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From your **TOWN CHAIR**

Greetings Residents!

As we head in to a new year, we are excited for what 2023 has in store for us. This past year brought many reasons to celebrate as well as new opportunities for our residents. As most of you have heard by now, we were awarded a federal broadband grant in conjunction with Bloomer Telephone Company, with work to begin this spring. Funding is a combination of Federal PSC funding, Bloomer Tel. Co., and the Town's ARPA funds. It will ensure that every home in our township will now have high speed internet available - something that many of us have needed for a very long time. Ahead of Bloomer's start, we also saw Spectrum move into our area, digging in and hanging lines out in our more rural stretches. While our partnership and commitment is to Bloomer Tel. Co., we welcome another option for our residents to choose from.

Summer brought lots of music to our area: Nashville North concerts as well as our favorite summer event, FeverFest! We're already looking forward to this year's event at the end of August, which will also include our third annual Seymour Town Picnic. This picnic is everything I love about our town - bringing our neighbors together to have a good meal, hang out, and just have a good time with our families, while being made possible by contributions from almost every business that calls Seymour home. Mark your calendars now for August 23rd!

It goes without saying that a final negotiated agreement with the Seven Mile Creek Landfill for their most recent expansion was likely the highlight of last year's major accomplishments. There were a lot of people involved in this over the past three years, and each had a hand in this outcome. I'm pleased with this agreement and thankful to those who never gave up and persisted in finding a way to make an acceptable agreement for all of those involved.

The largest challenge we face in 2023 is similar to what we are all facing: the rising cost of goods and services but with little to no budget flexibility. Tax collections in 2023 will be \$7,105 more than in 2022, but we are looking at major increases in every area of our budget, especially road maintenance. We plan very carefully in this area and there are trickle down effects if we fall behind or just "cut back" because once you do that, it becomes nearly impossible to catch back up again. A trend we continue to see at the state level is the use of grant dollars, rather than state aid, to help pay for budget items - anything from major road projects to new equipment and other capital expenses outside of the day to day budget. Grants always involve matching funds, (so they are not free,) and always involve competing with our own neighboring townships for the limited state or federal funds available. It's an ongoing challenge that we will see exponentially increase in the coming years, unless legislation decides otherwise.

Weather plays a role in our budget as well, with this year's weather patterns certainly making things more difficult. The large snowfall in mid-December called for extra time clearing trees and downed power lines, while the next month gave us nothing but ice. Our salt/sand budget will need some modifications to accommodate what only Mother Nature can predict, but we will continue to do the best we can. We are incredibly fortunate to have two of the hardest working road crew, but we'd always appreciate a few more qualified relief drivers if you ever feel inclined to get trained up.

Rounding out the next few months, we have an ATV public meeting on the agenda for February 16th at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall to discuss opening town roads to ATVs. Please plan to attend if you have interest in this.

The weather will be getting warmer before we know it! Until then, enjoy all that our Wisconsin seasons have to offer.

Jessica Janssen

TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Spring and summer are just around the corner with that comes an increase in grass and forest fires. Please be careful when doing any burning and remember you need a burn permit from Township Fire every time you burn, and some residents will also need a permit from the DNR. This information is available online at www.townshipfire.org.

I would also like to say that our Pancake Breakfast will be held this year on Sunday, June 18th from 8:00-1:00. Last year was a great success with our new serve yourself format which led to faster service. We will be doing the same thing this year.

Lastly, I would like to inform everyone that our Rescue truck that was hit and damaged in December of 2021 has been repaired and back in service. It took 11 months of fighting with insurance companies and then repair shops but, \$90,000 later it's fixed good as new. So please remember to pay attention when you see red lights ahead, we sure don't want to do that again.

As always if you're looking for a way to give back to your community, we're always looking for new members. Applications are available on the website at www.townshipfire.org

Randy Schenk, Battalion Chief



DOG LICENSES

Don't forget your 2023 Dog License! All dogs in the State of Wisconsin are required to be licensed. Town of Seymour dog licensing fees are **\$8.00 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$20 for unaltered dogs.**

2022 Dog tags expired on December 31, 2022. For dogs we have on record, you were sent a written reminder/notice in December. Have a new dog or new to the Town of Seymour, the Dog License application is on our website.

Licenses are only issued if you have a current rabies vaccination for your dog. Please work with your vet to get your dog vaccinated. Late fees will be imposed for any animal not licensed by March 31, 2023. Citations will be issued if your dog is unlicensed after June 1, 2023.

Please be a responsible pet owner. When walking your dog, keep your dog on a leash and pick up after your dog.

WHAT IS STORM WATER RUNOFF?

Storm water runoff is rain and melting snow that flows off building rooftops, driveways, lawns, streets, parking lots, construction sites, and industrial storage yards. Developed areas are covered by buildings and pavement, which do not allow water to soak into the ground. Storm sewers are used to collect large amounts of runoff from streets and parking lots. But where does this water go?

To find out more, please go to www.townofseymour.org.

