

SEYMOUR



TOWN OF SEYMOUR
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From your

www.townofseymour.org

TOWN CHAIR, Doug Kranig

Greetings Fellow Seymour Residents,

Other than those two weeks in February, we had a very tolerable Wisconsin winter with very nice temperatures in December and January. Not too much snow to plow. Our road crew liked that.

A few years ago, we asked our residents to complete a town survey to give us feedback on people's feelings about how the Board was performing. The number of surveys returned was significant and over 97 percent of the responses indicated satisfaction with the services and leadership provided by the Town. Residents felt that the Town was being operated responsibly, effectively and efficiently. The condition of the roads and their maintenance along with snow removal in the winter were all positive. The services provided by the office staff – tax collections, dog license and well-run elections, were all mentioned as very good. At that time, we commended our staff – Kerry and John (Roads) and Sue and Laura (office) and they are still employed with the Town and performing very well. Despite the virus, our office has been open and has been efficient with the elections and other day to day activities. Sue and her assistant, Laura, do an excellent job of keeping current on technology and state regulations. Again, kudos to our staff! We usually reconstruct two miles of road each year. On a scale of 1-10, our roads are rated an 8 on average. We are above the state recommendation of 6. Because the Town is debt free, no long or short-term debt, we are able to stay current on equipment for the road crew with the purchase of a new truck last year and a new tractor this year. We bought new computers and updated our equipment for voting and arranged for accepting payments with credit cards for the office. Results matter!

Seymour is part of Township Fire Department (Station #1). Based on valuation, our Town is assessed an amount each year to support the fire department. TFD provides

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fire protection, first responder service, water rescue and recovery services, highway crash support and other types of safety services. There are 26 members who serve our community as firefighters/first responders. Thanks to those men and women who serve our community. I serve as the President of the TFD Board of Directors. Three years ago, we erected a new tower, which is used to dispatch our fire apparatus/equipment. The tower was primarily paid for by two of the three telephone companies that rent space on the tower for their equipment. The rent generates over \$84,000 per year. This additional revenue stream helps reduce the assessment the town pays to support the fire department. The fire department is debt free, also. We bought three new trucks in the last two years. The tax levy for the Town (the town tax in our budget) has virtually been the same for the past five years. The Town of Seymour has the second lowest tax rate of all towns in Eau Claire County. We are frugal with your money! Experience counts.

As has been previously reported, the town, city and county are in negotiations with the owners of the landfill which is located in our Town. The committee which is made up of representatives of those three municipalities, has presented, in our proposals to the landfill owners, the concerns that some people who live near the landfill have expressed to us – direct

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payments, increased water testing at Seven Mile Creek and property value protections. There was some discussion by the committee as to what is more fair: payments to a few residents who live near the landfill or payments to the municipality to benefit the entire community. Currently the Town and County receive about \$200,000 per year from the landfill based on the volume of the waste stream. The city receives about \$125,000 per year. These payments have allowed the Town, City and County to fund projects to benefit all residents. There has been some delay in completing the negotiations due to a change in ownership of the landfill. Indications are that the landfill owners will be fair and honest. Negotiations usually result in both parties being willing to compromise in order to reach a satisfactory agreement.

Thanks to Jason Krumenauer for reporting a stop sign that needed to be replaced as someone had broken the post (vandalism) and the sign fell down. A traffic safety issue if not replaced promptly.

The Seymour Ball Club continues to work on the area (a seven acre parcel purchased two years ago) designated for a new Babe Ruth sized ball field. Jason Woodford, President of Seymour Ball Club, tells me they anticipate 250 boys and girls participating in our program this year. Thanks to the many volunteers who make that program a success.

Let's keep moving forward! Be sure to Vote. Enjoy the Spring.

As always, contact a Board member with concerns.

Douglas A. Kranig, Town Chair

We make a living by what we get. But we make a life by what we give. Thanks to all who volunteer for the benefit of our Town

Committee Members

The Town often has a need for residents to serve on various committees dealing with town issues. Currently we have a 5 member Planning Commission that works on the Comprehensive Plan that is updated every 10 years; we have representation on the Landfill Standing Committee that addresses landfill operational concerns; and we have Board of Review Alternates. If anyone is interested in serving on these committees or any other committees that may be needed in the future, please contact the Town Clerk to have your name added to a list of interested persons.

BRUSH SITE

The only brush site that is available now is the seasonal Jeffers Road Green Waste Facility located at 5710 Jeffers Rd, Eau Claire that is operated by Boxx Sanitation. Call them at 715-514-2995 for information on dates available and costs.

Township Fire Department

As many of you may know Township Fire Department-Seymour Station is a DNR Fire Wise community. This means we try to take precautions to help prevent wildfires within the Town of Seymour. Your local station has training in ways to prevent your house and property from becoming a statistic in the event of a forest fire. If you would like to have someone from the Fire Department do an assessment of your property just contact the town hall and we will gladly arrange to give you a free evaluation.

