

TOWN OF MOSEL * SPRING 2014 NEWSLETTER



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TOWN OF MOSEL ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 15, 2014 - 7 p.m. Mosel Town Hall

Please join your Mosel friends and neighbors for an evening of friendship and information. Some of the items that will be addressed include:

- ⇒ A review of the Town's 2013 fiscal performance.
- ⇒ An overview of the 2014 budget.
- ⇒ An explanation of the 2014 Board priorities and what your Board hopes to achieve.
- ⇒ A discussion of the County Road LS/Dairyland Drive road projects and how they will affect Mosel residents. Plenty of opportunity will be given to ask questions.
- ⇒ A member of the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department will listen to any concerns you may have.

After the meeting, refreshments will be served, provided by Cleveland State Bank. **Please Join Us!**

CLERK-TREASURER OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30-11:30 a.m. & Friday 9 a.m. -3 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 and on the website.

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CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Earlier this year, your Board established 6 Board priorities for 2014. As a Board, we agreed to focus much of our attention on these issues. I would like to share these priorities with you, and try to explain why we believe these are the proper Board Priorities for 2014.

- 1) **Successfully complete the Dairyland Drive/LS road construction transfer within budget.** For almost 20 years, repairing Dairyland Drive has been a large concern for Mosel residents. This is the year it is happening! An accompanying article in this newsletter lays out the current projected timeline.
- 2) **Complete multi-year Whistling Straits tax assessment agreement with Kohler Co in a manner which is fair to all Town of Mosel residents and property owners.** Whistling Straits is a fine corporate citizen of the Town of Mosel. However, their local tax situation is very complex, and subject to a number of varied interpretations. As of yearend 2013, Kohler Co and the Town concluded a multi-year agreement so we must now negotiate a new one.
- 3) **Initiate negotiations for the 2015 PGA golf tournament.** In early August 2015, hundreds of thousands of visitors will be coming to Mosel to watch the PGA Tournament at Whistling Straits. We will work on establishing a framework that accommodates the needs of these visitors while causing the least possible disruption to the lives of our residents.
- 4) **Address the need for replacing the existing Haven Department (HFD) pumper truck.** The existing HFD pumper truck leaks badly and must be replaced as soon as possible. Your Board absolutely agrees that this must be done. However, we asked the HFD leadership if we could hold off until we had a better picture as to the exact costs of our road construction project. They graciously accepted.
- 5) **Increase the relevancy and usage of the Town website.** As time passes, our website is becoming the main way Town government communicates with our residents. We want your Town government to be totally transparent, and we want our residents to know what is going on in the Town. Please use the web site and please tell us ways you think our web site could be improved.
- 6) **Continue to look for ways to reduce ongoing Town operational expenditures.** Your Town runs a pretty tight financial operation. However, we never want to get complacent, and we always want to look for ways to reduce ongoing expenditures. This is particularly important now that we will be taking on debt as a result of our road construction project.

These items will be your Board's focus in 2014. We urge you to come to the Town annual meeting on April 15, 2014, where we will expand further on these items and look for additional ideas and feedback from you.

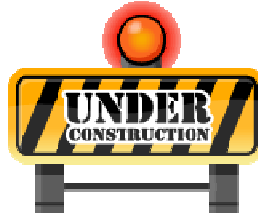
BOOKMOBILE STOPS IN HAVEN

Bookmobile will be stopping at the Town Hall from 12:15-12:45 p.m. on Wednesday April 2, April 16, April 30, May 14, and May 28. You can request books via the internet at www.easicat.net. Call 208-4900, ext. 15 for more information.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The plans to reconstruct/repair Dairyland Drive and County Road LS in the Town of Mosel are proceeding nicely. It's going to be a busy construction season as 12.3 miles of Mosel roads will be worked on this spring and summer.



If everything remains on schedule, the milling/pulverizing of County Road LS will begin on April 28, 2014. The construction will start on the south end of the project (Eisner Avenue) and then work its way north to County Road MM.

In late May, when ground conditions permit, the work on relocating County Road LS between County Road MM and Orchard Road will begin. Sheboygan County Highway Commissioner Greg Schnell, who is the project manager, has indicated that the road relocation portion of the work will be considered as a separate project, so there may be some overlap with the road repair portions of the overall project.

On July 7, 2014 work is scheduled to begin on Dairyland Drive. This portion of the project will start at the north termini (County Road XX in Manitowoc County) and proceed southward through the Town of Mosel on to State Highway 42. Our hope is that all the construction is completed in 2014.

Commissioner Schnell has indicated that every effort will be made to minimize the inconvenience to Mosel residents. Generally, lane closures will be limited to a single lane. However, because of the scope and complexity of the project, affected Mosel residents should,

at times, expect some delays getting to and from their residences.

