

# TOWN OF RUTLAND-----2020

## 2020 Tax Levy

The 2020 Tax Levy was approved on November 10, 2020 by the Town Residents at the annual Special Town meeting which is held for that purpose. The 2021 tax levy amount is \$770,000 on an overall Town of Rutland assessed value of \$251,903,600. This computes to a Mill Rate of \$3.056722 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

This means that a property owner with \$300,000 of assessed value will pay \$917.02 of taxes to the Town. By way of comparison, the 2020 tax levy Mill Rate was \$2.961377 and a property owner with \$300,000 of assessed value paid \$888.41 of taxes to the Town.

## 2021 Budget

The Town Board approved the year 2021 budget on November 10, 2020. The budget, at \$1,114,548, is comprised of year 2021 spending for operations, payments under contractual obligations to three fire districts (Stoughton, Oregon and Brooklyn) payments under a contractual agreement with the Oregon Senior Center, long term debt payments and funding for the future into "reserve" accounts. There exist recommended levels for long term debt and for general fund and reserve account balances for municipalities such as Townships. The Town of Rutland amounts owed (long term debt) and amounts owned (general fund and reserve balances held) projected for 12-31-2021 are within those established standards. The Town finances are well maintained and the modest increase in the 2021 tax levy and in the 2021 budget allow for the Town to remain that way.

Thank you to those who participated in the 2021 budget discussions. This annual process begins in October each year. Let any of us know if you would like to be involved when the year 2022 budget is being developed.

## 2021 Election Dates: From Caucus to Nomination Papers

Election dates: February 16, 2021 April 6, 2021

**NOMINATION PAPERS** At the Annual Meeting held on August 25, 2020, the electors of the Town of Rutland voted to nominate candidates for the Town Offices by the use of nomination papers as opposed to the caucus system. This means that candidates who wish to run for office must circulate nomination papers starting no sooner than December 1, 2020. The completed nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. January 5, 2021.

**The offices up for election this year are:** Town Chairman (Peter Loughrin Incumbent), Town Supervisor-1 (Dave Grueneberg Incumbent), Town Clerk (Dawn George incumbent), Town Treasurer (Kim Sime incumbent), Town Constables – 2 (Shawn Hillestad and Nels Wethal incumbents)

Here are two forms that will help you with the requirements for completing nomination papers.

**Ballot access checklist. Form ELIS-7. This will tell you all the forms that need to be completed to get the candidates name on the ballot.**

**Nomination paper. Form EL-169 and Instructions.**

Please contact the Clerk with questions. [clerk@town.rutland.wi.us](mailto:clerk@town.rutland.wi.us) or by phone (608) 455-3925

## Town Board Members

Pete Loughrin-Chairman 608-444-9022  
[chair@town.rutland.wi.us](mailto:chair@town.rutland.wi.us)

Dave Grueneberg-Supervisor 608-513-2278  
[supervisorb@town.rutland.wi.us](mailto:supervisorb@town.rutland.wi.us)

Nancy Nedveck-Supervisor 608-873-8329  
[supervisora@town.rutland.wi.us](mailto:supervisora@town.rutland.wi.us)

Deana Zentner-Supervisor 608-575-3420  
[supervisorc@town.rutland.wi.us](mailto:supervisorc@town.rutland.wi.us)

Dawn George-Clerk 608-455-3925  
[clerk@town.rutland.wi.us](mailto:clerk@town.rutland.wi.us)

Kim Sime-Treasurer 608-873-8781  
[treasurer@town.rutland.wi.us](mailto:treasurer@town.rutland.wi.us)

Please call or email Chairman or Supervisors with any questions or concerns.

### Email Subscriptions

As you may know, The Town of Rutland website has been redesigned. This includes a new subscription service which sends emails to people who have signed up. By law, we cannot transfer your email address from our old site to the new site. To receive future announcements about Town meeting notices, please sign up to receive emails on our new site at

[www.town.rutland.wi.us](http://www.town.rutland.wi.us)

Go to the Stay Informed section on the Home page and subscribe today!

For more information on Town Topics, please visit the Website

[www.town.rutland.wi.us](http://www.town.rutland.wi.us)

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### Fire Departments- Non Emergency

Oregon 608-835-5587

Stoughton 608-873-7218

Brooklyn 608-455-3812

### Dane Co Sheriff- Non Emergency

608-255-2345

## Planning Commission

Pete Loughrin 608-444-9022  
Bruce Sime 608-873-8781  
Dale Arndt 608-692-6392  
Nancy Nedveck 608-873-8329  
Travis Leeser 608-379-0132

### Road Patrolmen

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

Please call either of the Road Patrolmen with any road issues/concerns. Leave a message if no answer.

