

TOWN OF RUTLAND 2009 NEWSLETTER

Greetings from Your Chairman:

This has been a busy year for your Town officials. We have been working on a number of issues.

Water Issues: Last year we reported that we had been working with a number of state representatives and other agencies to try to find a solution for high water that has plagued the area around the Biglow Road, Highway 14 and Highway intersection since August of 2007. This past summer, DOT agreed to take the lead and do a study of the area and its groundwater and surface water issues. An engineering firm has been hired and is working on analyzing water issues in the area.

Tax Rates: The State budget continues to limit the amount the Town can levy. This year our levy limit increased by 3%. However, shared revenues (how the State shares a portion of the income and sales tax revenues with municipalities) will decrease by 15%. Our costs for materials, fuel, health insurance and the like continue to increase, meaning we have had to budget very tightly. As a result, fewer funds will be available for road upgrades.

Landfill Well Monitoring: We continue to monitor the groundwater near the old landfill.

ATC: This summer, the Public Service Commission chose the northern route for the ATC transmission line. This will place the line along the Beltline in Madison rather than across southern Dane County, including Rutland.

DOT Highway Issues:

1. DOT is continuing their study of Highway 51 upgrade options. Following the public meetings last summer, DOT and their consultants are reviewing different routes for a north bypass of Stoughton, on or near the County B and County N right of way. Watch for announcements of another round of public meetings, tentatively set by DOT for January or February 2010. DOT hopes to have a final plan for an improved Highway 51 by sometime in 2011, which may include upgrades to Highway 138 and Highway 14 as an alternative route.
2. Improvements to the intersection of Highways 14 and 138 continue to be worked on. A new interchange for the intersection, including a second overpass and 2 roundabouts, is presently scheduled by DOT for construction in 2011. The relocation of Hwy 14 to the new right of way south of 138 is tentatively scheduled for 2015-2016.
3. We have been working with the City of Stoughton to get traffic lights at the corner of Deer Point, Highway 51 and Roby Road. We have voted in opposition to roundabouts along that stretch of Highway 51. DOT formerly had that intersection upgrade scheduled for the 2013/2014 time frame, but has now lowered the priority, meaning it is not on the schedule at this time.

Cellular Tower at Collection Center: We continue to work with Verizon to finalize a lease for a cell tower to be located the Collection Center. This will provide additional revenue for the Town.

New Equipment: We have just put into service a new Peterbilt tandem axle dump truck, which replaces the older single axle truck. This means we now have 2 tandem axle trucks, which will enable us to plow snow with fewer return trips for sand and salt, and to haul more gravel to roadwork sites in fewer trips. The old truck will be retained for light hauling, shouldering work and for use as a backup snow plow truck.

We wish to thank the people who have continued to support the restoration of the Rutland Church and Cemetery, either by cash or services contributions, or by working on the building.

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	Kim Sime	(873-8781)
Constable	Denise Markham	(225-5308)
	Shawn Hillestad	(455-2614)
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	Jeanette Walker	873-8130
Bruce Sime	873-8781	James Lunde	873-9726
Mark Porter	835-9115		

The Planning Commission meets on the Monday before the 1st Tuesday of each month and the Board meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Both meetings are held at the Town Hall (873-9553) at 785 Center Road. 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 meetings.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the clerk ten days prior to regular monthly meeting to get scheduled on the agenda.

TOWN OF RUTLAND WEBSITE

The Town of Rutland website contains many items of interest. The agendas, minutes and various notices are among the items available on the Town's website: www.town.rutland.wi.us.

ANNUAL MEETING..April 13, 2010– 6:30 p.m. Rutland Town Hall

2010 ELECTION DATES...

Spring Primary – Tuesday, February 16, 2010 (if required)
Spring Election – Tuesday, April 6, 2010
Partisan Primary – September 14, 2010
General Election – November 2, 2010

Town Officers whose terms will be expiring and will be filled at the election in April are Supervisors Jim Lunde and Sarah Shapiro Hurley. The candidates for these offices will be nominated at the **Caucus to be held on January 19, 2010 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.

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

REVALUATION

In order to obtain compliance with state laws, the town assessor, Gardiner Appraisal Service will be completing a computer-updated revaluation of all properties in the Town. Revaluations are necessary periodically to correct inequities within classes of property and a municipality must be at 100% of market value at least once in a four year period. Only buildings that have sold in the last three years or built in 2009 will be viewed. All employees will have a picture ID that will identify them as an employee of Gardiner Appraisal Service. If you have questions, please notify Clerk Dawn George at 608-455-3925 or Gardiner Appraisal Service at 608-838-3993.

