

The Official Town of Dunn Newsletter

Fall 1989

If them is us, who's to blame?

A message from the town chairman
by Edmond P. Minihan

"The tax collectors cometh, and they is us." That's probably not exactly how Pogo would have said it, but you get the drift. In the Town of Dunn, we set our own tax levy, which leaves us in the difficult position of blaming ourselves if we think town taxes are too high. It breaks American tradition not to be able to blame "them" for the tax burden. But not to worry; we can find a "them" if we cast around a little.

Some of the "them"s are those who want a piece of the action in our town. They want to build a high-density development, make a massive landfill, or just have a wild time in the country. We live in a very attractive part of the mid-west. We attract a lot of things, some of them not so attractive themselves.

When we, as a community, exert control over our destiny, it costs. The Libby Landfill has been an excellent example. Assisting the

Colladay Point neighborhood in preventing high-density development in their midst is likely to be expensive. Even not issuing a liquor license in another part of the town cost more than *not* doing something ought to cost.

We always have the option of doing nothing, and letting "them" do with us what they will. To some of "them", the southwest side of Madison is a thing of beauty, despite the fact that it's expanding so rapidly it will soon be within sight of Keokuk, Iowa. Doing nothing might be cheaper in the short run, but then we wouldn't have the quality of life we have, either.

We must close our landfill due to the new regulations. This is going to be expensive and will require some changes in the way we dispose of our refuse. Great! The DNR, the legislature -- everyone blames "them". The only problem is that regulations and the

regulators are just trying to keep us from poisoning ourselves with our own waste. To exercise our inalienable right to poison ourselves would require doing something, and that would cost, too. Taxed if you do, taxed if you don't.

The proposed budget presented in this newsletter would require a significant increase in our levy. It will still be lower than most other communities, but it is an increase nonetheless. We have all agreed in the past to use surplus funds to offset some of our costs, but we are now at a point where we can no longer do so.

The proposed budget is predicted on the principle of "doing something". And the increase is not blamed on "them". If we are to preserve and improve what we have, it's up to us to do something, not about "them", but for our community. Maybe them is us after all.

Dunn Landfill to close

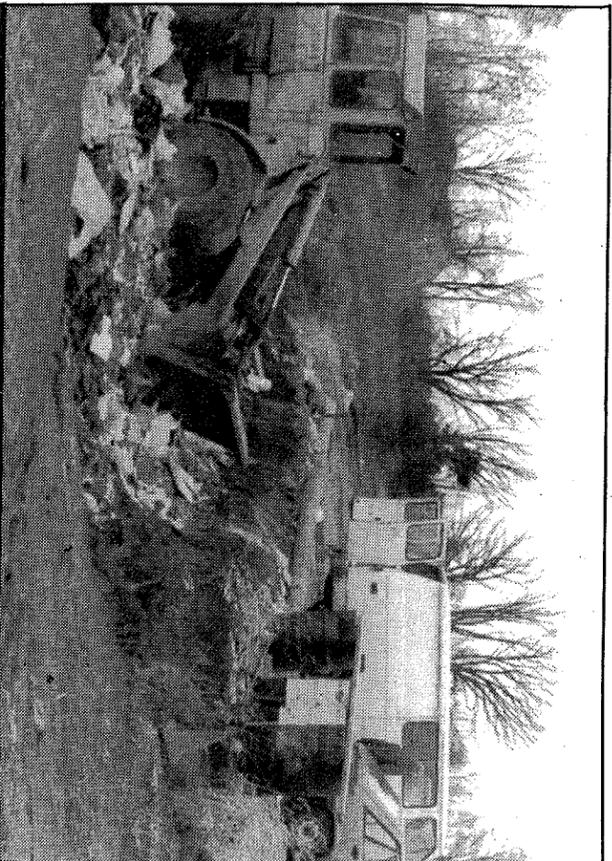
Officials want ideas at budget meeting Nov. 28

Effective January 1, there will be some changes at the town landfill. The biggest change is that we will no longer be burying refuse. Instead, we will be using the site as a transfer station so garbage can be hauled to a major landfill, such as the county's Rodefelf Landfill on U.S. Hwy. 18.

