



TOWN OF MOSEL * FALL 2013 NEWSLETTER

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Town of Mosel Annual Budget Hearing November 14, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Items:

- * Review of 2013 Financial Performance
- * Discussion and Approval of 2014 Budget
- * Latest Update on Proposed Road Construction
- * Vote to authorize up to \$2,600,000 for 2014 Road Expenditures

**The results from this meeting will impact
Mosel residents for years to come.**

PLEASE ATTEND!!

CLERK-TREASURER OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday & Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Hours are subject to change.**

Please call the Town Hall at 565-3700 to verify hours. Hours are also posted on the Town Hall door.

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“THE YEAR OF THE ROADS” (CHAPTER 2)



In our Spring 2013 Newsletter, we reported that your Board had decided the main focus for 2013 would be address road improvement needs in the Town of Mosel. We promised that this item would be on every monthly Board agenda, as we tried to develop specific plans to improve our roads, particularly Dairyland Drive.

A lot has been happening! As we reported in our last newsletter, Sheboygan County is planning to relocate a portion of County Road LS between County Road MM and Orchard Road approximately 1/4 mile west, because erosion was undercutting the structural integrity of the road, creating a dangerous situation. This plan has morphed into something far larger and more impactful for the Town of Mosel and its residents. Let’s attempt to tell you the story.

In early 2013, Mosel resident Nate Calkins was chatting with State Senator Joe Leibham. He mentioned the County Road LS relocation, along with the need for costly repairs to Dairyland Drive. He also suggested that perhaps these projects could be combined in a manner that created a more rational road grid. Senator Leibham liked the concept and said he would go to work on it.

On April 15, 2013, Senator Leibham met with Mosel Chair Dirk Zylman, Sheboygan County Highway Commissioner Greg Schnell, Manitowoc County Executive Robert Ziegelbauer, Manitowoc County Highway Commissioner Gary Kennedy, and State Representative Steve Kestell. He had a plan.

The Plan - Senator Leibham proposed creating a consortium of 6 communities: Sheboygan County, Manitowoc County, Town of Mosel, Town of Sheboygan, Town of Centerville, and Village of Cleveland; who would work together to repair Dairyland Drive from State Highway 42 to County Road XX in Manitowoc County, and County Road LS from Eisner Avenue to County Road XX, a total of approximately 18 miles. Sen. Leibham indicated that if the 6 communities would coordinate their efforts, he would attempt to secure approximately \$4,000,000 of State of Wisconsin financial assistance.

After the roads were repaired, at a total cost of approximately \$8,000,000, the 6 communities would enter into a “multi-jurisdictional” agreement to swap the roads. In other words, each town would transfer their portion of Dairyland Drive to Sheboygan or Manitowoc County, and the counties would transfer their ownership of County Road LS to the various towns. The end result would be that the more heavily traveled Dairyland Drive would be owned and maintained by the counties, and the less traveled County Road LS would be owned by the towns.

What’s Happening - Getting 6 communities to coordinate a road construction project is not an easy task. Each community has different financial resources, there are budget constraints, and some communities had upgraded the roads in their portion of the project more recently than others. Representatives of the 6 communities have met several times, but, quite frankly, we still have work to do as this update is being written.

Getting \$4,000,000 in targeted state road assistance was also a very difficult task. Senator Leibham meet with numerous State Senators and State Representatives to present the idea and gather support. He and his staff also held many meetings with representatives of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WDOT) and representatives of Governor Walker’s office. But he is getting it done!

What Does This Mean for Mosel? If progress continues to be made in filling out the remaining loose ends on the proposal, 12 miles of roads in the Town of Mosel will be reconstructed in 2014. The Town of Mosel will work very closely with Sheboygan County throughout this project, and the county will be considered the project coordinator.

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County Road LS between MM and Orchard Road will be relocated westward. The entire 6+ miles of County Road LS will be milled and asphalted. The entire 6 miles of Dairyland Drive will be milled and asphalted.

When the project is completed, Mosel will transfer Dairyland Drive to Sheboygan County and Sheboygan County will transfer the 6+ miles of County Road LS to the Town of Mosel.

What will this cost Mosel residents? The Town of Mosel will be responsible for reconstructing the 6 miles of Dairyland Drive. The cost is estimated at \$2-2.2 million.

Over the years, the Town of Mosel has been accruing reserves for the road improvements. Your Town Board will allocate \$500,000 of these reserves to this project. We believe the Town of Mosel will be allocated \$1.2 million to \$1.4 million from the State of Wisconsin road assistance grant. The remaining amount, a maximum of \$500,000, would be borrowed, probably for a period of ten years.

Special Thanks - Special thanks must, of course, be given to State Senator Joe Leibham for the incredible amount of thought and work he put into this project. Senator Leibham's Chief of Staff, Lucas Muensch, was also extremely helpful and responsive.

