

Town of Plover

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UPDATES

CHAIRMAN

KARCHESKI: The new Town of Plover sign out by Hwy 54 now identifies the Town of Plover Municipal Center no longer to be confused with the Village.



NEW EQUIPMENT: We recently replaced two aged vehicles (vintage 1996 and 1998). When elected as Chairman over 10 years ago, I noticed the town was not budgeting for replacement equipment – that need occurred in 2015! After review of needs and clarifying specifications, the town board authorized, thru a government program offered by Ford, the purchase of a 2015 Ford F250 4x4 patrol truck – cost just over \$28,000.

Then, as we prepped equipment for snow plowing, severe rust on the 1996 Ford L6000 rear frame rendered that truck no longer “DOT safe” on our roads! Again pricing and reviewing specifications evolved in the

purchase of the 2016 Western Star for \$148,000!



Big purchases but without having to borrow funds since budgeting over the last 10 years provided for these equipment replacements.

WINTER STORM REMINDER: Yes, the trucks are ready to plow and now it is time for you, as residents, to remember – no parking on any town road during (and for 24 hours after) a snow fall.

The two large snow plows and one small utility truck plow 70.49 miles of township roads; it takes 12 hours to open all roads initially and then a second round begins clean-up of the subdivisions. It is the home owner’s responsibility to clear snow from the end of their driveway and in front of their mailboxes. The town is not responsible for damage to underground sprinklers, shrubs, trees or decorative items placed in the road right-of-way when plowing. Our Plover prairie knows extreme gale-like conditions during snow storms – with drifting that causes the 12 hour effort to take 15 to 18 hours. Drivers provide priority service to school bus routes and known medical needs. The plows each start their specific route and end up in the middle of the township.

If you have or know of a medical condition, please call the town office to be added to the list of known medical needs. Our drivers take pride in providing safe roads; please give the plow operators ample room on the roads. Let’s have a safe winter driving on town roads!

PUBLIC WORKS: When it isn't snowing, this Town of Plover crew will be cutting and trimming trees and shrubbery that encroach on any Town street or road. Cutting and/or trimming of all vision obstructions at all intersections will be their priority to improve visibility.

No new trees, shrubs, hedges or other growth exceeding 30 inches in height above road grade are permitted in any clear-vision triangle within the township. Existing trees and shrubs that are located in the clear vision triangle shall be kept trimmed so the lowest branches provide a clearance of not less than 16 feet. Obstructions caused by trees and shrubs in front of street signs along all public roads shall be trimmed so that the lowest projecting branches provide a clearance height of no less than 16 feet above the travel portion of the road.

The Superintendent of Highways may waive these provisions for newly planted or naturally low-profile trees if it is determined the planting does not interfere with public travel, does not endanger public safety and does not obstruct the view of any traffic sign.

We ask for the assistance of property owners in trimming trees in subdivisions. If you have questions, please call the Town of Plover Superintendent of Highways at 715-630-5493.

HIGHWAY SUP'T TIM KARCHESKI

THE GOOD OLD DAYS: The Town of Plover is special in many ways – one of which is the history of some of our roads. When we bought our home on Old So-White Road we were told there was an Olympic-sized swimming pool buried under the road. Folks that built the pool had moved, and for reasons of safety had filled in the pool. Later they built a road over it and eventually donated the road to the town. Twenty years later utilities were being upgraded. You should have

seen the look on the workers' faces as they pulled chunks of baby-blue concrete out the trench they were digging. Ten years later a small hole appeared along the side of the road and when it was excavated, we learned that the road was falling into the pool!

So the pool has now been filled in again, and a few years goes by when another hole starts to open up about 25 yards from the first hole. We are thinking "Oh-oh – now it is the deep end!" but no - this was an old drain field – 6 feet across and 9 feet deep! We have come a long way from the "Good Old Days!"

TOWN SUPERVISOR JIM ROWE

ATV/UTV ROUTES: The Town of Plover has developed an ATV/UTV route...not to be confused with a "trail" which uses private land – the Town has established a "route" using town roads. Maps are forthcoming!

ATV/UTV vehicles must be licensed! The speed limit on the Town of Plover route will be posted at 25 mph – and the Sheriff's office stands ready to enforce this speed limit. **The route is NOT open yet - some of the signs are yet to be put up!**

Use of a short section of County R between Smiley's Bar and Jack's Drive is needed to open the route for access of the hotels, restaurants and the gas station thru the Prainwood subdivision. We are hoping to gain access to that short section of County R as soon as possible.

Watch the town's website (townofplover.com) for the ordinance, a map and announcement of WHEN the route is open.

PLEASE drive safely - follow the route signs.

TOWN SUPERVISOR JOE FIRKUS

NEW OPTIONS FOR WATERFRONT HOMEOWNERS

If you are not a homeowner owning water frontage, I'll save you some reading time as this article describes zoning changes only applicable to property owners adjacent to water. If you are a homeowner with water frontage, please take note as there has been a recent change to State Law that impacts County Shoreland Zoning Regulations. These changes could afford you the opportunity to improve your property in a way that was not previously possible.

The Town has heard of past attempts by some residents to do home improvements like adding a deck onto the rear of their house. This became an issue for them if any part of that deck encroached on the 100 foot waterfront setback requirements. Based on the distance of their home to water, homeowners had to go without a deck or they had to choose to scale back its size. With the recent changes to State Law, that has now changed.