Although final numbers are not in, the latest cost estimate is quite close to \$2,000,000. Thanks to the efforts of State Senator Joe Leibham, Mosel is anticipating receiving \$1,334,000 from the State of Wisconsin. Town residents will need to pay the remaining \$670,000. It is important to remind ourselves that these are not final numbers, and, if bad weather or an unforeseen construction problem develops, these costs could go significantly higher. Your Town government is closely monitoring this, and will make every possible effort to keep our costs at or under budget.

At its March 11, 2014 monthly meeting, the Mosel Board approved an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the 6 other communities (Sheboygan County, Manitowoc County, City of Sheboygan, Village of Cleveland, Town of Sheboygan, and Town of Centerville) involved in this project. This legal document binds each community to work together and to pay for its proportional share of the overall project. Each community needs to sign this agreement before the project can begin. Currently, every community has indicated that they will sign the agreement.

This project, probably the biggest road building project in Mosel's history, will affect every Mosel resident in some way. We know many of you still have questions. We encourage you to come to the April 15, 2014, Town of Mosel annual meeting to get the latest update and to get any questions you might have answered.

NEW TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Beginning January 4, 2014 the Transfer Station will also be open the 5th Saturday of the month from 9 a.m.-2 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).



OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW DATES SET

If you have questions about the assessment of your Town of Mosel property, representatives of the Town's appraiser, Associated Appraisal, will be available at the Town Hall on **April 24, 2014 from 4-6 p.m. for Open Book**. Part of the purpose of an "open book" is to allow you to examine other parcels and homes in the Town that you think are equivalent to your property.

If after discussions with the appraiser you still believe your property was improperly assessed, you can set up an appointment with the **Board of Review** which is scheduled to meet **May 5, 2014 from 5-7 p.m.**



REMEMBER TO RECYCLE

Advanced 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.

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), 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 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).

E-WASTE/E-CYCLE LAW: Electronics and anything containing refrigerants are NOT ACCEPTED at the Transfer Station!

The Transfer Station is open the 1st Saturday of the month from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and the 3rd and 5th Saturdays of the month from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE



This year you will have the following opportunities to vote: at the Spring Election April 1, 2014, at the Partisan Primary August 12, 2014 and at the General Election November 4, 2014. Polls are open 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Contact the Clerk/Treasurer to register and/or request an absentee ballot.

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. The Town's Building Inspector is Paul Birschbach of Birschbach Inspection Services, LLC 920-849-9274.

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



Besides putting out fires, the Haven Fire Department is also responsible for vehicle accident extraction within the Town of Mosel. Unfortunately all too often a vehicle accident results in the driver or passengers of the vehicle being trapped within the wreckage of the vehicles. When this occurs, the Haven Fire Department is called and it is our responsibility to free the occupants from the wreckage. The primary tools used in these operations are powerful hydraulic tools commonly known as The Jaws of Life. The tools consist of a shears that is capable of cutting through the steel of a car support and a scissors type spreader which is powerful enough to tear a car door off of its hinges or pry a car dash up and away from a trapped driver. The Department currently own two sets of these tools which are powered by small gas engines. In addition to these specialized tools the department also utilizes reciprocating saws, hydraulic rams and portable air bags for these operations.

Of course no two accidents are ever the same and the Department relies heavily on its experience and training to accomplish the task that lies before it. Many of the Department members have attended specialized day-long workshops where multiple extraction techniques are learned and practiced. In addition to the workshops, the Department as a whole drills at least twice a year on vehicles which are destined for the salvage yard. The vehicles are staged in the fire department parking lot and during a regular evening drill the fire fighters practice removing the vehicle doors and roof, prying the steering wheel away from the seat, and multiple other possible scenarios. This training is all in preparation for that call in which a life may depend on the efficient and timely actions of our volunteers to free a person from the wreckage. In addition to being concerned with the extraction, the department must also be aware of possible vehicle fire dangers at the accident and the ever present danger of other traffic on the roadway. Whenever you as a driver approach an accident scene the department asks for your cooperation in slowing down and moving over to give our volunteers the space and safety they need to accomplish their job.

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 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.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Due to a new internet provider, the Town's e-mail addresses have changed. Please take note of the new e-mail addresses on the front of this newsletter.



DID YOU KNOW...

Mosel's estimated population is 784 people (down 6 from 2010 census).

The Town of Mosel encompasses 21.134 square miles.

Mosel's population density is 37.1 people per square mile (for comparison, the City of Sheboygan's population density is 3,353 people per square mile).

Of the residents of the Town of Mosel:
5.3% have no high school diploma
40.7% have a high school diploma
30.5% have an associate's degree
23.4% have a bachelor's degree or higher

Per Capita income in the Town of Mosel is \$25,998.

Median household income in the Town of Mosel is \$60,139.

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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