

Town of Rutland

Town Chairman Update

Rutland 2020 vision

Greetings to all Town of Rutland Residents!

I'm not sure that introducing myself to you with your property tax bill is necessarily the best way to begin a conversation!

It is a bit intimidating stepping into this position. I've served the Town of Rutland government for the past 7 years, helping with elections and serving on the Planning Commission. However, nothing could truly prepare me to fill the shoes of Dale Beske and Jan Walker; between them a truly amazing 59 years of combined experience steering the Township! It is a tribute to both of them that our township functions so well and meets our needs!

I've lived in the town for 25 years, a Wisconsin resident my entire life. I work for Flad Architects in the Information Systems Department. I also get my hands dirty growing some corn and soybeans; not much, but it keeps me grounded.

Since joining the town board about a year ago, I've learned much more about our township and what makes it tick. I watched and listened during our contentious debates about building new town facilities. We succeeded constructing a beautiful new salt and sand storage building that will help us provide services to you. We haven't yet come to consensus on what the town needs and should build to replace our aged town hall.

We face challenges as our neighbor communities, Stoughton, Oregon and Brooklyn, expand on our flanks, removing essential tax base that helps fund our services and roads. We need to think about how we can replace that, perhaps by attracting more residents and businesses that match our vision for our township. We also lack a unified telecommunications infrastructure across the township with many of us only having access to limited, expensive, slow internet service, which puts us at a disadvantage as well as potential residents or businesses considering moving here. I'm sure there are other things on your mind as well, please share them with us!

My goal for 2016 is simple: I hope to meet, listen, and talk to as many of you as possible about what your views are about our township as it is, and as it might be. I'll make myself as accessible as I can and through a variety of forums, both in-person and online. I'm tentatively calling this new initiative, Rutland 2020. I hope you'll join me and your neighbors, fellow residents and others in helping us define and craft a vision for our township's future!

Mark Porter

Town Board Members

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chair@town.rutland.wi.us

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clerk@town.rutland.wi.us

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Steve Kittleson 608-445-9715

Assessor

Gardiner Appraisal 608-943-8009

Road Patrolmen

Nels Wethal 608-577-5691
Dennis Wendt 608-577-5692

Meetings

**The
Town Board meets
the first Tuesday of
each month @
6:30pm, unless
otherwise noted.**

**The
Planning Commission
meets the first
Monday of each
month @ 6:30pm,
unless otherwise
noted.**

Collection & Recycle Center

The Collection & Recycle Center is available for Town of Rutland residents.

You must have a permit to use the Center. Permits are available at the Center from the attendants during normal hours.

The Center is for Residential Waste only- not for Construction site waste.

Recyclables are to be separated from trash when bringing to the Center.

Please be respectful of the rules of the Center when dropping off trash and recyclables.

There is also a burn pile at the Center. This is for brush and unpainted/untreated wood only.

You may purchase a punch card at the Center. This makes your weekly stops a bit quicker.

The Collection and Recycle Center is located at 4232 Cty A.

Hours are Saturdays 8 am to 4 pm.

Please allow enough time to complete the drop off before 4 pm.

TAX INFORMATION

General Tax Information

Enclosed are your 2016 Real Estate and/or Personal property Tax Statements.

Lottery Credit is available for your primary residence.

Escrow Payments are your responsibility to verify payment. No receipt is sent unless requested.

Request your escrow check for exact amount to avoid overpayments.

No Refund issued if less than \$2.

Overpayments are issued once in January and in February.

I will verify any Tax or Escrow payment has been received via email.

Please email request.
kimsime62@gmail.com

Receipts will be mailed upon request. Please include a Self-Addressed, Stamped envelope with request.

To Avoid Delay in Payments.....

--Please mail early enough to arrive before deadline.

--Make sure check is written out properly; date, correct amount and signed.

--There is a \$30 NSF fee for all returned checks.

Postmark not accepted for December 31st payments

Payments are credited when received, not by date on check.

2016 Elections

Spring Primary-
February 16, 2016

Presidential Preference & Spring Primary-
April 5, 2016

Town Officers Terms that are expiring in 2016;

Two Supervisor seats.