This change is the result of new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rules that require municipal landfills to comply with stricter procedures to protect the environment. We have already met some of the requirements for existing landfills, which went into effect in January 1988. Those included groundwater monitoring wells, quarterly reports of groundwater tests, a two-foot clay cap over existing filled areas, engineered monitoring plans to be submitted to the DNR, and increased fees for licensing.

The 1990 EPA rules affecting our landfill require the following changes in order for the landfill to remain operating after the effective date:

1. Local governments must have financial assurance through insur-



Town residents will be discussing options for waste disposal at the November 28 budget meeting. The town must stop burying garbage due to increased costs of state and federal regulations.

ance, bonding, self insurance with escrow fund, or reserving of funds for closure and postclosure responsibilities and corrective measures.

Insurance and bonding are not available for these purposes. Therefore, it would require towns to reserve large amounts of money for potential claims.

2. Filled areas must be covered with five feet of good quality clay. That volume of clay material is not available at the landfill site and would have to be purchased and hauled to the site. The current law requires a minimum of two feet of good quality clay.

3. New holes must have clay liners to help prevent contamination of groundwater.

4. Leachate collection and methane gas venting systems will be required.

5. A feasibility plan, a site sur-

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TOWN of DUNN
4156 Hwy. B
McFarland, WI 53558

Budget meeting to
adopt levy is
November 28

The Town of Dunn budget meeting to adopt the 1990 budget will be held Tuesday, November 28, at 7:30 pm in the Town Hall.

As a voting resident of Dunn, you can attend this meeting and vote on the issues. This is your opportunity to ask questions about where your tax money is going, and to have a say in spending before the levy is officially set.

By state law, town residents must vote on the town tax levy and any modifications to it, and must also grant permission for the board to make any expenditure in excess of \$10,000.

This year's meeting is doubly important, because the board will be seeking comments and suggestions on the direction our garbage disposal system will take. The board will present some of the options available and their costs.

The board will also need authorization to expand the Dunn Burying Ground, the small cemetery at the corner of Hwy. B and Sand Hill Rd. Agendas and announcements for all town meetings are posted at the following three locations: in the window at the Town Hall, at the Qwik Stop at 1888 Barber Dr., and at the Kegonsa Sanitary District building at the corner of Hwys. AB and 51.

AGENDA SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

- I. Review 1990 proposed budget.
- II. Authorize expenditure in excess of \$10,000 for highways.
- III. Authorize Town Board to purchase additional land for town cemetery.
- IV. Discuss options available for when the town landfill closes on January 1, 1990.
- V. Approve tax levy for 1990.

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EMERGENCY (Police, Fire & Ambulance)	911
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY	255-4219
Town Police Chief Robert Berry	
Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.	
Dane County Sheriff	266-4948
CRISIS INTERVENTION	251-2345
Emergency	251-2341
Non-Emergency	262-3702
For help with suicide, drug information, alcoholism, domestic problems	
POISON INFORMATION CENTER 24 Hours	262-3702
TOWN HALL OFFICE	
Hours Monday through Friday	
Clerk: Rosalind Gausman	
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	
Phone 255-4219	
TOWN BOARD meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.	
unless otherwise announced	
CHAIRMAN	Edmond P. Minihan 838-6432
SUPERVISOR I	Eleanor White 835-3488
SUPERVISOR II	Stanley R. Solheim 835-5818
TREASURER	Dorothy Berkan 222-5043
BUILDING INSPECTOR	Denis Dennis 255-4219
TOWN OF DUNN GARAGE	Jim Manson
TOWN OF DUNN DUMP HOURS	
Saturday	8 a.m. to 4 p.m. all year

Libby Landfill negotiation nears completion

After nearly three years of continuous negotiating, the major impasses between Madison Landfills, Inc. and the local negotiating committee are nearing agreement. The proposed agreement is currently being reviewed by both sides and, if approved, must be voted on and signed by all of the various governmental bodies involved.

Details such as specifications on the well and water distribution have yet to be spelled out. The local committee is seeking a more equitable way of settling disputes with the landfill operators, should they not live up to the agreement.

A group of Town of Dunn residents in the Waubesa Beach area have organized, once again, to defeat the landfill or to see that their interests are represented in the negotiating process. They have been most helpful in pointing out to the local negotiating committee areas that need more work and, in some cases, items missed completely. The process of finalizing the agreement will take at least another month, and probably much longer.