### Constable

Shawn Hillestad 608-575-8899  
Nels Wethal 608-577-5691

### Building Inspector

Steve Kittleson 608-445-9715

### Assessor

Gardiner Appraisal 608-943-8009

### Meetings

**Town Board** meets first Tuesday after the first Monday of each Month @ 6:30PM, unless otherwise posted.

**Planning Commission** meets the first Monday of the Month @ 6:30PM, unless otherwise posted.

### Your Voices

The Supervisors and Commissioners can perform at their best when hearing from you and when working with you. Please do contact us frequently. We are dedicated to getting things done.

## **Please Read Carefully**

### **General Tax Information**

Enclosed are your 2020 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.

**Please Sign your Escrow checks if made out to you and the Town or they will be returned for signature.**

\*\*I will verify any Tax or Escrow payment received via email request.  
[treasurer@town.rutland.wi.us](mailto:treasurer@town.rutland.wi.us).

\*\*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. US Mail can be slow.

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

--December payments must be paid in December. Postmark not accepted.

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

\*\*Overpayments are issued once in January and in February.

\*\*No Refund issued if less than \$2.

\$40 NSF Fee on Returned Checks

\*\*Credit Card Payment option on website.

Questions.....email Kim at [treasurer@town.rutland.wi.us](mailto:treasurer@town.rutland.wi.us)

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### **Please remember-**

\*\*Keep your Fire number visible for First Responders

\*\*Place your private garbage containers in your own driveway, not on the roads.

\*\*\*Your Votes in elections are important!!

### **Tax Payment Information**

#### **\*\*No In Person Payments Due to Covid-19**

#### **\*\*Payments by mail**

-Enclosed is a blue addressed envelope for your convenience to mail tax payment to Treasurer.

-Please mail early for timely delivery.

-Please include a Self-Addressed Stamped envelope if you would like a receipt.

Mail to:

Town of Rutland Treasurer  
1192 Starr School Rd  
Stoughton WI 53589

**\*\*Drop Box** is located at the end of Treasurer's driveway. Clearly marked "Town of Rutland". Please do not put Tax payments in US Mailbox.

### **Dog License Information**

Dog Licenses need to be purchased by April 30, 2021 to avoid late fees.

#### **Please send the following-**

-Application card (if you have one) completed with owner & dog info.

-The Vet certificate showing current rabies info.

-Check for fee... PLEASE DO NOT ADD INTO TAX PAYMENT CHECK.

-Self-addressed stamped envelope for license to be mailed back to you.

#### **NEW-2021 Fees**

Neutered/Spayed \$17

Male/Female \$22

Kennel \$100

Double fee if paid after April 30, 2021

## Collection and Recycle Center

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

**No plastic bags in the recycle bin. Plastic bags are not recyclable.**

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.**

**\*\*PLEASE RECYCLE CLEAN....visit [advanceddisposal.com](http://advanceddisposal.com) for Recycle Tips\*\***

## Senior Center

Town of Rutland Senior Citizens may use either the Stoughton or Oregon Senior Center facilities. Meals on Wheels service is also offered to those interested or in need.

### **Outreach services....**

Oregon Senior Center will provide services for the Town of Rutland residents.

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

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

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## Rutland Center Church 2020

Important to the history of Rutland Township are the historic places which remain. The Rutland Center Church built in 1852 – only 4 years after Wisconsin became a state – is one of these places. Major renovations of the building, located near the corner of Hwy. 14 and Rome Corners Road, were completed in 2015. This community effort helped save the church structure and prepare it for occasional use.

In 2019, the Oregon Area Historical Society recognized the importance of the church and cemetery by highlighting it in a special Rutland historic presentation and tour.

Now, we ask for your support to continue the preservation of this historic building. Future projects include exterior painting, roof repairs and other maintenance to keep the building sound. Join the Friends of Rutland Church with a contribution.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ other

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please include an email address so we can share updates and invites to future events.

*Make a check payable to the Town of Rutland – write 'Friends of Rutland Church' in memo line.  
Mail to: Dawn George, Clerk, Town of Rutland, 4177 Old Stage Rd, Brooklyn, WI 53521*