

SEYMOUR



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From your

TOWN CHAIR

Greeting Fellow Seymour Residents,

Town Indebtedness

The Town made the last payment on our long term debt this year. Most of that obligation was related to borrowing for the fire station and some road construction. Last year the Town bought, with the approval of the people at the Annual Meeting, nine acres of land, which adjoins our current recreation area, for the purpose of installing a Babe Ruth size ball field with parking. That loan (\$70,000) will be paid off in February, 2018. This year we replaced our 30 year old road grader with a 2013 model John Deere. That loan (\$161,000) will be paid off in five years. We will need to replace one of our dump trucks soon and possibly the backhoe tractor. Other areas for spending include playground equipment and, of course, road construction and repair. Most, if not all, of those items are short term rather than long term.

Seymour Ball Club Needs

One other item that may need financing is a storage facility with rest rooms for the ball club's equipment. I am currently talking with organization/corporations asking for donations to help fund that building. Major donors would donate \$5000.00 toward that project. I have one committed donor and two others are considering it. If I can raise \$20,000.00 toward that project, I am going to ask the Town Board to consider spending the other \$20,000.00 to complete that project. And anyone wishing to donate, please contact me. All donations are welcome and appreciated. The ball clubs are currently using a dilapidated one car garage that is not large enough and some of their equipment is sitting outside. The new building will be on the recently purchased property and will serve the entire ball club's program, but also the new field. The ball clubs are, of course, involved in the installation of the new field and its amenities. We have over 350 children involved in the Seymour Ball Club programs - boys and girls. However, when the boys reach the age for Babe Ruth league they have to play elsewhere as we do not have a field for that age. Most would like to stay in our program as it is a great one, provided by the dedicated volunteers who operate the program, and that is why we are in the process of building a new field. Thanks to all the people who give of their time and talent in running our ball programs to serve the children of our community. Great job!

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2018 Road Work

We are planning to replace the culvert on Tower Dr. that serves Five Mile Creek (the culvert under the "big dip"). It is undersized and since we are planning to reconstruct Tower Dr. from Bauer Ave. to Peterson Ave., we felt it would be the appropriate time to replace that culvert. It is a major project for us and it means that a section of Tower Dr. will be closed for two months or longer next summer. The cost will be approximately \$260,000 and we are applying for Bridge Aid in the amount of \$130,000 to help with the cost.

Complaints

The most frequent complaint received by me or at the Town Hall is about garbage, junk and junk vehicles on people's property. Your neighbors are the ones who call. Please make an effort to keep your property looking presentable.

It looks like another summer has come to an end. Not a memorable one in terms of weather in my estimation, but a summer none the less. Contact me or a Board member if you have suggestions, comments, questions or concerns. Enjoy the Autumn season

Douglas Kranig

From Your

TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Welcome to Autumn in Wisconsin. High of 91 degrees on one Sat., and a low of 36 degrees the next.

The Fire Dept's automated system for obtaining burning permits is up and running. Please go to townshipfire.org for your permit. Should you need to contact the business office, the hours are 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday thru Saturday. Office is closed Sundays. No permits are issued on Sundays or Holidays.

October is Fire Prevention month. Please remember to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, if applicable.

We had another incredible turnout for the annual Pancake Breakfast this year. Thank you for supporting our Firefighters.

Last year I reported an increased number of water related incidents. This year has followed suit. Please wear a life jacket, and be careful in, on, or near the water.

We are currently sitting at 280 calls for the year, excluding EMS calls. Emergicare has been dispatched to over 760 calls so far this year. Our EMS Chief reports that number will probably exceed 1000 calls for the year, for the first time ever. If you are interested in becoming a Firefighter or Emergency Medical Responder, please contact our Dispatch Center at (715)834-6868 for an application.

Kerry Parker, Assistant Chief

From Your

BUILDING INSPECTOR



Act 211 On Line Building Permits for New Construction

– The State of Wisconsin is requiring that all building permits for **new construction for one and two family dwellings** be completed on line. Your contractor will need to enter all the permit information on line and once completed, an email will be sent to the Town to notify us the permit has been filed. The owner or contractor will still need to provide the plans/specifications and other materials to the Town Hall or Building Inspector. Your contractor can access the online system at the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services website.

<https://verification.dps.wi.gov/buildingpermit/application/Directions.aspx>

A note of caution, the contractor will need to show that the permit is for the *Town of Seymour, Eau Claire County*. There are two other Town of Seymours located in Wisconsin, one in Lafayette County and one in Oneida County – so be sure that they select the correct Town when completing the online form.