The Town of Dunn has been hopeful that, at some time during the negotiating process, a piece of legislation would be developed that would not allow landfills in environmentally sensitive areas. Landfills sited as close to lakeshores, wetlands and parks as the proposed Libby Landfill will be should simply not be allowed.

Acceptance of the negotiated agreement does not mean that the landfill will be built. Permitting of the landfill and the contested case hearing instigated by the Town of Dunn and the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation are separate processes from the agreement negotiations. The agreement will only go into effect when and if the landfill is permitted and built.

The Town of Dunn, the City of Madison, and Dane County have been negotiating the items in the following list (taken from the con-

tents of the proposed agreement) for their impact on the entire county and for the benefit of the residents adjacent to the proposed landfill.

Community Water Supply. A water district will be created to supply drinking water to the area bounded by Gannon Road, Lake Farm Road, Libby Road, and Lake Waubesa. Costs will be borne by the landfill operator.

Testing of Well Water. Private wells will be tested within a half-mile radius of the landfill boundary. Tests will be done twice a year while the landfill is operating, and once a year for 35 years after it closes.

Life of the Landfill. The active life of the landfill is not to exceed 18 years, and the negotiated agreement shall be in effect for the active life of the landfill plus 35 years.

Landfill Construction. The landfill liner will be a 60-mil, high-density polyethylene liner and five feet of compacted clay. There will be a single leachate collection system, and a clay cap constructed to Department of Natural Resources requirements.

Property Value Guarantee. Property values will be guaranteed by the landfill owner. If no offers of purchase are received in 150 days, the landfill owner will purchase the property at fair market value.

Contingency Fund. The landfill owner will pay to the standing committee 50 cents per ton of garbage put into the landfill. This fund will be used for long-term monitoring of the landfill and any governmental investigations for the suspected burying of hazardous substances.

Types of Waste Accepted. No hazardous wastes will be accepted, including white goods manufactured before 1979, lead acid batteries, or infectious waste. Non-hazardous foundry sand, fly ash, incinerator ash, or other industrial wastes can be accepted provided

'Tis the season for mailbox thefts, illegal winter parking, and trash

by Chief Robert Berry

With Christmas and the holidays coming soon, I want to remind you of a problem we encountered last year, which was theft of money and gifts from rural mailboxes. Don't set packages or mail out the night before, and try to have a neighbor watch for your package, if you are expecting one, and take it in for you.

I'd also like to remind you about our parking regulations, because every winter we have problems plowing snow due to illegally parked vehicles. Dunn has a 48-hour limit for all vehicles, boats, trailers, campers, etc. that are left on the streets or on the road right-of-way, which are generally 66

feet wide. Vehicles will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense when in violation.

With stricter trash regulations in effect throughout the county, towns like ours are becoming the unwilling recipients of bags of garbage, lawn clippings, and other trash unscrupulously dropped on our roadsides. If you see something suspicious that looks like someone dumping trash along our roads, try to get a license plate number and call the Town Hall (255-4219) so I can follow up on it. I have already had successes. In one instance, a letter in the trash gave the full address of the violator. The road crew has spent many hours cleaning up dumped tires and loads of brush, and slick piles of grass clippings can be very dangerous when mowing the steeper roadsides with the tractor. Again, keep your eyes open and call me.

In my budget request for this year, I have asked for a little extra to help in the maintenance of the squad car, which is my own car. The money will help defray the cost of tires, oil, grease, and general repairs. I have also recommended to town officials that we consider buying a used squad or leasing one by 1991, because the present one will no longer be reliable as an emergency vehicle.

I'd like to remind everyone that I have many Department of Transportation safety pamphlets in the entranceway of the Town Hall, as well as many new ones through the Dane County Chiefs of Police Association meeting, which we hosted on November 9. Please feel free to take what you need.

With winter coming on, please be more careful than usual when you drive. I have been issuing many citations for exceeding the speed limit. Many of our roads are posted, and those that are not are 55 mph. If weather conditions are poor, by all means slow down -- it may save your own or someone else's life.

Christmas, or other legal holidays, the landfill can remain open until 5 pm, and on any week during which more than five hours of work are missed due to adverse conditions.

Other items negotiated by the local committee include compensation for expense of the local committee; roadway maintenance; compensation to Lake Farm Park; highway and street reconstruction; compensation to municipalities for promoting recycling; compensation for fire protection for the landfill; truck route identification; training and certification of landfill workers; lighting; the zoning and use of the land after landfill closure; long-term care, and emergency planning.



