



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH IS GENERAL ELECTION

Photo Identification Required: Wisconsin law now requires voters to present a photo ID before obtaining a ballot whether requesting absentee or voting in person.

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Absentee voting is available, you can request an absentee ballot to be mailed to you by getting an application through the GAB site <https://myvote.wi.gov>, mail the application and a copy of your photo ID to the Town Hall or stop in the Town Hall and fill one out here. The deadline for taking applications to vote absentee by mail is on Thursday, October 30th. You can vote in person at the Town Hall starting Monday, October 20th until Friday, October 31st at 5:00 p.m.

Reminders: We collect non-perishable food items for the local Food Pantry on Election Day. We also have a collection for your old cell phones that are then turned over to the Dane County Sheriff to redistribute to victims of trauma. This is an ongoing program and the Town Hall is a collection site. No phone ever ends up in a land fill.

While you're here, check out the large print library books available for check out. This service is sponsored through the Dane County Public Library System and is changed out monthly.

ELECTION NEWS FOR LOCAL TOWN OFFICES

The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2014 and final day for filing nomination papers is January 2, 2015. A minimum of 20 signatures is needed to be placed on the ballot. All necessary papers are available from the town clerk treasurer. If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held in February 2015. The spring election will be April 7, 2015. Offices up for election are:

Office: Town Board Chair

Incumbent: Don Hoffman

Office: Town Board Supervisor I

Incumbent: David Laufenberg

Office: Town Board Supervisor II

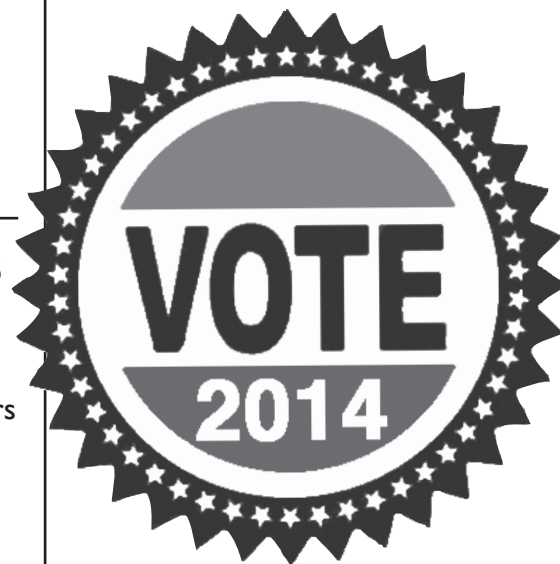
Incumbent: James Pulvermacher

All terms are for two years and begin on April 21, 2015.

The Town Board currently meets twice a month, the first and third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. and a per diem of \$45.00 is paid. For more detailed information on responsibilities, please feel free to contact the clerk treasurer at 849-7887.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR ELECTION INSPECTORS

Thank you to all of our election inspectors, they do a terrific job and we greatly appreciate their time and talent, but we would especially like to thank Dick Wiringa for all his years of service for our election process. Dick was always willing to work any shift for any election. He recently moved from the Town of Springfield area and will be missed by the staff. Best wishes to Dick and his family at their new home.



**TUES 4th
NOVEMBER**

5th LARGE ITEM DROP-OFF COMING! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4th

If you were one of the many town residents that participated in the spring drop-off in May, you know what a huge success it was. We are having another drop-off on Saturday, October 4th from 8 a.m. to noon; you will have another opportunity to clear out your large items for recycling. Dumpsters will be available in the Town Hall parking lot and you will need to unload your items into the dumpster. Large items include furniture, mattresses, carpet, water softeners, humidifiers but NOT dehumidifiers, small amount of wood products (cabinet or scrap wood), sinks, toilets, etc. We can't accept appliances, construction materials, stone, concrete, sod, large auto parts, tree limbs, branches, leaves, grass or stumps. A reminder that hazardous materials (paint, pesticides, petroleum products such as oil and solvents and explosives) are not accepted either but you can drop these off at the Clean Sweep program at 7102 US Hwy 12, Madison. If you are not sure about an item, please call us ahead of time and we will check with Waste Management if it is acceptable. There is NO electronic drop-off this time (only the spring event).



Also on Saturday October 4th the Town Board will meet at 12:30 to discuss options for the new town park. Anyone interested in sharing their ideas or getting more information on what we're doing, please plan to attend.

2014 BUDGET MEETINGS

Our local levy is adopted after several scheduled Town Board meetings. Then there will be a Public Hearing and a Special Town Meeting for approval. Please watch the local postings sites for times and dates. During the public hearing in November, the proposed budget will be presented; following the Budget hearing there will be a Town Meeting. The purpose of the Town Meeting is to approve the 2015 expenditures, to set salaries, and adopt the 2015 tax levy. Following the Town meeting, the Town Board will reconvene its meeting to adopt the 2015 budget and finish any necessary business.