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.

CALLS Use 911 for any EMERGENCY

BROOKLYN FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

OREGON FIRE DEPARTMENT

835-5587

STOUGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

873-7218

SINGLE SOURCE RECYCLING USED AT THE COLLECTION CENTER

The collection center uses 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 specified 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 identification stickers are not available at the Collection Center.

Residents are asked to have the recyclables separated from solid waste before arriving at the collection center and to time the arrival so that all items can be unloaded by 4:00 p.m.

The Collection Center at 4232 CTH A is open on Saturdays from 8 A.M. until 4 P.M.

BURN PILE AT COLLECTION CENTER

We continue to find non-permitted items thrown on the burn pile at the Collection Center. We are allowed to burn **only brush and unpainted, untreated wood**. Treated wood, painted, stained or finished wood is not permitted. Furniture, mattresses and other trash is also not permitted. The DNR may revoke our burn permit should these items continue to be found in the burn pile. Should that happen, all such items will then need to be taken to the County facility. We appreciate your cooperation.

Collection Center Charges:

- Recyclables.....no charge.
- Solid Waste.....\$2.00 per 30-gallon trash bag or the equivalent.
- Auto tires \$3.00 ea., plus \$5.00 if the tire is on a rim.
- Light truck tires 15"-17"...\$5.00 ea., plus \$5.00 single piece rim only.
- Tractor tires or truck tire over 17"..... \$10.00 ea.
Tires on a multi-piece rims or tractor tires on rims will not be accepted.
- 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)

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.

SNOW PLOWING POLICY

The snow plowing policy for the 2009-2010 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 minutes. The town policy entitles Senior Citizens (age 65 and over) 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 inside the metal building at the town hall. Residents may pick up reasonable amounts for use on sidewalks.

ROAD PROGRAM

The Town's largest investment is the Town road system which 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 Town 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 2009, the town reconstructed and paved the southern $\frac{3}{4}$ of Oak Ridge Rd.; the northern portion of Oak Ridge was reconstructed and double seal coated. The crack-filling program continued. A portion of Sunrise Rd. was repaired by paving a small portion of the road. In 2010, the town will concentrate on maintenance of roads. Some of the roads reconstructed over the past few years will be receiving sealcoating in order to stretch the life of the paved surfaces and reduce long term costs.

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 Senior 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)

SCHOOL DISTRICT MILL RATE COMPARISON

	STOUGHTON	% of Millrate	OREGON	% of Millrate	EVANSVILLE	% of Millrate
2009						
STATE	0.18779777	0.01	0.18779777	0.01	0.18779777	0.01
COUNTY	3.1737482	0.19	3.1737482	0.17	3.1737482	0.17
TOWN	2.206481800	0.13	2.206481800	0.12	2.206481800	0.12
MATC	1.45301028	0.09	1.45301028	0.08	1.45301028	0.08
SCHOOL	9.623239700	0.58	12.11034824	0.63	11.60557563	0.62
		1.00		1.00		1.00
TOT. Mill Rate	16.644277750		19.131386290		18.62661368	
Less School Credit	1.749933054		1.749933054		1.749933054	
Final Mill Rate	14.894344696		17.381453236		16.876680626	
2008						
STATE	0.18828246	0.01	0.18828246	0.01	0.18828246	0.01
COUNTY	2.98888381	0.19	2.98888381	0.16	2.98888381	0.17
TOWN	2.072884361	0.13	2.072884361	0.11	2.072884361	0.12
MATC	1.34401470	0.09	1.34401470	0.07	1.34401470	0.07
SCHOOL	8.989315738	0.58	11.67766776	0.64	11.361817478	0.63
TOT. Mill Rate	15.583381072	1.00	18.271733089	1.00	17.955882812	1.00
Less School Credit	1.742481323		1.742481323		1.742481323	
Final Mill Rate	13.840899749		16.529251766		16.213401489	
Final Local Values Per \$1000	127804.6		93389.8		774.8	
Total Taxes Each Area	1903565.77		1623250.44		13076.05	
Total Taxes All Areas	<u>3539892.26</u>					
Change	1.0534		0.8522		0.6633	