ALSO STARTING APRIL 1ST BURNING PERMITS WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.townshipfire.org

Once again, as like last year, we must announce the cancellation of our annual Pancake Breakfast because planning for this event has already started and due to current restrictions still in place it has been decided to cancel again for this year. If you would still like to contribute you can still mail a check made out to Township Fire and send it to the Town of Seymour offices. Thank you to all who have attended in the past and we look forward to seeing you 2022.

We are also in need of firefighters if interested please visit our department website www.townshipfire.org.

Battalion Chief, Randy Schenk

In my opinion,

TOWN OF SEYMOUR REPORT CARD

BY SUPERVISOR GARY SCHULENBERG

BUILDINGS (Fire Station and Town Hall)	B
EQUIPMENT (Trucks, etc)	A
TAX RATE (2 nd lowest in the county)	B+
DEBT SERVICE	A

Clerk News

Elections – First of all, a huge THANK YOU to all the election workers that did an incredible job at the November 2020 election. We had a record turnout with 2180 votes cast and 1275 of those were absentee ballots. We were able to accommodate voters that were quarantined or actually had tested positive for Covid by providing curbside voting. Also, we had persons that were unable or refused to wear a mask and we were able to accommodate their right to vote by providing them with a separate voting area.

APRIL 6th ELECTION

The Absentee Ballots for the April Election will be sent out approximately March 16th. For those voting absentee PLEASE be sure to sign the certification on the return envelope, have it witnessed and have the witness provide their address. **Absentee Ballots not completed properly will be rejected. Remember you need to submit a new absentee request each year, unless you are on the indefinitely confined list.**

You can request an absentee ballot by going on www.myvote.wi.gov. That is the fastest and most efficient method of requesting an absentee ballot. You can also email me your request, but you cannot request a ballot over the phone. You cannot request a ballot for anyone other than yourself. So, if a husband and wife want to email me a request, I should have two separate emails. If you've not voted absentee before, you will need to provide a photo ID as well.

In Person, Early Voting will start on Tuesday, March 23rd and end on April 2nd 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN OFFICE on the APRIL 6TH BALLOT

At the April Election, you will be voting for Town Board members. The candidates are as follows:

Town Chair: Doug Kranig
Jessica Janssen

Town Supervisor: (vote for 2)
Ken Schick
Gary Schulenberg
Sheila Running

If you want to view the rest of the races that will be on your ballot you can access that information on the website www.myvote.wi.gov and click on the button "What's on My Ballot"

BURNING PERMITS ON LINE ONLY

All residents in the Town of Seymour must obtain a burning permit **EACH** time they burn from the Township Fire Dept. Starting April 1st, you can only obtain this online at www.townshipfire.org

In addition, only those residents in the DNR Wildfire Protection District (east of County P) also need to obtain an **annual** permit from the DNR via their website www.dnr.wi.gov and use the key word "burn permit" So, those in this area have two burning permit requirements.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 6, 2021 – Election Day – 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

April 20, 2021 — Annual Meeting – 7:00 pm

May 18, 2021 – Open Book with the Assessor
Via phone only – 10 am to noon

May 25, 2021 Board of Review 4:00 -6:00 pm

DO YOU NEED A TAX BILL RECEIPT OR NEED TO CHECK IF YOUR ESCROW COMPANY PAID YOUR REAL ESTATE TAX?

You can easily access that information at anytime on the county land records site which is <https://ascent.co.eau-claire.wi.us/LandRecords>

DOG LICENSE REMINDER

There are still about 150 dogs that are unlicensed for 2021. Please remember that all dog tags expire on December 31st each year. If your dog is caught running loose and doesn't have a current tag, you could receive a citation from the EC Humane Assoc. So, please, get those dogs licensed! Starting April 1st, there will be a \$5.00 per tag late fee assessed. And **PLEASE**, if you are sending it in the mail, include a self addressed stamped envelope for the return of your dog tag.

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SEYMOUR BALL CLUB NEWS

Well as with everyone else 2020 was a very challenging year for the ball club. We were able to get our tournaments in and fall ball but that was it and it was a limited participation. We are looking forward to a much better year in 2021. We are just finishing registrations and it looks like we will have about 250 kids playing in the program this year.

March 27- Spring Cleanup (weather permitting)
April 5- practice starts.
May 3- Opening Day
May 21-23 – Spring Slam Tournament (Boys)
June 19-22- Girls Seymour Slam Tournament
July 10-12- Boys Seymour Slam Tournament
August 6-8 – Summer Slam tournament (Girls)
Aug 27-28- FEVER FEST! (Mark your Calendars)

Come on out to the ballpark. Grab a brat while you take in a game or two. Volunteer to help. Or just enjoy some old fashion fun while supporting a great organization for the youth of our area. Please check out our website and Facebook page for updates and date changes

Thanks for all the support!

Jason Woodford, President Seymour Ball Club

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

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

Agendas Posted at :
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