Plan Commission Chair Ron Larson, Town Chairman Ed Miltihan and Town Clerk Gausman attended a recent Dane County Regional Plan Commission meeting to represent the town and its residents.

A shared destiny

Dunn's future will be determined by you

by Ron Larson, Plan Commission Chair

Earlier articles on the Dunn Land Use Plan highlighted the history of the Land Use Plan, the planning procedure, how we got to the present, and who it is that serves you on the Plan Commission. This time, the topic is the future -- and you -- because you and the future of Dunn are inseparable.

Let's start with a look at who you probably are. Chances are you chose to move to Dunn because you liked what you saw and what you had heard. Chances are about three to one, if the past few elections are a good indicator, that you believe in preserving agricultural land and important environmental features. You've made some decisions that limiting urban services such as police, fire, water, garbage pickup and others is worth the resultant lower taxes. You can also see the connection between controlled growth and lower costs.

What is it that makes you so inseparable from Dunn's future? It's the fact that who you are and what you want for your future help to determine the future of Dunn. Our Land Use Plan is based on that belief. Let me reiterate the preface from the Dunn Land Use Plan:

"The basis for the following Land Use Plan lies in the belief that the people of the Town of Dunn have the ability and right to guide their own destiny. Our town is rich in its history, its natural resources, and its agricultural resources. These assets contribute generously to a way of life that has made the Town of Dunn a special place to live. It is essential that the wise use of the resources be planned so they are preserved for the present and future generations."

My conclusion is that you will determine Dunn's destiny. You can, through direct involvement, affect the direction of Dunn's future.

What influences affect the direction we are going? One influence, annexation, has received a lot of publicity recently. This influence will not go away. But a voice of reason seems to be in the air. Surrounding villages express their own concern that if they grow too much (i.e., annex too much land), they will lose their own identity. They are worried about the cost of development.

In addition, the Dane County Regional Planning Commission

statements made during negotiating sessions by Robert Glebs, the engineering consultant for Madison Landfills, Inc., his company, Creative Resource Ventures, Inc., has purchased Madison Landfills, Inc. from John DeBeck, its original owner. He plans to own and operate several landfill sites, and a waste hauling company that will transport waste to his sites.

Dunn faces important planning issues

Issues that come before the Plan Commission usually go on to be considered by the Town Board, and have therefore not been treated separately in the newsletter. Lately, however, the Plan Commission has been involved in discussing long-range planning with the county and neighboring communities. Because no official decisions or actions have been required, the Town Board has not been directly involved. This update is meant to keep you informed on the planning issues and decisions facing the town.

Dane County

In response to concerns of the Dane County Regional Planning Commission that Dunn is trying to control density through urban service areas rather than through zoning, the Dunn Plan Commission adopted the following criteria for urban service area expansion.

The extension of sanitary districts and/or urban service areas is not meant to encourage development, but is designed to serve those lots created under the town Land Use Plan that logically should have sewer service. Current zoning that prohibits further division of the property would be a requirement. The property must be next to an existing sewer main, and extensions that would require the filling of wetlands are prohibited. To minimize the loss of agricultural land, extensions would be allowed to create a cluster of housing contiguous with a sanitary district.

City of Madison

The City of Madison is trying to involve surrounding communities in their planning process by

presenting a draft of their Peripheral Area Development Plan. Plan Commission members were reservedly enthusiastic about it. Among other things, they asked the city planners to consider placing a higher priority on filling in developable land and redeveloping within the city's border than on development on the city's periphery.

A new \$200 plan review fee is being required of anyone in the city's extraterritorial plat review area (essentially the northwest corner of Dunn, west of Lake Waubesa) when the city's Plan Commission reviews a certified survey map. Any residents in this part of Dunn should take this into account when considering a land division.

Village of McFarland

The Village of McFarland has removed the area south of Elvehjem Road, from their Long-Range Study Area, because of its environmental sensitivity in regard to the water quality of Mud Lake. The town is also working at convincing the McFarland Plan Commission of the value of the wetlands west of Hwy. AB, in hopes of having that area also removed from the proposed expansion area.

The Plan Commission wants to form a Citizen's Advisory Committee to broaden input to the commission. This committee could also be involved in updating statistics and inventory from the original planning research maps, including areas such as ownership patterns and district boundaries. The commission feels it is important to get more people involved in planning issues for the town.

