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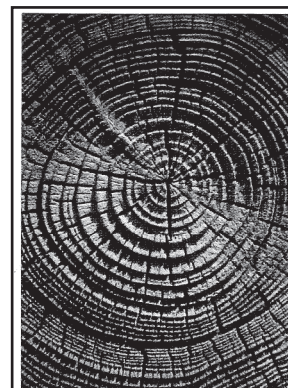
From Chief Schmoker:

Attention Students Grades 9-12: Each June the Town of Vinland would like to sponsor a student to attend the Fire Science Academy at UW Oshkosh in conjunction with the City of Oshkosh Fire Department. Each attendee will participate in hands on activities and instruction from area firefighters to gain a realistic view of fire science careers. The 2015 dates are June 21-24. The Town of Vinland Fire Department will pay for you to attend. Visit www.uwosh.edu/go/youth or call Chief Jay Schmoker @ 920-379-7703.

Other residents of our Town: We are always looking for men AND women to join our Fire/Rescue Squad. You must be 18 years old. There is no cost to you. Contact Chief Schmoker for more information @ 920-379-7703.

*Enjoy the summer months;
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and with all of your
summer celebrations.*

Jay Schmoker, Fire Chief



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From the Chairman Ray Batley

I would like to thank each and every one of you who took the time to vote in the spring election. I realize not everyone can vote each time because of business and family constraints. We get so bombarded with politics sometimes we just want to ignore the whole process. However, we know it is important and our duty when possible.

We often meet with neighboring Town Boards to solve mutual problems and come to agreements that benefit all. Recently we met with the Towns of Clayton and Winneconne to consolidate the position of Building Inspector. It appears we have such an agreement and Tom Spierowski will be that person for each of the Towns named. I feel we will see benefits from this agreement.

As always, if you have questions or would like more information on any subject, please do not hesitate to call one of us.

Have a good and safe summer.
Ray Batley, Chairman

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From the Clerks desk:

The voter photo ID law has been upheld. ALL FUTURE ELECTIONS will require a photo ID be presented before you will be allowed to vote, please be sure to bring your photo ID along to the polls.

The Town of Vinland was the top recycler in Winnebago County for the past two years. We are falling behind the Town of Neenah this year. Remember the State requires that we all recycle; let's see if we can get our numbers back up to be number 1 in 2015 as well!

Here are a few of the things that occurred at Board meetings this year (you can find more details on our website www.townofvinland.org under Town Board meeting minutes):

- Farmland Preservation Ordinance was officially adopted and Agri-Business District Ordinance repealed.
- The loan for the Fire Truck was approved to be paid in full.
- Sheriff Matz talked about the procedure for calling in controlled burns to the County.
- Road projects for 2015 were approved : Portions of Green Valley Road, Breezewood Lane, Hilltop Road; Route and Crack seal I-Ah-Maytah Road and a culvert replacement on Breezewood Lane.

Thank you for your support this past spring and I look forward to providing you with years of service.

Until next time...

Marilyn Fahrenkrug, Clerk

DOGS:

Currently we have 184 dogs licensed in our town. If you own a dog or have dogs, they should be licensed. Not only because it's the law, (WI Statute 174.05), but it also can end up costing an expense. If your dog ends up at the Neenah Animal Shelter, it can cost you \$50/day.

To license your dog, you must provide a copy of your dog's rabies vaccination certificate along with a check made payable to the Town of Vinland.

FEE: \$10.00 unneutered male or un-spayed female
\$5.00 neutered male or spayed female

There is a \$5.00 late fee for each license issued after April 1st. If you license more than three dogs, the fee is \$35.00, but also needs prior Town Board approval. If you have any questions on licensing your dog, you can always refer to the "Dog Licensing" tab on the Town of Vinland website (www.townofvinland.org)

If you no longer own a dog, please notify me at vinlandtreas@ntd.net or by calling the town hall. When your dog receives an updated rabies vaccination, you can either email me that information or send it through the mail.

Thank you.
Karen Brazee,
Treasurer



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What we do as a Town Board is communicating, coordinating, and enforcing Vinland's ordinances within tight limits of budget and authority. Town authority is dictated by budgets, state statute, city extraterritorial authority, and county ordinances. (Depending on if the person is subject to or the proponent of the enforcement, the Board has been told that we are either doing little or too much to enforce the ordinances.) An example that comes to mind is a division of property where the subdivided portion did not meet frontage requirements and was denied by the board. The decision was appealed and the initial decision over ridden. Since then, the Town Board scheduled informational sessions with the town attorney and various town planning and appeals boards to explain how the process is judicial and that there must be hardship shown before ordinances are negated. If all parties would have been on "the same page" as the ordinances, a lot of the issues that have since arisen would not have.