I know zoning rules can be confusing, but I would like to give you a brief recap of what was in place and the impact that has now occurred to Shoreland Zoning regulations:

- State Law mandates every County implement Shoreland Zoning protections, which regulates land use within a certain distances of lakes, rivers, and streams. This is in addition to any standard zoning regulations applicable in each municipality.
- The State has prescribed what minimum protections are to be implemented as defined thru regulation NR-115.
- Counties can choose to either adopt NR-115 rules verbatim or adopt some rule variation that is more restrictive (raising the bar so to speak) but they can't be less restrictive.
- Many Counties, including Portage County, have chosen to be more restrictive (have a higher bar).
- The recent State Bi-annual Budget Bill (Act 55) has removed the ability for Counties to be more restrictive under many of the provisions governed by NR-115.
- As a result of the Act 55 passage, one of the biggest impacts to Portage County's waterfront property, is the setback provisions to water. Portage County has administered a 100 feet setback for the last 40 years. Act 55 now rolls that provision back to the 75 feet distance as prescribed by general NR-115 rules.

What does this mean to homeowners on the water? If your home is more than 40 years old, there is a good chance that it may be too close to water for you to take advantage of this law change. But, if you are appreciably more than 75 feet (no matter what age), you could add on a deck, increase the size of an existing deck, attach a screen porch, or a 3 season porch, or maybe increase the size of your present home.

If you are one of the lucky ones, and want to pursue one of the above options what do you need to do? Any of these changes mentioned, will require you to obtain both a zoning permit issued by the County and a building permit issued by the Town. Once a zoning permit is issued you have 90 days to start construction, and then 2 years to complete the project.

Be advised though, this change may not be permanent. There are many counties (including Portage) that are pushing back against limiting their ability to have more stringent Shoreland Zoning Ordinances. There may be future legislative efforts to rescind those provisions of Act 55.

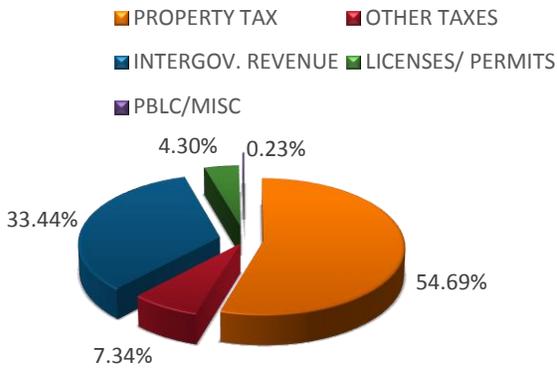
Think of this as a window of opportunity that may not stay open for very long.

TOWN SUPERVISOR JIM GARBE

2016 BUDGET

Administrative Notes

REVENUE



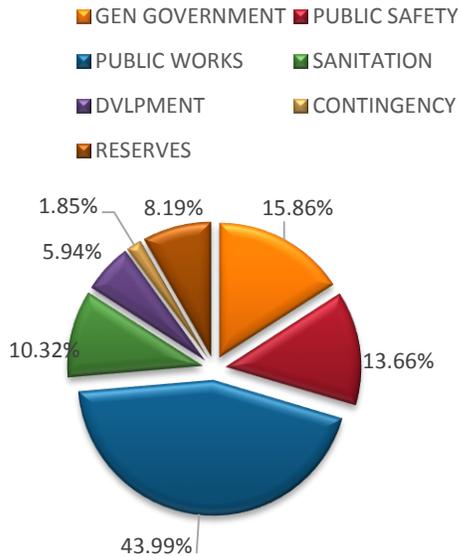
REVENUE:

2016 is the last year the Town will receive revenue sharing from the Village of Plover due to expiration of the Revenue Sharing Agreement involving Crossroads Common.

Intergovernmental Revenue – 33.44% on the adjacent chart - will be reduced by \$47,000!

2016 may be the last year the Town will retain room tax in excess of 30% of collected room tax dollars – which has provided the means to support local tourism development projects such as the ATV/UTV Routes.

EXPENDITURES



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With the possibility of collected revenue being \$47,000 less in the 2017 budget, control will be essential to ensure adequate services are maintained for residents!

In addition, Development expenditures (see 5.94% on adjacent chart) will increase by almost \$10,000 with 70% of collected room tax no longer administered locally but instead going to the Stevens Point Area Visitors & Convention Bureau.

Characteristically, reserve funds are often the first funds impacted by issues such as these.

FREE SALT/SAND MIX AGAIN BUT FOR TOWN RESIDENTS ONLY!

The Town of Plover will again offer salt/ sand mix for personal use on home walkways. Located in the Quonset building; bring your own shovel and pail – but leave some for your neighbors – and our roads!

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

2016 RECYCLING PICKUP DATES SET OUT BY 5 AM

JANUARY 7
JANUARY 21

FEBRUARY 4
FEBRUARY 18

MARCH 3
MARCH 17
MARCH 31

APRIL 14
APRIL 28

MAY 12
MAY 26

JUNE 9
JUNE 23

JULY 8 (FRIDAY)
JULY 21

AUGUST 4
AUGUST 18

SEPTEMBER 1
SEPTEMBER 15
SEPTEMBER 29

OCTOBER 13
OCTOBER 27

NOVEMBER 10
NOVEMBER 25 (FRIDAY)

DECEMBER 8
DECEMBER 22

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RESIDENTIAL DUMPSTERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR RENT OR PURCHASE 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 ARE 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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**OR CALL THE TOWN OFFICE
AT 715-344-7684 IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED IN SERVING
YOUR TOWN.**



CLERK'S CORNER Now is the time to pick up candidacy papers in the Town Office and circulate nomination papers for one of the following seats for incumbent terms expiring April 2016:

Supervisor – Joe Firkus

Supervisor - Jim Rowe

DOG LICENSING – 2016 dog license tags for 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!