The Town is required to implement this new process beginning January 1, 2018. However, you can start using the new system beginning December 1, 2017.

If you have any questions on this new system, please feel free to call me at 715.577.7983

Fred Hankel, Building Inspector

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From Your

CLERK/TREASURER



**WANTED – ELECTION
WORKERS FOR 2018-2019**

Every two years the Town Board is required to appoint persons to serve as Election Workers for the next two year period. The Board will be doing this at their December Meeting. If you are interested in working at any of our elections, please let me know (715.834.4999 or email me at Seymour.town@att.net) and I will add you to the list. In the last couple of years we've implemented split shifts for many of the workers, so that they are not required to work the entire day. This seems to work out well for many. We purchased new voting machines this year and will be using them for the first time at the February 2018 primary. I think you will find them to be much easier to use than the previous system.

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING TO SET TAX LEVY is scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. The proposed budget for 2018 does not include an increase in the town levy at this time. A summary of the proposed budget can be found posted on our website and a more detailed proposed budget is available for inspection at the town clerk's office.

DOG LICENSES – All Dog licenses expire 12/31/2017 . We will be sending out renewal notices with the tax bills sometime around mid December, but we do already have the licenses for 2018 so you can come in at any time and get your license for 2018. Fees remain the same at \$7.00 for altered dogs and \$18 for unaltered dogs. All dog licenses need to be paid for prior to April 1, 2018 in order to avoid a late fee.

TAX COLLECTION – Real Estate and Personal Property Tax bills will be mailed out in mid December. Our office will be open M-F, 9 am to 1 pm for tax collection. If you want a receipt and you are mailing in your payment, please send a self addressed stamped envelope with your payment, otherwise we will not be mailing receipts again this year. The office will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st for the Holidays.

Sue Larson, Town Clerk/Treasurer

OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

THANKSGIVING – THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 23RD AND 24TH

CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY, DEC 25TH

NEW YEARS DAY – MONDAY, JAN 1ST

From Your

TOWN SUPERVISOR

After this summer of flooding and tornados in Wisconsin and all the hurricanes and fires in the rest of the United States, I was thinking that I needed to get my act together regarding our family's preparedness in the case of an emergency. When I started to research what should be included in the plan and supplies that might be necessary, I was surprised at some of the items listed, but they definitely make sense. Here are some ideas that might help if the situation arises:

- Where and how will I get info regarding the emergency? (Battery radio, clock)
- Make sure to have extra batteries for a cell phone or a corded land line phone. (If the power is out, cordless phones don't work and your cell phone might be low on power.)
- Have one person out of the area that you can contact so they can make contact with others to let them know that you are OK because you may not be able to get through on local lines because of the number of calls being made.
- Have some cash available to make emergency purchases (Banks and ATM's might not be available for extended periods of time).
- Make sure that your important documents like insurance cards, medical records, bank account info, social security cards, and birth certificates are available but protected from water damage.
- First Aid Kit/Medicines/Prescription Drugs
- Flashlights and batteries.
- Hygiene items.
- Blankets, pillows, and seasonal items especially with winter coming.
- Water and food
- Fuel tanks in vehicles are full or nearly full.
- A portable generator (with fuel) which is large enough to keep your furnace going this winter in case of a power outage that could last awhile.

Once again, we have been so lucky and I hope it stays that way. Our worst nightmare could be that a winter snowstorm hits that could cause us to be without power/heat for an extended period of time. I hope that day never comes.

Have a good winter!!

Sherila Ranning

Happy Holidays!

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MORE KIDS DRUG FREE GET INVOLVED ASAP

In Eau Claire County, 200 high school youth will misuse prescription drugs this month, and 1 in 4 high schoolers tell us it is easy to get prescription medications. Most youth that are misusing medications got them without permission. They say either a friend gave it to them, or they got them from their own home, a friend's home, or a grandparent's home. We all can play a part in preventing prescription drug misuse in our community. Here are some ways you can impact this issue:

- **Lock up your medications.** Keep meds in a safe place and monitor them, and ask friends and family to do the same.
- **Dispose of medications** that are expired or not needed. Eau Claire County has five medication drop boxes.
- **Learn more about the issue** – visit our website for resources, information and tools at www.getinvolvedASAP.org.
- **Talk to your kids** about the dangers of prescription drugs.



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