Another example is we have had certified survey maps that seem reasonable now that all parties are friendly, but would result in the potential for a dispute involving one of owners should they have a falling out or there be an ownership change. (The Board deals with neighborly disputes frequently and prefers to not get involved in civil matters where Vinland is not involved). We would not approve a CSM as drawn, much to the frustration of the proponents, who now must have a new one drawn.

There are many more examples I could cite, but most could have been handled with a phone call. If you have questions involving the various zoning and building permits a preliminary phone call to our zoning and building inspector will help you make the best decisions before you spend the money. Likewise if you have questions for the Vinland Board, give us a call. We will gladly meet with you either at or before the scheduled monthly meeting to give you the best answer we can based on what you have told us. If it relates to Vinland Fire Department give Jay a call. They are there to protect life and property but you also have a responsibility to do what is necessary to avoid putting you, your employees and our firemen in harms way. The Vinland website (www.townofvinland.org) has a lot of information including the Zoning Ordinance, contact names, and numbers.

Check it out!
Ed Sypek

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Town of Vinland Zoning Office/Building Inspector

The Town of Vinland Zoning Ordinance is on the town website as well as fees for projects you may want to start. Be sure to call me PRIOR TO STARTING a project that may require a permit from the Town of Vinland or Winnebago County. Doing so could save you time and money.

I work out of my home and can be reached most days at 920-428-3361. If I am unavailable, please leave a message.

Tom Spierowski

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Chuck Farrey, Town/County Supervisor

Greetings:

After a long winter, summer is finally here. All of the towns major projects are complete or nearing completion (Farm Preservation/Winnebago County Plan Update, etc).

There have not been any major flooding issues this spring for which we are grateful.

On the county level, the department budgets are being developed and I will continue to keep a close eye on costs.

Have a good summer and enjoy the warm weather.

God Bless,
Chuck Farrey



Did You Know?
A penny cost 2.4 cents to make.
In 2013, the U.S. Mint produced 7,070,000,000 pennies.
Source: Wikipedia



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PO Box 2808
Oshkosh, WI 54903-2808

Recycling At Home and in the Garden

The best place to start making a difference is right in your own home. Learn how you can reduce, reuse, and recycle materials to decrease household waste! Tips below will help you get started.

Lawn and Garden

- Feed your soil with compost; make compost at home, or buy it in bags or bulk. Compost helps sandy soils hold nutrients and water, loosens clay soils, and feeds the organisms that are beneficial to soil.
- Mow higher and leave the clippings. Modern mulching lawn mowers make “grasscycling” even easier. Homeowners can reduce their mowing time by 30 to 40 percent by not having to bag clippings.
- Choose the right plant for the right place. Select plants that grow well in your area of the country and fit the amount of sun, type of soil and water available in your yard.
- Give plants a good start. Prepare the soil by mixing one to three inches of compost into soil in planting beds.
- Water deeply, but infrequently. Most plants do best if the soil is allowed to partially dry out between waterings.

At Home

- Reduce food waste by using up the food you already bought and have in the house instead of buying more. You already paid for it - so use it!
- Non-perishable and unspoiled perishable food can be donated to local food banks, soup kitchens, pantries, and shelters.
- Reuse items around the house such as rags and wipes, empty jars and mugs, party decorations, and gift wrap.
- Buy products in concentrate, bulk, and in refillable containers. They reduce packaging waste and can save you money!
- Return used car tires to retailers or wholesalers that recycle or retread them. Tires are banned from most landfills, and illegally dumped tires become breeding grounds for mosquitoes and other pests.
- When buying products, check the labels to determine an item’s recyclability and whether it is made from recycled materials. Buying recycled encourages manufacturers to make more recycled-content products available.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

- Properly store any unused paint for future use, donate unused paint to neighbors or charities, or turn in your used paint to a waste collection facility for recycling.
- Buy products that contain minimal amounts, or no, hazardous ingredients. Use alternative methods or products - without hazardous ingredients - for common household needs, such as making a household cleaning solution from 1 cup of warm water, 3 drops of vegetable-based liquid soap, 1 teaspoon of baking soda, and 1 tablespoon of white vinegar.
- Products that contain hazardous ingredients should be used and stored properly to prevent accidents in the home. Never store hazardous products in food containers; keep them in their original containers and never remove labels. Corroding containers may require special handling. Call your local hazardous materials official or fire department for instructions.
- Recycle or safely dispose of your HHW

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