Libby contested case decision withheld

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was supposed to have made a decision on the contested case hearing brought by the Town of Dunn and the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation on the permitting of the Libby Landfill by October 1, 1989. It has been delayed, however, while the DNR attempts to determine ownership of the company applying for the permit for the site.

It appears that the company has some ownership in the Refuse Hideaway site in Middleton, which is now under the state's Superfund program for clean-up since the original owner, John DeBeck, claimed a lack of assets to accomplish it himself. Under a new Wisconsin law, passed as part of the last budget bill, no company can site a new landfill until past obligations are cleared up. As far as we are able to tell from

(RPC) has taken an important step in adopting a policy that recognizes that Dane County can only afford so much growth. By controlling urban service area expansions, the RPC has discouraged a large amount of annexation.

The Peripheral Area Development Plan under consideration by the City of Madison also recognizes that Dunn's future should be rural rather than urban.

A second influence is the reputation that Dunn has earned locally and nationally as a town serious about its goal of controlled growth. The platform has been built, reinforced and solidly supported. Developers know that Dunn's Land Use Plan and subdivision ordinance have teeth. Every year that goes by makes what has been created here stronger in both a legal and practical sense.

A third influence is an increased awareness of the value of our agricultural land and environmental resources. Lands in Dunn have been donated to the DNR and The Nature Conservancy; lands have had deed restrictions offered to the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation; lands have been zoned for conservancy. And on important local issues like high-density development on Colladay Point, the citizens speak clearly about values that support and endorse Dunn's Land Use Plan with a clear expectation for the future.

It is time for some good, analytical thinking about what direction we want to take from here. To that end, the Dunn Plan Commission is asking for your help in serving on a Citizens' Committee to help find that direction. Many of you care enough to be involved in an effort like this, so now is the time to start. As a word of encouragement to potential volunteers, let me leave you with a "pearl of wisdom" about your and Dunn's future:

Decisions about our neighborhoods and about Dunn are going to be made by someone. The choice before you is whether it's going to be you or someone else who makes those decisions. So, who do you trust with your future -- yourself or someone else?

*Dunn Wants You
To Help in Determining
Our Future*

- If you are interested in:*
- Preserving Agricultural Land
 - Land Use Planning That Lets Farmers Farm
 - Preserving Environmental Features
 - Controlling Growth
 - Serving Your Community

Please send a brief letter outlining your reasons for volunteering and telling the Dunn Plan Commission a little about yourself to:

Roz Gausman, Dunn Town Clerk
4156 Hwy. B
McFarland, WI 53558
Please respond by January 1, 1990.

The 1990 Town

Town tax takes big step up

Mill rate expected to rise 79 cents

There are no ifs, ands, or buts about it -- the 1990 proposed budget is going to hit everyone harder than ever before. A forced closing of the town landfill, continued high attorney fees, a new dump truck and no carry-over funds to balance the levy are just some of the things that have combined to make this proposed budget and levy the largest the town has seen.

Total spending is up, with a proposed 1990 bottom-line expectation of \$698,760 in spending. For comparison, in 1988 the town spent \$617,999 and in 1989 it expects to have spent \$588,799.

Although the proposed budget is higher and the tax to residents will be higher than ever before, Town of Dunn taxes are still among the lowest in the county. (See comparison on this page).

The proposed 1990 mill rate is expected to rise 79 cents per thousand dollars of valuation -- increasing from \$1.10 to \$1.89. For property assessed at \$70,000, this means that roughly \$132.30 of your total tax bill will go to the town as town taxes.

The Big Picture on Income

In the proposed 1990 budget, Town of Dunn taxpayers will be the largest single source of revenue for the first time in recent town history. This year, the proposed local levy is \$267,821, up from the 1989 approved levy of \$154,821. General state and other governmental aid is expected to come in at \$261,107, an increase of less than \$2,000 from 1989.

Looking at the budget line items, changes in revenue sources by \$1,000 or more are as follows: About \$10,000 less in interest money is expected. This includes less money earned on carry-over funds than last year, and less interest from state and federal funds, which are scheduled to be paid later and will therefore be in the town's hands for a shorter time.