Town of Mosel resident Nate Calkins also deserves our thanks for having the initial discussion with Senator Leibham and planting the seeds for this innovative project.

Sheboygan County Highway Commissioner Greg Schnell also is very deserving of our thanks. He held countless meetings and conversations to move this project forward, coordinated the efforts of the various communities, and provided the technical information as it was required.

MOSEL TAX LEVY UNCHANGED FOR 5TH STRAIGHT YEAR



At the Annual Budget meeting, the Town Board will be recommending that Mosel residents approve a 2014 property tax levy of \$177,462. If approved, Mosel's total property taxes will be unchanged for 5 straight years. The "mill rate" for 2014 will be \$1.55 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Your Town Board has been extremely diligent in keeping costs under control for the past 5 years. As a result, not only has the property tax levy remained unchanged, but each year the town has been able to add to its road reserves.

Next year will be a transition year. Your Board will also be recommending that, if the road

assistance grant currently before the state legislature is signed by the Governor, it be authorized to borrow up to \$500,000 for the reconstruction of Dairyland Drive. This borrowing would probably occur during the later part of 2014, so it wouldn't impact 2014 property taxes. However, principle and interest payments on this debt would need to be paid in future years, thus impacting our future tax rates.

These are important matters for town residents. We strongly encourage you to attend the Annual Budget meeting at the town hall at 7:00 p.m. on November 14, 2013.

HUNTING CARDS



Written permission is required from property owners to hunt on their land in the Town of Mosel. Our current regulation of firearms can be found on our website under Ordinances, Chapter 5, Subsection 5.09.

Hunting cards are available **24 hours a day, 7 days a week** in the Town of Mosel Drop Box located at the Town Hall, W982 County Road FF, Haven. If someone asks for permission to hunt on your property, please let them know where to obtain the cards.

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE

Advances Disposal (formerly Veolia) and the Town of Mosel take part in the Single Stream Recycling Program. **ALL** your recyclable items can be put together in a **BLUE** recycling bag. **BLUE** recycling bags can be purchased at Walmart and Menards as well as other retailers. Newspapers and magazines do not need to be bundled and tied. You may place them in the **BLUE** recycling bag along with all your other recyclable items. Larger cardboard boxes should still be broken down and placed in the recycling container. All trash must still be kept separate and placed in a **CLEAR** bag in the trash container.



office paper, computer paper, notebook paper, chipboard (cereal, cake & food mix boxes - any plastic liners removed), carrier stock (soda & beer carrying cases), and paperback books (hard cover with front and backs removed)

The following items should be placed in the BLUE bag for recycling: Aluminum cans, trays & foil, steel & tin cans (food cans ONLY), glass bottles & jars—clear, green & brown, newspapers (including inserts), magazines, catalogs and phone books, #1-#7 plastics, junk mail & envelopes (including windowed envelopes), shredded paper, brown paper bags, cardboard (broken down-no waxed cardboard),

The following items should be placed in a CLEAR trash bag DO NOT PUT TRASH IN A DARK BAG: plastic bags & aluminum foil, plastic toys & flower pots, household trash/garbage, polystyrene, Styrofoam, window or auto glass, insecticide, herbicide or hazardous chemical containers, light bulbs, frozen food boxes, pizza boxes or carryout wrappers, dairy carton boxes, holiday wrapping paper, contaminated paper, ceramics, drinking glasses, tissue products/paper toweling, and plastic film (plastic sheets, tarps or wrap).

The Transfer Station is currently open the 1st Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

NEW TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Beginning January 4, 2014 the Transfer Station will also be open the 5th Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The extra dates are March 29, May 31, August 30, and November 29, 2014.

The Transfer Station is located on Rowe Road between Dairyland Drive and County Road LS (east of the railroad tracks).



WHEN DO I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

Any improvements to your property requires a Building Permit. If the cost will be less than \$1,000 a permit is not required.

Building Permits are required for new buildings, additions, plumbing, electrical, heating, ventilation installations or replacements, fencing, paving, concrete work, driveways (except gravel), siding, roofing, new windows, interior remodeling, construction around a culvert, pool, etc.

The Building Permit is only good for what is stated on the application and are good for one year. A permit is also required for razing or demolition.

Building Permit applications can be obtained from the Clerk-Treasurer's office or on the website.

Building Inspections are also required for new buildings, additions to existing dwellings and some structural alterations.

You must also obtain a permit from the Sheboygan County Planning & Conservation Department for new buildings and additions to existing dwellings if your property is located in the Shoreland District or you want to build near a septic system. Contact the Sheboygan County Planning & Conservation Department at 459-3060 or the Town Clerk-Treasurer to determine if you are in the Shoreland District.