TOWN OFFICIALS

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Hellos, Goodbyes, and Congratulations!

Amy Wagener joined the Town of Seymour as our new Clerk/Treasurer in October. She is a welcomed addition to our Seymour family!

Sheila Running has decided not to run for reelection to the town board this Spring after serving 15 years as a Supervisor. Her husband, Jack, also retired last month after serving as Fire Chief of the Township Fire Department for 25 years. The Runnings have been an active part of this community for over 40 years! Thank you Sheila and Jack!

Kerry Parker, our long-time Road Supervisor, was promoted to Fire Chief of Township Fire Department, after serving several years as Assistant Chief under Jack Running. In addition, our Road Crew John Oxley was promoted to EMS Captain for Township Fire.

We are proud to have such excellent leadership and dedication representing our town!

From Your..

CLERK TREASURER, AMY WAGENER

PROPERTY TAX BILLS – If you paid the first installment of your property taxes by January 31, you will pay the second installment to the Eau Claire County Treasurer with a due date of July 31. Wondering if we've received your payment for real estate taxes that were mailed or escrowed from your bank? You can access a receipt online at <http://eauclairecowi.wgxtreme.com/> or stop at the Town Hall and we can print one for you. Did you have a mailing address change for your tax bill and want to ensure you receive next year's bill at the correct address? You can request the change at the above online site or we can request that for you. Information is also available on the Eau Claire County website as well as our website at www.townofseymour.org, under the Government tab / Tax Payments.

See-More ATV Club

ATV public meeting February 16, 2023, at the Seymour Town Hall at 6:00 p.m.

SEYMOUR BALL CLUB NEWS

2022 was a very good year for the ball club. We were able to get our full season in with around 300 kids in our organization and numerous communities playing here at our beautiful park. We also had 4 boys travel teams (Stars) and 9 girls travel teams (Flames). The girl's tournament was great this year with 40 teams from all over the state attending. We followed that up with a boy's tournament in July hosting 65 teams from the state. End of July we hosted the USA softball 12U northern nationals' tournament with teams from all over the upper Midwest and got a 98/100 rating by USA softball. Then we are wrapping it up with our fall ball league which is the largest ever with over 750 kids playing!

On top of all the great ball that was played at the park last year we also put on our Second Annual Fever Fest in August! Although we did have to deal with some weather during the weekend again last year, it went very well. If you were not able to make it out for Fever Fest last year, we hope to see you at the event next year. Some of the things we had last year were, Donkey Ball, Food Trucks, Kids Zone, Cornhole Tournament, Classic Car Show, and baseball/softball tournament. While the last two events got rained out, we plan to do these again this year. We ended the weekend with an awesome concert by Nashville recording artist, Blackhawk and they did not disappoint! The ball club would like to thank everyone that did come out for the second annual Fever Fest and hope that you had a good time. The dates for next year's Fever Fest are August 25-26 please plan on attending. We are always looking for more ideas or sponsors, so if anyone has some please reach out to one of our board members.

The dates for all of our events for 2023 are listed below. Please come on out and support area youth softball and baseball players at one of these events if you can.

Dust the Rust Boys Tournament- May 19-21
Girls Seymour Slam Tournament- June 9-11
Boys Seymour Slam Tournament- July 7-9
Fever Fest- August 25-26

As always you can watch our website Seymourballclub.org for any information or follow us on Facebook for what's to come next year as we plan on adding more events to Fever Fest in 2023

Thanks for all the support,

Jason Woodford, President Seymour Ball Club

Do Your Part, Be Septic Smart:

Routine maintenance and inspection are required for all septic systems in Eau Claire County. This helps to ensure they are operating correctly and can identify or prevent failures. We send reminders to homeowners when a routine inspection is due. Most systems require service every three years (some unique systems may require service up to every 3 months). Make sure to submit a septic tank maintenance report to the Health Department, if you have your tank pumped before you receive a notice. The pumping reports must be returned to the Health Department.

DO:

- Flush toilet paper only
- Use water efficiently and stagger use of water-based appliances
- If you have a private well, have it tested regularly to ensure a failing septic system isn't contaminating your water
- Have your system professionally inspected and pumped per requirements

DON'T:

- Park vehicles or plant trees on your drainfield
- Pour grease, fats, harmful chemicals down your drain
- Flush feminine hygiene products, diapers, hair, wipes, medicine, or
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For more information about septic systems or other services offered by the Eau Claire City-County Health Department, visit: www.echealthdepartment.org or call 715-839-4718.



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IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 21 – SPRING PRIMARY

7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

MARCH 13 – TOWN BOARD MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.

APRIL 4 – SPRING ELECTION

7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

APRIL 10 – TOWN BOARD MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.

APRIL 18 – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.

AUGUST 9 – PARTISAN PRIMARY

7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

AUGUST 23 – ANNUAL TOWN PICNIC

4:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

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

Agendas Posted at :

Town Hall Bulletin Board

Fire Station

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