An additional \$5,000 over 1989's expected \$7,000 in revenue is anticipated from building permits. Construction boomed in 1989 along Lake Kegonsa after the sewer was installed, but it is expected to taper off slightly in 1990.

The sale of town land near the landfill will add \$11,700 to the 1990 town income and put the land back into the tax base.

A proposed new system of disposing of garbage -- by purchasing punch tickets in order to deposit bags of garbage -- is hoped to raise \$15,000 and would offset some of the costs of the new solid-waste transfer site.

Cable TV franchise fees, the fees paid to the town by the cable companies, are expected to increase by \$2,000 to about \$7,200 for 1990, due to cable installation in the Goodland Park area.

REVENUE

1988 ACTUAL	1989 BUDGETED	1989 ESTIM. YEAR END	1990 PROPOSED
TAXES:			
301 Omitted property taxes	5,102	0	0
303 Taxes - general property taxes	137,478	154,821	267,821
304 Taxes - mobile home, Bayview	16,246	16,202	16,000
305 Taxes - mobile home, other	1,360	1,000	1,000
306 Taxes - conservation land	3,322	3,300	4,569
308 Interest on taxes	6,090	6,000	5,000
310 TOTAL TAXES	169,598	181,120	293,821

INTERGOVERNMENTAL:

318 Shared taxes - state	196,685	200,000	199,825
321 State - road aid	47,198	50,973	50,973
322 County - roads and bridges	0	1,333	1,333
326 Fire Dept. dues	7,203	7,300	6,768
327 State municipal services	386	460	405
330 TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL	251,472	260,066	259,304

REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE:

337 Liquor malt licenses	3,325	3,400	2,640
338 Operators licenses	900	800	900
339 Business or occupational licenses	100	100	100
340 Cigarette licenses	55	60	50
342 Coin machines - other	225	240	200
344 Mobile home park	442	442	442
345 Dog license	380	300	300
346 Building permits	10,470	7,000	15,000
349 Land division fees	112	100	125
354 Court penalties and costs	4,556	3,500	6,000
360 TOTAL REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE	20,565	15,942	25,757

PUBLIC CHARGES:

368 Street maintenance	110	0	95
377 Land sales	0	0	0
381 TOTAL PUBLIC CHARGES	110	0	95

OTHER REVENUE:

380 Special assessments - sewer	42	0	0
382 Street assessments	0	2,230	11,031
387 Interest general fund	34,575	25,000	32,000
388 Interest - special assessments	823	500	200
390 Landfill permits	0	0	0
391 Landfill salvage	5,576	5,500	4,000
392 Landfill land rent	1,495	1,040	1,040
394 Land rent	131	200	172
395 Cable TV franchise fees	5,279	6,400	5,173
396 Proceeds long-term debt	78,300	0	0
397 Miscellaneous	693	0	454
398 TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	126,914	40,870	54,070
TOTAL REVENUE	588,659	497,998	521,723

399 Police	0	1,330	0
604 Police of	0	22,000	0
605 Police -	200	360	0
606 Police ex	0	15,000	0
616 Fire prof	4,000	4,000	0
617 EMS - M	1,040	1,040	0
618 Fire prof	172	150	0
619 EMS - C	5,173	7,200	0
620 Fire prof	0	60,000	0
621 EMS - S	454	0	0
630 Building	110,040	110,040	0
631 Building	0	0	0
650 TOTAL	692,760	692,760	692,760

EXPENSE

456 Town B	0	0	0
462 Election	267,821	16,000	16,000
463 Election	16,202	1,000	1,000
465 Plan Co	4,569	4,000	4,000
466 Plan Co	6,000	6,000	5,000
469 Enginee	182,592	181,120	293,821
470 Justice	0	0	0
471 Justice	0	0	0
472 Clerk - s	0	0	0
474 Clerk - e	0	0	0
479 Other cl	0	0	0
480 Assessc	56,907	0	0
482 Assessc	0	0	0
484 Treasur	6,800	400	400
486 Treasur	400	400	400
490 Attorney	261,107	261,107	261,107
491 Educatio	0	0	0
498 Indepen	0	0	0
500 Data pr	0	0	0
505 Newslet	900	900	900
506 Office si	100	100	100
507 Dues an	50	50	50
510 Property	200	200	200
512 Employe	442	442	442
518 Legal pu	300	300	300
520 Social s	15,000	12,000	12,000
524 Retirem	125	100	100
525 Health ir	6,000	5,000	5,000
530 Property	25,757	22,092	22,092
540 Cemete	0	0	0
542 Miscell	0	0	0
550 TOTAL	692,760	692,760	692,760

