

TOWN OF ST. CROIX FALLS NEWSLETTER

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Town Hall

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St. Croix Falls, WI 54024

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Town Website

www.townofstcroixfalls.org

You will find meeting notices, hearing notices, agendas, and minutes, along with ordinances, resolutions and land use permits and applications.

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Town Board

Newly Elected and Continuing Terms

James Beistle, Town Board Chairman

Mr. Beistle has been a resident of the Town since 1977. Mr. Beistle taught for 29 years at Unity High School, has served as a WIAA registered official in many sports including 60 years officiating football and can still be found at the starting line of cross country and track meets. Mr. Beistle serves on the Unity School Board and WITC Board and has served on the Polk County Board of Adjustments. Mr. Beistle was elected and served as Town Clerk from 1991-2003; worked as a town employee from 2003-2005; elected and served as Town Treasurer in 2005 and appointed to town clerk in 2005 to serve out the remainder of the 2005-2007 term; and was elected and served as Town Board Supervisor from 2007-2015.

Michael Dorsey, Town Board Supervisor

Mr. Dorsey was re-elected to the Town Board this past April. Mr. Dorsey served on the Town/Village Cemetery Board for three years; has been a member of the St. Croix Falls Fire Department since 1989 and became Fire Chief in 2010. Mr. Dorsey served on the Town's Plan Commission from 2009-2011 and was first elected to the Town Board as a Supervisor in 2011.

Sharon Kelly, Town Board Supervisor

Ms. Kelly served on the Town's Board of Appeals briefly before being appointed to the Town's Plan Commission in 2012 where she has served until being elected this past April to the Town Board.

Frank Behning, Town Board Supervisor

Mr. Behning has served as a Supervisor on the Town Board since first being elected in 2012. Mr. Behning was most recently re-elected in April 2014. Before being elected to the Town Board, Mr. Behning served on the Town's Plan Commission from 2006-2012.

Gary Koecher, Town Board Supervisor

Mr. Koecher was appointed in May to fill the remainder of the 2014-2016 Town Board Supervisor term which was vacated when Mr. Beistle was elected Chairperson. Mr. Koecher served as Town Supervisor from 2001-2003 and has been a member of the Town's Board of Appeals since 2003.

Burning Permits

The Town of St. Croix Falls requires burning permits year round for all fires except recreational fires (no larger than five feet and enclosed by stone or metal at least six inches high or recessed into the ground); burning barrels (not allowed in the residential and commercial districts or recorded subdivisions) and outdoor wood boiler/furnaces. Burning permits are free of charge and can be obtained at the Town Hall or from any Town Board member when danger of fire is low or moderate.

Road Right-of-Way Reminders

The Town Board asks that rocks removed from parcels of land **not be** deposited in the road right-of-way as this imposes a safety issue to motorist traveling the roads as well as expensive repairs when town equipment comes in contact with such piles. In addition, the Town spends a lot of time keeping the road right-of-ways mowed for clear visibility. Crops creeping into the road right-of-ways have the potential to decrease the visibility the Town has worked to maintain. In addition, when the soil is disturbed in the ditch line it can significantly impact the slope grades which are designed to distribute water away from the road bed. When these grades are disturbed, filled in, eliminated, etc. the potential for the road bed to fail increases. Rebuilding and repairing road beds is extremely costly to the Town. The Town Board asks for everyone's cooperation with keeping the town roads safe and in good shape.

Swing-Away Mailbox Supports

The Town of St. Croix Falls has been made aware that the St. Croix Falls Postal Service may be requiring a height change for mailbox supports. The Town Board would like to remind property owners that the Town requires the placement of swing-away mailbox supports for all new mailboxes and existing mailbox supports that are damaged, broken, deteriorated or in need of alteration or replacement.

New Dog Catcher

The Town Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Darel Hall to serve as the Town's Dog Catcher. We ask that when there are animal issues in the Town that the Town Hall or the Town Chairman be contacted. The Animal Humane Officer will work with the Town Officials as issues arise. The Town Hall phone number is 715-483-1851.

Newly Adopted Public Nuisance Ordinance

In September 2014, the Town Board adopted a Public Nuisance Ordinance which identifies potential health and safety hazards such as unburied animal carcass areas; noxious, polluted or waste areas; noxious emission areas; rat or vermin areas; dangerous or dilapidated building areas; dangerous tree areas; improper encroachment or discharge areas; junk vehicle and junked parts areas; junk yard and junk vehicle, appliance, and machine areas; and unlicensed or unregistered vehicle areas. The intent of this ordinance is to regulate for the public health and safety reasons public nuisances ant certain uses and activities in the Town. The whole ordinance can be found on the Town’s website www.townofstcroixfalls.org.

Spring Clean-Up of Town Road Ditches

The Town Board asks that any residents/property owners interested and willing to pick-up trash in the road ditches do so when weather permits. Bags are available at the Town Hall. We ask that the Town Hall be notified of the road location cleaned so bags filled with garbage and debris can be picked up from the road side on the following Monday.

Gopher Bounty Reimbursement

Reminder that an annual *Gopher Tail Reimbursement Application* certifying the location within the Town the gophers were trapped will need to be on file with the Town Clerk prior to receiving reimbursement. The Town will reimburse \$2.75 per pocket gopher and has eliminated reimbursement for striped gophers. Once the amount budgeted has been paid out no further reimbursements will be made that year. The *Gopher Tail Reimbursement Application* can be found on the Town’s website and is also available in the Clerk’s office.

Future items of Interest

Please continue to watch the Town’s website www.townofstcroixfalls.org for upcoming meetings and postings, some of which are:

- 2016 Budget Hearing – November 2015
- Special Town Meeting – November 2015

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Sharon Kelly
Gary Koecher
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Janet Krueger
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Zoning Administrator
Jim Alt
Highway Employee
Joe Hein

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