

Town of Plover

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MEETINGS: first and third week of each month
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UPDATES

CHAIRMAN

KARCHESKI: Early in the '70's it became known as the "big blue building" at the intersection of St. Hyw 54 and Hoover Avenue and now some 45 years later, it has a new look:



During the process, several I-beams with serious rust problems had to be replaced and then, when readying all interiors for spray foam insulation, bare electrical wires were discovered – yes, they were "hot"!

You'll notice that the town could call this a "new" building in that 3 of the 7 large garage doors have been updated with new energy efficient doors; the town has budgeted to

update 2 more large doors during 2015 as well as replace the old service doors.



With installation of generators at both the garage and the town hall, these town buildings will be brought up to current construction code requirements.

LARGE FARM EQUIPMENT OPERATING ON TOWN ROADS: The Town of Plover is home to Hamerski Farms, Weller Farms and the Feltz Farm (Remember the equipment you saw at Farm Tech Days?) as well as many other large farming operations with land in the Town of Plover. Our town is unique in its diverse business base – production factories, hotels, eateries, taverns, gas stations and home businesses too numerous to mention as well as farming. In 2015, the new State law directs that the Town Board must make a decision on the use of large farm equipment operating on town roadways. By the end of

2014, an ordinance selecting an option regarding maximum length and gross vehicle and axle weight limits must be approved and adopted and then sent to the Department of Transportation.

The town wants to remain on good terms and continue their open door policy with all farmers, and yet we must make a decision that works for both the town and the farms.

According to the WisDOT website: The 2013 Wisconsin Act 377, enacted in April 2014, weight and length limits have been set for IoH (Implements of Husbandry) and AgCMV (Agricultural Commercial Motor Vehicles).

OPTIONS -

1. **Pass NO ordinance or resolution** if the municipality chooses to allow Act 377 weight and length limits and exempt to Category B IoH from axle limits on their roads.

2. **Pass RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES** if the municipality chooses to:

OPT IN - requires all IoH (incl. Category B) and AgCMVS to follow the new length and weight limits [S348.15 (3)(g) WStats.]

TOTALLY OPT OUT - Have no weight or length limits

PARTIALLY OPT OUT I - Set weight and length limits as set forth in Act 377

PARTIALLY OPT OUT II - Designate specific roads for under-weight/over-length travel

3. **POST ROADS OR BRIDGES** as they have done prior to Act 377, regardless of passing an ordinance or resolution. All vehicle operators, except those with statutory exemption, are responsible for following seasonal and special postings and any postings on highway roads, bridges or culverts. This is no change to a local government's authority prior to Act 377. For more detail regarding the options, view the **Wisconsin Towns Association website**.

Your input would be appreciated!

CHAIRMAN KARCHESKI

SNOW-PLOWING ROUTES are designed to cover our township in this manner:

Route #1 - Galecke Park area down to Biron Drive along the north side of Highway 54;

Route #2 - The I39 business district followed by subdivisions along County R and finally, both trucks meet in the rural area on Taft Avenue. Priority wise - school bus routes come first, known medical needs are next – if the need has been brought to our attention. With two snow plows, a grader (with a v-plow when needed) and ¾ ton pick-up with a snow-plow, it takes about 12 hours to complete one round of plowing the 70.49 miles of road in the Town of Plover.

We use the ¾ ton four-wheel drive pick-up to plow small cul de sacs, posting boxes and the town parking lot – sometimes even to clean up intersections. To control drifting in rural areas, the grader plows furrows in many local farm fields replacing the need to own, repair, install and remove snow fence.

Use of salt or sand depends on the weather – salt is only effective above 15 degrees - below that, sand/salt must be used. Salt costs about \$800 per truck load – that could mean as much as 6 loads of salt per storm. Salt is also used in moderation due to ground water and environmental issues.

From November 1st thru March 31st, Town Ordinance #110498 addresses no on road or in the road right-of-way parking and directs snow and ice are not to be deposited upon any public road in the township. Violation of this ordinance will result in a warning on the first offense, then a \$25 fine and towing.

**FREE SALT OR SAND FOR
TOWN RESIDENTS ONLY**

The Town of Plover will again offer salt or sand (whichever is stocked at the time) for personal use on home walkways. Located in the Quonset building; bring your own shovel and pail – but leave some for your neighbors – supply is limited.