PARKS AND

552 Parks C	0	0	0
553 Parks ac	0	0	0
555 Parks ex	0	0	0
570 TOTAL	0	0	0

PUBLIC SAF

604 Police of	0	1,330	0
605 Police -	200	360	0
606 Police ex	0	15,000	0
616 Fire prof	4,000	4,000	0
617 EMS - M	1,040	1,040	0
618 Fire prof	172	150	0
619 EMS - C	5,173	7,200	0
620 Fire prof	0	60,000	0
621 EMS - S	454	0	0
630 Building	110,040	110,040	0
631 Building	0	0	0
650 TOTAL	692,760	692,760	692,760

The Big Picture on Spending

Taking a toll in this proposed budget is the need for the town to close its landfill in advance of new and stiffer state and federal regulations that are expected to go into effect February 1990. If the town closes the landfill after the date specified by the federal government, the costs could double or even triple from the expected \$40,000 closing expenses. Included in these expenses is the cost of setting up a new waste-transfer site. (See related article.)

Attorney's fees are proposed to be 25 percent lower than their 1989 levels due to the winding down of the Libby Landfill issue. Another major expense this year is the cost of a new town dump truck, which will be amortized over five years. The full price of the truck is expected to be in the \$60,000 range. It will be fitted with a new sifter and the plow from the 1972 truck it will be replacing.

A decision not to further diminish the \$90,000-plus in carry-over funds also plays a role in a higher 1990 tax. This seemingly high amount is needed, says Treasurer Dorothy Berkan, while the town waits for state shared revenues, which don't start coming in until July and are not fully received until November. This state money-holding in effect keeps their coffers filled with revenue must towns and other municipalities meet attempt to save enough buffer to meet

monthly expenses. Berkan says the recommended buffer for a town Dunn's size is about \$100,000. In 1989, \$16,000 of this money was used to offset the levy. Also, \$19,100 was used in 1989 to purchase the Mahoney property for use as a future town park.

The proposed budget also reflects an approximate five percent raise in salaries of non-elected full-time positions. The wage raise adds \$6,000 and the accompanying raises in social security, health insurance and retirement funds add \$2,000 over the 1989 budget. All salaries (including elected positions) and benefits combined make up \$181,900 of the budget.

Adding to the proposed budget is the cost of a two-year-long property reassessment, which will begin in 1990 and will be fully reflected in the 1992 budget year.

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) expenses are up about \$3,000 to a combined total of \$16,891 for the three districts serving Dunn.

An additional \$5,000 has been set aside as a budget figure for the proposed expansion of the Dunn Burying Ground, and \$3,700 has been set aside for the purchase of additional land immediately east of the Town Hall to accommodate storage of town equipment and additional parking. The only major reductions in expenses, besides the expected lower at-

torney fees, are \$10,000 less for road repairs and a \$2,000 drop in Town Hall maintenance. Even with a cut in the road budget, about six-tenths of a mile at the north end of Tower Road is proposed to be repaved next summer. Expenses on the town hall were up in 1989 due to the installation of a new air conditioner and the unexpected installation of a new furnace.

Some items in the budget could fluctuate from their proposed budget figures because complete information is unavailable at budget time. For instance, the town's insurance premiums are due in the spring and could be different than expected. Also, some EMS and fire districts serving the town have not completed their budget requests.

Not included in the proposed budget is \$3000 requested by Stoughton Library fund raisers. The Oregon and Stoughton Senior Citizen Centers requested additional funds, but the amount in the proposed budget was kept at last year's level.