More building regulation information is on our website under Ordinances, Chapter 8.



HAVEN FIRE DEPARTMENT



Do you know what keeps the Haven Fire Department running like a well-oiled machine? The Haven Fire Department's command structure consists of a chief, two assistant chiefs and four captains.

The chief's duties include: leading fire scene activities, supervising training and fire inspections, running firefighter meetings, and maintaining firefighting equipment and the fire house. It is the assistant chief's duties to assist the chief and fulfill the chief's duties in his absence. The captains assist with conducting drills and fire ground scene and other duties as assigned by the chief.

The department's chief is Thad Athorp. Thad has been a firefighter for 29 years and farms on Dairyland Drive. Adrain Wagner is the first assistant chief, he works in the shipping department at Kohler Company and lives in Haven. Adrian has served the department for 35 years. The second assistant chief is Jason Athorp and he farms in partnership with Thad. Jason lives in Haven and has been a firefighter since 1990. Mike Gabsch, David Grunwald, Daniel Luebke, and Matt Russart are our four captains. Mike lives and farms on County Line Road and has been a firefighter for 30 years. David is a plumber and lives on Orchard Road. He has belonged to the department since 1991. Daniel and Matt live across the road from each other on County Road Y. Daniel has been a firefighter for 15 years and works as a machinist. Matt works as a mechanic and has been a firefighter since 2001.

The next time you see these gentlemen, take the opportunity to thank them for their service and ask them how you too can serve your fire department.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE - TOWNOFMOSEL.COM!

TAX PAYMENTS

You have the following options to make your tax payments:

- ❖ In-person payments (Check ONLY made payable to Town of Mosel) will be accepted at the Town of Mosel Hall, W982 County Road FF, Sheboygan during office hours. ***You must bring your tax bill with you.***
- ❖ In-person payments (Cash or Check made payable to Town of Mosel) will be accepted at the Cleveland State Bank (lobby only), 502 S. Wisconsin Drive, Howards Grove WI and the Cleveland State Bank (lobby only), 1250 W. Washington Avenue, Cleveland, WI during lobby hours. ***You must bring your tax bill with you.***
- ❖ Drop Box payments can be made at Cleveland State Bank, located in the Drive-Thru at 502 S. Wisconsin Drive, Howards Grove WI or Cleveland State Bank, 1250 W. Washington Avenue, Cleveland, WI. ***You must include your tax bill with payment. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you are requesting a receipt.***
- ❖ Tax payments may be mailed to: Town of Mosel, c/o Cleveland State Bank, P. O. Box 158, Cleveland, WI 53015-0158. Check ONLY payable to Town of Mosel and ***include your tax bill. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you are requesting a receipt.***



Real Estate taxes may be paid semi-annually without penalty or interest if the first half of the payment is made by January 31, 2014 to the Town of Mosel and the balance to the Sheboygan County Treasurer, 508 New York Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53081 by July 31, 2014.

ATTEND A TOWN GOVERNMENT MEETING!

Meetings are held at the Mosel Town Hall, W982 County Road FF, and are scheduled as follows:

- ★ **Town Board**– 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.
- ★ **Planning & Zoning Commission**– 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month as needed.
- ★ **Board of Appeals** – As needed.

Check the website and posting places for any changes or for additional meetings that may be scheduled throughout the month.

POSTING LOCATIONS

Information and legal notices are posted at the following locations:



- ★ **Mosel Town Hall** - W982 County Road FF
- ★ **Joe's Hometown Auto** – N7451 Werthmann Lane (off State Highway 42)
- ★ **The Transfer Station** on Rowe Road

Those matters that require publication are printed in *The Plymouth Review*. Anything that is required to be published will also be posted at all three posting locations.

BOOKMOBILE STOPS IN HAVEN

Bookmobile will be stopping at the Town Hall from 12:15-12:45 p.m. on Wednesday November 13, November 27 and December 11. You can request books via the internet at www.easicat.net. Call 208-4900, ext. 15 for more information.



2014 DOG LICENSING INFORMATION

If you own or keep a dog in the Town of Mosel over 5 months old, you must obtain a license (per State Statute 174.05).

Neutered/Spayed dogs are **\$6**
Unneutered/Unspayed dogs are **\$13**
The cost for a kennel license is **\$60**

A late fee of \$10 PER DOG will be charged after April 1, 2014

An application for a Dog License is on the website under permits.



To obtain a license, please return the application, copy of the rabies certificate (not the payment receipt), appropriate fee (payable to Town of Mosel), and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Town of Mosel, W982 County Road FF, Sheboygan, WI 53083. You may also request a dog license in person during office hours or place in drop box.

All licenses expire December 31, 2014 regardless of when they were issued during the year.

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