WHY REFLECTIVE RED STRIPS ON STOP SIGN POSTS? Many have asked why and the main reason is to prevent a traffic fatality in the Town of Plover. The Town Board decided to improve visibility of all stop signs – especially those at hard-to-see intersections. Numerous complaints have drawn attention to frequent running of stop signs in subdivisions. The intent is to increase awareness of intersections, improve driver compliance, and to improve and increase visibility of stop signs at intersections – all to keep your family safe.

The town has a master list of all signs and has been working to address federal reflectivity requirements. We must know the age, location and type of sign to meet federal standards. To continue the Town of Plover's reputation of being a leader in upkeep of street signs and use of new technology related to street signs, the Town is moving forward with a plan to add reflective yellow stripes on cautionary signs – especially on curves.

HWY COMMISSIONER KARCHESKI

LET'S TALK! Implements of Husbandry (IoH) rules are of concern to farmers in the Town of Plover. I see both sides of the story – daily. It is extremely important that we, as a town board, constantly look at new ways to support both the local subdivision taxpayer as well as the agricultural entrepreneur. Input from town residents is important in helping the town board arrive at solutions that protect our roads and support the needs of the farmer; everyone needs to keep mind that Ag provides employment and, in doing so, local business.

If extreme permitting was approved, farmers would be hindered by needing permits in every township – and in every adjoining county – to move their equipment from field to field. Keep in mind farmers have already invested in the equipment which is now being restricted from doing the job it was intended to do.

I see IoH as an opportunity for the town and the agricultural community to come together and work hand in hand! Your presence at town board meetings would support the town board in this decision.

SUPERVISOR CHECK

FARMING THIS YEAR! A long winter, cool spring, dry and then wet summer, short fall and now an early winter. Had good hay but the weather didn't cooperate – some rain in May and June, irrigated 22 days and nights in July, then over 10 inches of rain fell in August. Potatoes weren't easy to store, field corn didn't dry down, sunflower seed fell out early and now – sooner than expected - cold weather and snow! That's farming!

SUPERVISOR FIRKUS

VOICES IN GROUNDWATER: Who is responsible for managing our precious groundwater resource? Groundwater cannot be taken for granted. Back in 1989, the Portage County Board founded the Groundwater Citizen's Advisory Committee (GCAC) to bring together residents with their unique perspectives based on their diverse experiences and knowledge. Today, Joe Firkus and I currently share representation for Town of Plover along with 29 others representing 24 other townships.

Check over the following notes gleaned by the County Executive's Groundwater Listening forums.

Visit groundwater@co.portage.wi.us for an explanation of GCAC goals, and the dates and meeting times of the committee. Feel free to contact Joe or myself to express concerns. Public attendance at GCAC meetings is welcomed – it is a fantastic forum to hear the views of others and to have your own voice heard!

This is our water – it affects all of us!

SUPERVISOR BENTLEY

TOWN SUPERVISOR JIM GARBE

Thinking about Home Renovations?

Is a kitchen makeover or bathroom upgrade on your wish list? Want to put on an addition to your home or install a deck? Need to solve your storage problems by putting up a shed or detached garage? Want to replace your old windows or doors? What about replacing your siding or fixing your roof? Some of these renovations require multiple permits, some can be done without the need of any permit. How do you know when a permit is needed, who can give you a definitive answer and where can you get the necessary permits? Here are some general guidelines and the necessary contact information:

Zoning Permits - issued by Portage County Zoning Dept. 715-346-1334:

A zoning permit is required if you are increasing the total square footage of your structures, whether it is outward or upward or downward. This would include room additions, bump-outs, decks, screen porches, adding a second story, adding roof dormers, finishing basements into living spaces, adding or expanding garage space (attached or detached), and accessory structures greater than 100 square feet.

A zoning permit is **not** required for:

- Remodeling of existing spaces inside your home like new cabinets, counter tops, sinks, flooring, removing or relocating an interior wall, replacing doors or bathroom fixtures.
- Maintenance to the exterior like replacing siding, doors, windows, and roofing.

Special Note: If your home is located adjacent to water or in a flood plain area, there are special considerations which may require a zoning permit for some types of remodeling - you need to call. If you are still not sure, just make the call and find out about your specific situation.