of Dunn Proposed Budget

	1988 ACTUAL	1989 BUD- GETED	1989 ESTIM. YEAR END	1990 PROPOSED
REVENUES				
Government	161,056	157,450	177,702	188,100
ACTIVITY:				
- clerical	170	225	225	225
- wages	609	3,200	3,000	3,000
- AND ACTIVITY	5,669	7,000	7,000	7,000
- SAFETY	6,448	10,425	10,225	10,225
- expenses				
- salary				
- expenses				
- SAFETY	106,981	114,225	126,901	127,891
EXPENDITURES				
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES:				
660 Senior citizens services	15,035	16,704	16,704	16,704
PUBLIC WORKS:				
706 Highway Dept. salaries	57,270	59,500	59,792	63,000
715 Machinery and equipment operation	7,605	10,000	10,000	10,000
716 Machinery and equipment repair	8,695	10,000	10,000	12,000
718 Garage expense	11,068	5,000	5,000	5,000
724 Street repairs and maintenance	49,993	60,000	60,000	50,000
726 Bridges & culverts	483	1,000	1,000	500
728 Exchange St. bridge replacement	(709)	0	0	0
730 Snow and ice control	10,588	11,000	13,000	13,000
734 Traffic control - signs	2,058	1,500	1,500	1,500
736 Street lighting	7,092	8,000	8,000	8,000
740 Tree and brush control	182	200	200	200
742 Landfill - salaries	13,207	12,000	12,330	14,000
746 Landfill - expense	14,296	5,000	5,000	40,000
750 TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	181,828	183,200	185,822	217,200
DEBT SERVICE:				
768 Debt service - principal	66,951	16,650	16,650	20,125
764 Debt service - interest	5,284	5,650	5,032	9,315
780 TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	72,235	22,300	21,682	29,440
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES:				
804 Storm sewer projects	12,288	5,000	5,000	2,500
806 Surface and resurface roads	38,148	7,500	21,663	43,000
807 Office equipment	831	0	0	0
808 Equipment	22,649	4,000	4,000	60,000
812 Land purchase	500	0	19,100	3,700
840 TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	74,416	16,500	49,763	109,200
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	617,999	520,804	588,799	698,700
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES (49,340)		(22,806)	(67,076)	0

COMMUNITY BUDGET COMPARISON

	Population	Actual Municipal Millrate 1989*	Assessment Ratio	Proposed Millrate 1990*
Oregon Town	2,183	2.86	0.99	NA**
Oregon Village	4,403	6.97	1.03	5.78
Blooming Grove	2,150	1.13	0.95	0.99
Dunkirk	1,816	1.82	0.99	1.47
Rutland	1,476	3.40	0.96	NA
Pleasant Springs	2,594	0.75	0.94	1.00
McFarland	4,613	5.81	0.94	NA
Stoughton	8,684	6.47	0.92	6.83
Fitchburg	14,022	4.51	0.88	4.51
Cottage Grove Town	3,347	3.59	0.96	NA
Windsor	4,264	1.47	0.95	1.56
Dunn	5,206	1.10	0.91	1.89

*per \$1,000 assessed value
**not available at time of printing



*and read this carefully!
Keep it for future reference.*

New rules affect taxes

by Dorothy Berkan, Town Treasurer

As your town treasurer, I have 31. All payments made after that date must be made to the county treasurer. Property taxes paid to the local treasurers (like me) must be paid according to the following rules:

If you want to make full payments of your real estate taxes, you must do so by January 31.

If you want to pay in installments, there are several things to remember.

If your total tax on a single parcel is \$100 or less, the tax must be paid in full. (The amount used to be \$50.)

All special assessments, special charges, and special taxes must be paid in full, in addition to one half of the real estate taxes due.

Municipal night court gets new judge

Dunn's new municipal judge is Michael Frahm, a 42-year-old town resident. Frahm was elected to the position this past April, winning over incumbent Jeffrey Knickmeier.

A municipal judge does not have to be an attorney and Frahm's background is in social work and correctional administration. He has worked for the Wisconsin De-

partment of Corrections for the past 20 years.

Frahm earned a bachelor's degree in Correctional Administration and a master's degree in Social Work, both from UW Madison. He and his wife Mary have two children -- a daughter age 22 and a son age 19.

Municipal court is held in the Town Hall on the last Wednesday of each month at 5 pm. Frahm

hears cases involving violations of town ordinances.

"I find it particularly interesting," Frahm says of being a judge. "Everybody has their own story about why it is they are there." He said the usual cases he hears involve speeding and dog licensing violations.

All personal property taxes are due in full by January 31.

If you pay less than the total payment due, the amount you pay will be applied first to special charges, then to special assessments, special taxes and, finally, general property taxes. The letter that I enclose with the tax statements in December will list the times when I will be available to receive tax payments. In order to be a legal receipt, your tax bill must be signed or initialed by the local treasurer or deputy, if there is one.