane County landfill or privately contracted for.

# PROPERTY TAX AND DOG LICENSING INFORMATION

JEANETTE WALKER, TREASURER TOWN OF RUTLAND  
838 Center Road, Stoughton, WI 53589  
Phone (608) 873-8130 FAX (608) 873-8164

View Dane County Data base <http://accessdane.co.dane.wi.us/> (all taxes shown)  
Email Treasurer [donjanwalker@hotmail.com](mailto:donjanwalker@hotmail.com) (emails from the town website  
[www.town.rutland.wi.us](http://www.town.rutland.wi.us) are transferred to my personal email account)

**AFTER 24 YEARS AS YOUR TOWN TREASURER, I HAVE DECIDED TO RETIRE AT THE END OF MY TERM IN APRIL OF 2007. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION DURING THIS TIME. NOMINATIONS WILL BE DONE AT THE CAUCUS ON JANUARY 9 AT THE RUTLAND TOWN HALL AT 6:30 PM. TWO NAMES MAY APPEAR ON THE APRIL BALLOT.**

Enclosed is your 2006 real estate and/or personal property tax statement/s. If real estate was sold in 2006, it is your responsibility to forward these statements to the new owner. It is very important that you verify receipt of statements for all parcels. If any are missing, please contact me to indicate what parcel numbers are missing and the name of the property owner appearing on the tax statement.

Lottery Credit--Taxpayer responsibility to verify that credit has been granted if you are entitled to it for the parcel--January 31, 2007 is the last date a late lottery credit form can be filed for your 2006 tax bill. Note--we are NOT able to go back and recover this lottery credit if you fail to file a form. The lottery credit is being applied on the parcel of your primary residence per records established in prior years. **The lottery credit is available for your primary residence if you resided there on January 1 of 2006.** Please examine the tax bill for the parcel with your primary residence to determine if the lottery credit was granted. If you did not receive the lottery credit, please contact me immediately by phone or email with your name, full mailing address, and parcel number so I can mail you a late lottery credit form to be signed and returned to me by January 31.

The due date for first installment is January 31, 2007. Make checks payable to the Town of Rutland and mail to Jeanette Walker, Town of Rutland, 838 Center Road, Stoughton, WI 53589. **PAYMENT BY MAIL IS ENCOURAGED.** Please do not send by certified mail since it requires a signature for receipt and will not be left if no one is home. You may pay any portion you wish in December to claim the payment on your 2006 income tax return. **PAYMENT WILL BE CREDITED ACCORDING TO THE POSTMARK ON THE ENVELOPE. For a receipt, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. It is an excellent idea to do this for your records. (If there is a refund, I will hold your envelope and receipt until the refund check is processed).** If there is a second installment due, the Dane County Treasurer will bill you, and it is payable directly to Dane County by July 31, 2007.

Payments in Person. Payments may be made at the Rutland Town Hall on **Saturday, December 30, 2006 (9-Noon)**. The next collection will be **Saturday, January 27, 2007 (9-Noon)**. Escrow Overpayments. If you have escrow funds, please advise your financial institution of taxes due. State law requires that all tax bills be sent directly to the taxpayer. Please advise your financial institution accordingly. **If possible, have the check issued for the exact amount due.** Some financial institutions such as Anchor Bank allow you to bring your escrow check to any branch, and they will reissue the check for the exact amount due and refund to you personally the amount that the escrow

is over. If the check is issued for the amount in your escrow account and an overpayment occurs, we will issue refund checks in January or February. **If you are entitled to a refund, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope which will be used for mailing that refund check. Also, if this refund needs to go to someone different than the name on the tax bill, please alert us to that.**

If you plan on taking a Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Credit, copies of paid property tax statements must be attached (It will be returned to you by the state unless both the top and bottom of tax bill is enclosed). It is important to send the stamped, self-addressed envelope when paying your taxes since tax receipts are necessary to file.

Please **keep your mailing address current with Dane County** since they process the tax bills. If your address needs correction now or in the future, *call 266-4251* or send the parcel numbers with the correct information to Dane County Land Regulation & Records Dept., Tax Description, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room 116, City-County Building, Madison, WI 53703-3342. Name changes for ownership are processed through the register of deed's office.