Building Permits – issued by the Town’s Building Inspector Mike Bembenek 715-570-8378:

A building permit is required when remodeling if that remodel involves any of the following:

- Any additions or alterations to a dwelling or to any structure that is attached or within 5 feet of that dwelling (including decks).
- Removal or relocation of an interior or exterior wall.
- Relocation or addition of any plumbing supply or drain pipe.
- Relocation, replacement, or addition of heating or air conditioning systems.
- Finishing areas of a basement or attic.
- Relocation, expansion, or upgrades to the electrical system.
- Installation of a patio door where one did not exist previously.
- Replacement of windows that will require a modification to the existing structural opening.
- Adding or expanding an attached garage.

A building permit is **not** required for the following activities:

- Detached garages or accessory buildings (new or additions) that are at least 5 feet from the primary structure.
- Replacing siding, roofing materials, and windows (if within present openings).
- Updating cabinets, countertops, flooring and vanities.
- Upgrading or replacing lighting fixtures at present locations.
- Replacing sinks, toilets, tubs, and showers at present locations.
- Replacing interior or exterior doors.

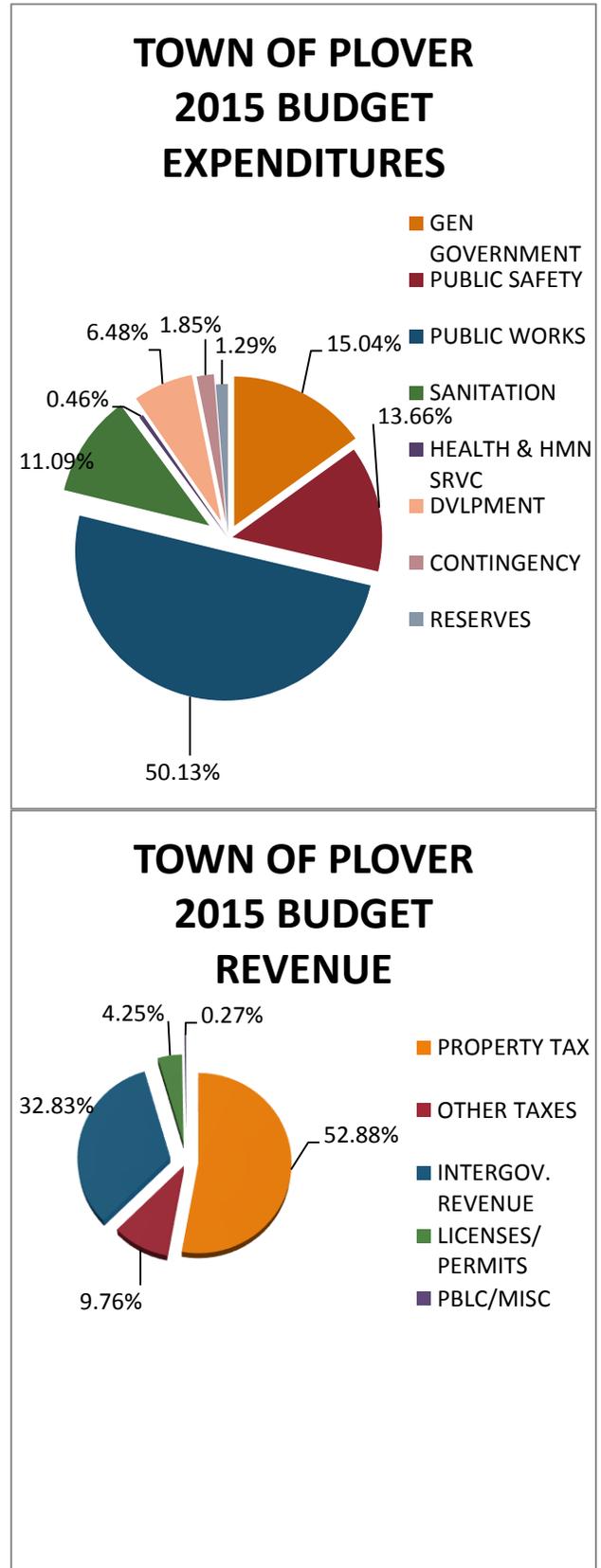
In general, the more changes you want to do, the greater the chances that a building permit will be needed. If in doubt, give Mike Bembenek a call.

