

SEYMOUR

chronicle



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From your

TOWN CHAIR

Greetings Fellow Seymour Residents,

Our culvert replacement on Tower Drive over Five Mile Creek is scheduled to start October 15th. It is projected to be completed in three weeks so you will have to use an alternate route for a while.

Thanks to Northern Metal Recycling (Jeremy Larson, Manager) and Advanced Disposal (Mark Vinal, Manager) for their cooperation in ensuring that their trucks used the designated detour route during the county's road reconstruction project on County Q. Also, thanks to those residents who live along that route for tolerating the additional traffic for those months without complaint.

The Town Budget Hearing (2019 Budget) is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Preliminary drafts look as if we will not have to raise town taxes for another year. We have been able to avoid raising the town tax for the past five years. Sue Larson, our Clerk/Treasurer, has developed a capital expenditures list for the Board which helps us plan for future capital expense purchases. I think it will be very helpful. Please plan to attend the budget hearing. We will discuss the proposed budget and ideas for future purchases.

Here's an update on the storage building for the Seymour Ball Club. A huge thanks to Loren Gorell and his crew for preparing the site. The entire area has been graded, which also includes a new parking lot and a new proposed ball field area. A retention pond has been excavated and installed. Loren donated all of the excavation and earth moving for this project. The concrete slab for the building has been poured and in place. The building contractor plans to start construction of the building in early November. Thanks again to all who donated towards this project. It will be completed this fall so the equipment can be stored inside.

The Assessor's Plat planned for the properties along a small section of Peterson Ave will take place later this Fall and be completed sometime next Spring.

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This year we took a more aggressive approach to dealing with people who did not license their dogs. There is an article in this newsletter every year explaining the need to license dogs. We send a letter to those who have not licensed their dog by April (dogs are to be licensed each year by January 1st) and in some cases a follow up letter in June to those who have still failed to license their dog/s and yet some people fail to properly license their dog! By State Statute we are required to ensure that dogs are licensed and also by State Statute you, as a dog owner, are required to license your dog. We issued several citations this year for those who neglected to license their dog. It is usually the same people who have to be reminded each year. We will continue to issue citations to those who do not license their dogs at the beginning of the year. If you own a dog, it is your responsibility to know the rules and to license your dog!!!

"It is not consolidation, or concentration of powers, but by their distribution that good government is affected".
-Thomas Jefferson

Enjoy the Autumn season

Warm regards,

Douglas Kranig

Funding Changes for Ambulance Service

For the past several years, the Town of Seymour, along with many other local municipalities, has contracted with the Eau Claire City Fire Department to provide ambulance service to our residents. They provide paramedic level personnel on each ambulance and, along with Township Fire Department's First Responders (when available) work well together in providing the service that our residents need. For this service from the Eau Claire Fire Department, we currently pay \$2,900 which is less than \$1.00 per capita (per resident).

A little known fact is that the four hospitals/clinics in Eau Claire (Mayo, HSHS Sacred Heart, Marshfield Clinic and Oakleaf Surgical Hospital) have been generously subsidizing the majority of the cost for the taxpayers of the municipalities involved. They have contributed approximately \$200,000 annually towards the Regional Emergency Medical Service (EMS) program provided by the Eau Claire City Fire Department. **THANK YOU TO ALL THE CONTRIBUTING PROVIDERS!**

The hospitals/clinics have indicated that the time has come to phase out the donations and for the entire cost to be placed on the taxpayers of the municipalities that utilize the Regional EMS System. Over the next ten years, that means the cost to the Town of Seymour will increase from the current \$2,900 (-\$1.00 per person) to \$46,620 (\$14.00 per person) over the next 10 years. We are currently working with the other municipalities to come up with a funding model which is both legal and charged fairly to all the properties located within the Town.

The professionalism and cooperation provided by the Eau Claire and Township Fire Departments help us meet the requirements of the State Law concerning our responsibility to provide this service to our residents. Your support is definitely appreciated.

Supervisor Sheila Ranning

Township Fire Department

Well summer has quickly left us and winter seems to be making an early entrance. With that in mind here a few tips to be prepared for the long winter ahead.

1. Check your furnace and CO monitor make sure both are functioning properly.
2. Check your fireplace chimney and your wood burning stove make sure they're clean with no creosote build-up. Chimney fires can quickly turn into structure fires within minutes.
3. Check your smoke detectors make sure they alarm and the batteries are good.

Thank you to all who attended our pancake breakfast it was a huge success and the funds raised will be used to purchase much needed equipment for our station.

Have a great winter and as always be safe we would rather only see you at our pancake breakfast.

Battalion Chief Rardy Schenk

2019 Budget and Levy Amounts

Below is the proposed budget for 2019 that will be discussed at the public budget hearing to be held on Monday, November 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. . The proposed levy for the town tax will be \$370,758.00, which has remained the same since 2015. The maximum amount the board could levy for this year is \$385,887.00. The budget proposal for 2019 shows a substantial decrease in the debt service payment from 2018, as we paid off a loan in 2018, greatly reducing our loan payments. From the savings in that reduction, we are planning on making deposits into some of our Committed Funds that will be used for future purchases, such as road equipment, building improvements, parks, etc. By funding these special accounts, it is hoped that we will be more prepared in the future to finance the needs of the community, minimizing our need for additional debt. Please come to the Public Budget Hearing. Immediately following the Public Budget Hearing, a Special Meeting of the Electors will be held. The purpose of that meeting is to approve the levy amount of \$370,758.00.