LOTTERY CREDIT

A resident of the Town qualifies for a lottery credit on their real estate tax bill if the resident lived in their home on January 1st, and that home is considered their primary residence. The amount of the credit differs for each school district of which there are three in the Town. If you do not see the credit listed on your last year's tax bill, there is still time to fill out the paperwork to get it on for this year, if it's not on this year and should be, you will be able to claim the credit by calling the Town Hall for the necessary paper work.



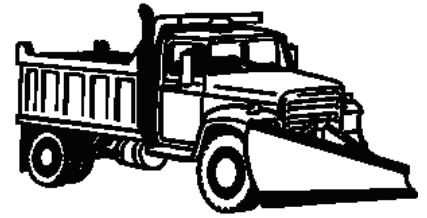
TOWN HALL AVAILABLE FOR USE:

Any resident of the town may use the town hall for private functions. You need to contact the town staff to reserve a date, fill out a form and discuss the details. You will have to put down a \$25.00 deposit which is returned if everything is left in good condition. Let us know if we can help you.



WINTER DRIVING AND SNOW PLOWING

I know you can hardly believe we are mentioning winter already.



Things to remember for winter driving & snow plowing:

- Slow down, speed is the #1 cause of winter crashes.
- Prepare your vehicle for winter driving.
- Maintain your distance to avoid collisions and damage from flying salt and sand.
- Move your vehicle to the left of your lane so the equipment operator can see you in the mirror.
- Snow plows cause soft snow to swirl, making it difficult to see the plow & for the plow operator to see you.
- Snow plows usually leave a ridge of snow, making passing hazardous.
- Turn on your headlights and windshield wipers for additional visibility.
- Snow removal equipment may have to slow down, stop or back up. Beware!!!
- Keep your parked vehicles off the roads during snow storms.
- To assist the snow plow operators, please have the face of your mailbox off the edge of the asphalt a minimum of 2 feet and if replacing your mailbox, please consider a black or dark color, so they are more visible for the operators to locate.

2014 ROAD WORK

The road work that was scheduled for 2014 is coming to an end. The seeding and some landscaping will be completed in the next few weeks. The town road crew will begin trimming trees and brush in the road right-of-way, there are some areas that are becoming hazardous for school busses and bigger trucks.



PLAN COMMISSION

The Town of Springfield Plan Commission is seeking a town resident willing to serve a 3 year term and interested in land use planning as it relates to the Town of Springfield, please consider applying. Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month. Please contact the Town Clerk for further information and an application at the Springfield Town Hall, 6157 County Hwy P, Dane, WI. 53529 or call 608/849-7887. Applications are due by 4 p.m. on September 30, 2014 and plan to attend the October 6, 2014 meeting for interviews.

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OFFICE HOURS: The office is generally open at the
Town Hall from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00
p.m. Tuesday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to noon on Fridays.
Occasionally meetings or errands may alter that time frame, so you
may want to call ahead at 849-7887. The Office is scheduled to be
closed August 29th and September 1st in honor of Labor Day and
also on July 4th.

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

Don Hoffman, Chairman
Dave Laufenberg, Supervisor 1
Jim Pulvermacher, Supervisor 2
Art Meinholz, Supervisor 3
Dan Dresen, Supervisor 4

TOWN STAFF

Carolyn Hacker, Clerk/Treasurer
Jan Barman, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
Mark Grosse, Road Patrolman
Bernie Laird, Assessor

PLANNING COMMISSION

Jeff Endres
Karen Crook
Steve Resan
Elliott Long
Jim Pulvermacher
Scott Laufenberg



TOWN BOARD MEETING TIMES

The Town Board holds their regular monthly meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall (6157 County Highway P). Agendas are posted at the Town Hall, Schneider Road Business Center on Schneider Road and the parking lot at the corner of Church Rd. & Co. Hwy. K and at www.town.springfield.wi.us. If a meeting time should be changed, it will also be posted. Our official newspapers are the Waunakee Tribune and the Middleton Times-Tribune. To be placed on the agenda contact the office at 849-7887.

PLAN COMMISSION

The Planning Commission meets the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall upon demand. The Commission hears zoning and re-zoning requests, land division requests and amendments to Dane County zoning ordinances. They act in an advisory capacity to the Town Board. Please contact the office to be placed on the agenda and to file the necessary papers for your request.

BUILDING PERMITS & INSPECTIONS

The Town contracts with the firm "Independent Inspections, LTD" for a building inspector. Office hours are Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Town Hall or call # 1-800-422-5220 anytime. Permits are required for all residential, agricultural and commercial buildings. Some remodeling also requires a building permit. Re-siding, re-roofing and finishing of interior surfaces (e.g. carpeting) shall be exempt from permit requirements. Dane County also requires building permits and zoning requirements. We suggest that you call 266-4266 with questions regarding their regulations.