The candidates for the open seats will be nominated at the Caucus to be held on January 19, 2016 at 6:30 pm. For absentee ballot, please contact the Clerk. Written requests should be mailed to Clerk @ 4177 Old Stage Rd, Brooklyn, WI 53521. You must be a registered voter before an absentee ballot can be obtained.

Partisan Primary-
August 9, 2016

General Election (Presidential)-
November 8, 2016

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WISCONSIN.GOV/](http://BRINGIT.WISCONSIN.GOV/)**

Tax Payment Information

PAYMENT OPTIONS.....

In Person at Town Hall....

785 Center Rd

Dec 21, Monday 10am-2pm

Dec 26, Saturday 10am-2pm

Dec 30, Wednesday 1pm-4pm

Dec 31, Thursday 10am-2pm

2016

January 29, Friday 1pm-4pm

January 30, Saturday 10am-2pm

By Mail

Make checks payable to **Town of Rutland**. Mail to **1192 Starr School Rd Stoughton, WI 53589**

Enclose Self -Addressed, Stamped Envelope if you would like a receipt mailed back to you.

Payment by Mail is encouraged.

Drop Box

There is a drop box clearly marked Town of Rutland at the end of my driveway at 1192 Starr School Rd.

Please do not put Tax Payments in US Mailbox.

NO TAX PAYMENTS COLLECTED IN MY HOME

Dog License

Dog licenses need to be purchased before April 30, 2016. Late fee will apply after April 30th of double the normal fees.

Please send the following items:

- Application card-Contact Kim if you didn't receive card.
- The rabies certificate from Vet showing rabies shots are up to date.
- Check for Fee-Please do not add into Tax Payment check.
- Self-addressed, stamped envelope.

2016 Fees

Male or Female \$20 - Neutered or Spayed \$15 - Kennel of 12 or less \$100

For more information on
Town Topics, please
visit the Website
www.town.rutland.wi.us

**Fire Departments
Non-Emergency**

Oregon
608-835-5587

Stoughton
608-873-7218

Brooklyn
608-455-3812

**Dane Co Sheriff
Non-Emergency
608-255-2345**

**Rutland Church rental
or cemetery plot
purchase**

Please contact.....

Dawn George,
Rutland Town Clerk
608-455-3925

clerk@town.rutland.wi.us

**See also:
www.rutlandchurch.org**

Senior Centers

Town of Rutland Senior Citizens may use either the Stoughton or Oregon Senior Center facilities.

The McFarland case worker is available to meet with seniors at the Stoughton Senior Center. Meals on Wheels service is also offered to those interested or in need.

Outreach services

McFarland Senior Center will provide services for the Stoughton area residents

Oregon Senior Center will provide services for the Oregon area residents.

Oregon Sr. Center 608-835-5801 - Stoughton Sr. Center 608-873-8585

McFarland Sr. Center 608-838-7117

Please call one of the Senior Centers for more information on their services and how they are available to help those in need.

More information on Town of Rutland website

Rutland Center Church and Cemetery Committee

Annual Report--December 2015

Historic Church available for weddings, funerals, recitals, and meetings

After twelve years of work, the Rutland Center Church is now complete and available for community gatherings and programs. Thanks again to the individuals, groups, and grant-giving organizations that made renovation of the building possible without the use of taxpayer support. While the building is now restored to better than its original condition, occasional maintenance will be required over the coming years.

The Rutland Center Church offers an intimate setting for significant family gatherings as well as a comfortable venue for group meetings of all kinds. The building will accommodate up to one hundred people and is available for all but the coldest months of the year. Its use is not limited to the Town of Rutland Residents.

Friends of the Rutland Center Church and Cemetery Membership Form

Yes, I'd like to join or rejoin the Friends of the Rutland Center Church and Cemetery and contribute \$25 or more to the Church and Cemetery Fund. I understand this money may be used for the continued maintenance of the church, landscaping projects, or the design and construction of a future out building on the grounds.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Make check out 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