	2018	2019
	Budget	Budget
REVENUES		
General Property Taxes	\$370,758.00	\$370,758.00
Other Taxes	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$223,429.00	225,667.00
Regulation and Compliance	\$257,606.00	\$284,206.00
Public Charges for Services	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$5,500.00	\$8,000.00
Other Financing Sources (Loans/Grants)	\$130,000.00	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$994,893.00	\$894,231.00
Cash Balance Applied	\$51,856.00	
TOTAL REVENUE & CASH BALANCE	\$1,046,749.00	\$894,231.00
EXPENDITURES		
General Government	\$140,895.00	\$151,802.00
Public Safety	\$123,450.00	\$126,400.00
Sanitation	\$4,700.00	\$14,700.00
Transportation	\$632,400.00	\$415,450.00
Culture and Rec	\$14,000.00	\$17,000.00
Town Hall	\$22,865.00	\$24,340.00
Capital Outlay	\$0.00	\$0.00
Debt Service	\$108,439.00	\$34,539.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,046,749.00	\$784,231.00
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS		\$110,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES AND TRANSFERS	\$1,046,749.00	\$894,231.00

From Your

CLERK TREASURER



General Election – November 6, 2018

Things to watch for in the coming months:

NEW WEBSITE – The Town of Seymour is looking to update their website in the next several months, to make it more user friendly as well as secure. If you have any suggestions for things you would like to see added to our website, please give me a call.

ACCEPTING CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS – Currently the town does not accept any credit or debit cards from residents paying for various services – such as building permits, dog licenses, liquor licenses and other permits. However, there have been a number of people that have requested this service be available. There are fees associated with the use of credit/debit cards and the Town was reluctant to offer a service that would cost the Town additional tax dollars. We are now working with a company that will allow us to provide this service, but there will be an additional cost to the user, not the Town. The additional cost will be a minimum of \$1.00 per transaction or 4%, whichever is greater. We anticipate that this service will be available by the end of the year.

TOWN SURVEY – The Town of Seymour Planning Commission has been active again this fall in working on updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan. As part of this update, the Planning Commission is preparing a survey that will capture the ideas and visions of the residents of the Town of Seymour for the future. Watch your mail for a post card in the next couple of months that will explain how you can participate in this survey.

OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS ON:

Thanksgiving – November 22nd and 23rd
Christmas – December 24th and 25th
New Years – January 1st.

REGISTER TO VOTE – If you are not currently registered to vote in the Town of Seymour, **please do so prior to November 6th**. You can stop at the office for a voter registration form. Be sure to bring proof of residency with you. Or you can email me at Seymour.town@att.net and I can forward the information and forms to you for registration.

WHATS ON MY BALLOT – If you want to see what will be on your ballot for the November election, you can go to www.myvote.wi.gov and type in your address and a sample ballot will come up.

ABSENTEE VOTING – In office Absentee Voting will begin on October 15th and go until November 2nd. During this time you may come into the office and vote absentee for the November 6th election between the hours of 9 am and 1 pm. If you prefer to have an absentee ballot mailed to you, you must submit your request in writing, and **provide us with a copy of a photo ID**. Your request must state your name, residential address, mailing address (if different) as well as your signature. Your request for mailing an absentee ballot must be received by Nov 1st. You can also email me this request at Seymour.town@att.net

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PHOTO ID WHEN YOU COME TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018.

Sue Larson

Town Clerk Treasurer



MESSAGE FROM EAU CLAIRE CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Retail clerks play a key role in decreasing youth access to tobacco by routinely carrying out the law – not allowing youth under 18 to purchase tobacco and nicotine products. Clerks are the first line of enforcement in preventing youth access to tobacco products. When kids have a hard time getting tobacco, they use less. The less tobacco our kids use, the more **Wisconsin Wins**. The Wisconsin Wins program at www.WITobaccoCheck.org is a state-level initiative aimed to decrease youth access to tobacco products using an effective mix of education and oversight.

Congratulations to the many clerks and retailers in Eau Claire County for successfully requesting and checking IDs over the past year. Thank you for not selling to our youth!

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DOGS AND TAXES!

Tax bills will probably be mailed out sometime the second week of December. We will be open for tax collection M-F, 9 am to 1 pm. If you mail in your tax payment, *please be sure to send along a self addressed stamped envelope if you want us to return a receipt.* Otherwise, no receipts will be mailed back to you. You can always access a receipt for your tax payment on line at <http://eauclairecowi.wgxtreme.com/> or stop at the office and we can print one out for you.

Dog Licenses –Just a reminder that dog licenses are due EVERY year. Each year we have some residents that seem surprised that they have to renew their dog license on an annual basis. Dog licenses always run from January 1st to December 31st each year. We will be receiving the dog licenses for 2019 by November 1st and you can come in and register your dog for 2019 anytime after that. If you licensed your dog last year, you will be receiving a reminder notice in December, with your tax bill, about the need to renew that license for 2019. If you have a new dog or didn't register your dog last year, you can get an application on our website or stop at the office for a Dog License Application. The fees remain the same at **\$7.00** for an altered dog and **\$18.00** for an unaltered dog. Also be sure that your dog is up to date on his rabies vaccination. We are unable to license a dog if we cannot verify that it is current on its rabies. If you mail in your dog license fees/applications, *be sure to send us a self addressed stamped envelope* so we can return the tag to you. Thank you for your cooperation.

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

**SECOND MONDAY OF THE
MONTH AT 7:00 pm.**

Agendas Posted at :
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