Personal Property Taxes. Personal property taxes are payable in full to the Town of Rutland Treasurer by January 31, 2007. Any unpaid balances will be subject to 1% interest and .5% penalty per month and **any portion of a month counts as one month (18% annual rate).**

Dog Licenses. **A NEW POLICY THIS YEAR IS THAT ALL DOG LICENSES WILL BE ISSUED INDIVIDUALLY. Kennel licenses are available only if you have a conditional use permit for a kennel.** All owners of a dog five months of age or older must license that dog. Property owners are responsible for passing this information on to renters also. These licenses need to be purchased before **April 30, 2007.** Until April 3, they may be purchased from Jeanette Walker, Town of Rutland Treasurer, 838 Center Road, Stoughton, WI 53589. After April 3, they may be purchased from the newly elected treasurer until April 30. If a dog is over five months of age, but not licensed until after April 30, 2007; a penalty of **double the normal fee** will be charged as a **late fee** including kennel licenses which double in cost after the April 30 deadline. Many residents apply for dog licenses when mailing their property tax payment. If the rabies vaccination is current, this works well. I will return the tax receipt, dog license, tag, and rabies vaccination certificate all at once in the one stamped, self-addressed envelope that you provided.

**Dog License Information--**Please send in the following items:

- The enclosed completed application card. (For additional licenses, please complete a blank 3x5 index card with the same information.)
- A rabies vaccination certificate from a veterinarian that is current.
- A separate check.**

Male or Female dog is	<b>\$15.00</b>
Neutered/Spayed dog is	<b>\$10.00</b>
Kennel of 12 or fewer dogs	<b>\$78.00</b>
<b>\$10.00</b> per dog in excess of the 12 in a kennel	

**If you are applying for a kennel license, please include your conditional use permit number which allows a kennel operation**
- A stamped, self-addressed envelope.

**CHANGE:** The rabies clinic is no longer being held at the town hall. Dr. Mike Peterson of the Stoughton Veterinary Service, Inc. (873-8022) would like it held at the clinic located at 1900 Hwy 51-138, Stoughton on Saturday, April 14, 2007 from 9 to noon. Simply ask for the Rutland Rabies Clinic pricing of \$10.00 per rabies shot which will be honored. No appointment is needed.



Rutland Center Church and Cemetery Committee

Annual Report

December 2006

During the past year, a number of improvements were made to the historic Rutland Center Church, all financed with donations to the Friends of the Rutland Center Church and Cemetery committee.

We were saddened to receive word that Ruth Waterman, a major benefactor for this project, passed away in August. Ruth had many relatives buried in the Rutland Cemetery and has had a lifelong interest in preserving the church.

Activities during 2006:

- The roof was replaced with the kind of cedar shingles that would have originally covered the building.
- Stone is being added to the new concrete foundation.
- A local contractor will soon replace the rotten sills and add a new center beam.



An authentic cedar shingle roof was added this summer.



-Fund raising efforts made continued progress possible. The Edwin and Janet Bryant Foundation in Stoughton contributed \$7000, the Ruth Waterman Estate donated \$5000, an anonymous donor provided \$8000, two Friends food stands at the Oregon Horse Show and SummerFest added \$2052, and individual contributions exceeded \$700. The Committee and Town Board extend their appreciation to all who volunteered to work at the food stands or contributed to this project.

Next steps:

Late next spring we hope to start work on restoring the six windows. Since we are restoring to the year 1900, materials and labor cost more than if we follow contemporary standards. Period glass, for example, will cost about \$5000, where normal glass would be only several hundred dollars. Once the windows have been repaired, we will turn our attention to the siding and possibly the restoration of the deck that was attached to the front of the building.



New masonry contrasts with rotten sill that will be replaced in the coming months.

How you can help:

- Join the Friends of the Rutland Center Church and Cemetery. We suggest an annual contribution of \$25 but larger amounts will be gratefully accepted.
- The committee needs volunteers. Contact Dawn George, the town clerk at 608-455-3925 if you would like to help. We need people to serve on the committee as well as carpenters, painters and general labor help.
- Help with fund raising: we are thinking about operating food stands again next summer but we are open to other suggestions.

More Information: [www.rutlandchurch.org](http://www.rutlandchurch.org)

Prepared by Committee Co-Chairmen Myron Bacon and Mark Hanson, 608-835-9712

Friends of the Rutland Center Church and Cemetery Membership Form

Yes, I'd like to join the Friends of the Rutland Center Church and Cemetery and contribute \$25 or more to the Church and Cemetery Fund.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

You may use my name in any published list of members: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (Check one) Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make out check to the Town of Rutland and put "Rutland Church" in the memo portion. Mail to:

Dawn George, Clerk, Town of Rutland, 4177 Old Stage Rd. Brooklyn, WI 53521