**THE FOLLOWING IS AN
EXCERPT FROM THE RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZED AT
THE TOWN MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 12, 2014
BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE
ELIGIBLE ELECTORS ASSEMBLED
AND VOTING AT THAT ANNUAL
TOWN MEETING:**

1. It is necessary for the Town of Plover to expend a sum not to exceed \$406,776.91 to provide machinery, implements, material and equipment to construct, maintain and repair the highways and bridges under the town's jurisdiction during the fiscal year 2015, which sum exceeds \$352,450, being the product of \$5,000 multiplied by the number of miles under the jurisdiction of the town measured by the most recent highway mileage for the town, as determined under s. 86.302, Wis. Stats.

2. The Town Board of the Town of Plover is authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$406,776.91 to provide machinery, implements, material and equipment needed to construct, maintain and repair the highways and bridges under the town's jurisdiction during the fiscal year 2015.

This resolution, as required by s. 60.80, Wis. Stats., was properly posted within 30 days of the adoption date of November 12, 2014.



CURB-SIDE GARBAGE PICKUP EVERY THURSDAY EXCEPT IF FOLLOWING A HOLIDAY

2015 RECYCLING PICKUP DATES SET OUT BY 5 AM

JANUARY 8
JANUARY 22

FEBRUARY 5
FEBRUARY 19

MARCH 5
MARCH 19

APRIL 2
APRIL 16
APRIL 30

MAY 14
MAY 29 (FRIDAY)

JUNE 11
JUNE 25

JULY 9
JULY 23

AUGUST 6
AUGUST 20

SEPTEMBER 3
SEPTEMBER 17

OCTOBER 1
OCTOBER 15
OCTOBER 29

NOVEMBER 12
NOVEMBER 27 (FRIDAY)

DECEMBER 10
DECEMBER 24

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RESIDENTIAL DUMPSTERS MAY BE RENTED OR PURCHASED
CONTACT ADVANCED DISPOSAL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
1-800-262-3101

TOWN HALL DUMPSTERS LOCATED IN TOWN PARKING LOT

FOR TOWN OF PLOVER RESIDENTS ONLY

- HOUSEHOLD (NON-METAL) GOODS
- METAL MATERIALS TO BE RESOLD BY THE TOWN TO RECOVER A PORTION OF THE COST OF PROVIDING THIS SERVICE
- TIRES – LIMITED TO FOUR TIRES PER YEAR
- APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONICS

ORDINANCE 140903 ESTABLISHES A \$1000 PENALTY PER INCIDENT (PLUS COST OF DISPOSAL) FOR ANY DISPOSAL BY

- A NON-RESIDENT
- DISPOSAL BY ANYONE OF UNAUTHORIZED ITEMS INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OR REMODELING DEBRIS

THESE DUMPSTERS ARE MONITORED BY CAMERA, IMAGES ARE STORED ON A COMPUTER AND SHARED WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT WHEN NEEDED.

IF NECESSARY, CONTACT ADVANCED DISPOSAL WHICH WILL LOCATE VARIOUS-SIZED DUMPSTERS (YOUR PREFERENCE) AT YOUR SITE FOR A NOMINAL FEE TO FACILITATE REMOVAL OF OTHER DEBRIS.

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CONTACT

TOWNOFPLOVER@TOWNOFPLOVER.COM

OR CALL THE TOWN OFFICE

AT 715-344-7684 IF YOU ARE

INTERESTED IN SERVING

YOUR TOWN.



CLERK'S CORNER Now is the time for you to pick up candidacy papers in the Town Office and circulate nomination papers for one of the following seats for incumbent terms expiring April 2015:

Chair - Tim Karcheski

Supervisor - Dustin Check

Supervisor - Jim Garbe

Clerk/Treasurer - Joan Scheider

DOG LICENSING - 2015: On December 1st, license tags for 2015 are ready to be issued to all dogs in the Town of Plover. If your dog is spayed or neutered, the license will cost \$8; if male or female, the cost is \$13. Keep in mind – the Portage County Sheriff's citation for an unlicensed dog will cost between \$169 and \$263.50 so, ability to prove a current rabies vaccination and buying that license for your dog is really a good deal!

