

The
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TOWN OF DUNN NEWSLETTER

Fall 2009

Views From the Town Chair

Edmond P. Minihan, Dunn Town Chair

We are fortunate in the Town of Dunn to be protected by three Fire and EMS Districts with outstanding records for service and response. The women and men who provide for our safety have been exemplary in safe-guarding the citizens of Dunn without fail year after year. It is a very necessary service and one of the key protections provided at the local level. Emergency personnel have provided aid through two tornadoes, numerous fires, medical emergencies, and several floods. They must be applauded for their excellent service.

There are, of course, costs associated with providing these services. Public safety must be paid for. The costs to protect life and property have risen in recent years to provide for new technology, new equipment, greater training requirements and more staff coverage.

The Town has virtually no control over the increasing costs. New requirements for radio interoperability will be passed on to taxpayers, likely through local governments, and this is just one of many increases we are anticipating in future years.

We pay for emergency services out of our general fund, so residents are not charged for Fire and EMS services based on which district they are in. Costs vary substantially between our three districts and the Town is working very closely with the Village of McFarland, our highest cost district, to maintain the high standard of response while keeping costs in check. Cost increases in the McFarland district are mostly due to the fact that they are serving a reduced area and the Town of Dunn is bearing a larger percentage of the overall costs of operation. Both Pleasant Springs and Blooming Grove have reduced their service from McFarland. These communities chose to contract with other lower cost providers. The decision to change service providers is complicated and municipalities must weigh the value of contracting with the provider offering better response times against the lower costs available from another provider. Longer response times for fire service may

Events You Won't Want to Miss

Friday, November 13th 11AM-7PM:
Storm Shelter Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 11 AM followed by Open House until 7 PM at the Storm Shelter (699 Norman Drive).

Monday, November 16th at 6 PM:
Public Information Session with Gardiner Appraisal Services at the Town Hall.

Tuesday, November 17th at 7 PM:
Budget Hearing Followed by Special Town Meeting at the Town Hall.

result in higher home insurance rates for tax payers.

We hope that Pleasant Springs will open discussions with the Village of McFarland for the provision of fire and EMS services in the future. We believe that Blooming Grove will be doing so for 2011. In the meantime, the Town of Dunn has requested a review of the cost allocations for McFarland Fire and EMS services and we will work closely with the Village to reduce the costs passed on to you.

Dane County to Adopt DNR Flood Storage District Maps

Dane County is expected to adopt Flood Storage District maps via an ordinance amendment to the Floodplain Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 17 of the Dane County Code of Ordinances (DCCO). Policies for the Flood Storage District were adopted along with the most recent floodplain maps and policies. Now, the Flood Storage District Maps define those areas which are subject to the existing Flood Storage District policies (17.105, DCCO).

WHO: The DNR informed all municipalities along the Yahara River Chain that they would be required to adopt a Flood Storage District to comply with FEMA regulations. Dane County is the Floodplain Zoning authority for the Town of Dunn.

WHAT: The Flood Storage District is a mapped area that is designed to store floodwaters during a flood

event. The mapped area primarily includes wetlands, but many shoreland properties are also designated. The primary restriction is that the area cannot be reduced in volume. Any filling in this area must be matched by an equal volume of cutting such that there is no net loss of flood storage capacity.

WHY: Flood Storage was used in the computer modeling of the most current FIRM maps, which were adopted by Dane County January 1, 2009. If Flood Storage had not been used to establish these flood elevations, the Base Flood Elevation would have been 4 to 5 feet higher in the chain of lakes than what is currently adopted.

WHERE: Along the Yahara River Chain. Affects the Towns of Springfield, Westport, Burke, Middleton, Madison, Blooming Grove, Dunn, Pleasant Springs, Rutland, Dunkirk,

as well as the Villages and Cities in these areas.

Please contact Rob Davis, DNR, at 275-3316 with any questions regarding flood storage districts.

**TOWN OF DUNN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday November 17, 2009
at 7:00 PM**
Following the Budget Hearing
Dunn Town Hall
4156 County Road B

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF DUNN, DANE COUNTY

Notice is hereby given of a Special Town Meeting to be held on November 17, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall at 4156 County Road B, McFarland with the following agenda:

1. To approve the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting (April 8, 2008).
2. To approve the highway expenditures pursuant to Section 81.01(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes.
3. To approve the 2009 tax levies for the General Fund, Debt Service Fund and Rural Preservation Fund (for 2010 operating budgets).

Town Meetings are the forums at which major issues and town policy are decided. The residents of the town are the decision makers. Every resident of legal voting age present casts a vote.

Agendas and announcements for all special meetings are posted at the following locations: the bulletin board outside the Town Hall, 4156 County Road B; the message board on the corner of Waubesa Ave. and Third Street; and Quick Stop, 1888 Barber Drive.

Cathy Hasslinger, Town Clerk/Treasurer, WCMC

Town Contact Information

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LAND TRUST COMMISSION: Meet the Commissioners

by Beth Hastings

Have you ever wondered who works on the Purchase of Development Rights program for the Town? You know that the Town purchases development rights from landowners in order to preserve land in the Town for agriculture and open space. But who looks at the applications from the landowners, works with the ranking criteria to determine a property's relative importance to the PDR program, gives direction to the Town Land Use Manager to work with the landowner during the PDR process and ultimately makes the recommendation to the Town Board to spend the money to buy the development rights as a conservation easement? It's the Land Trust Commission.

The Land Trust Commission and the Rural Preservation Program were created by Town Ordinance in 1996. The ordinance specifies that the Commission consists of seven members, with one member being a representative of a Dane County non profit conservation organization, the Chair and at least three other members being residents of the town, and to the extent practicable, includes people with backgrounds and experience in agriculture, finance, conservation and planning. Commissioners are appointed for staggered 3 year terms.

Here's a brief look at the current Land Trust Commissioners:

Ray Antoniewicz is in his second term with the Commission, having joined in 2004. As a long time resi-

Number of Farms Protected	Total Acres Protected	Price of Development Rights	Total Grants & Donations Received	Percentage of Funding From Grants
24	2,840.7	\$6,413,984	\$3,462,000	53.9%

dent of Town of Dunn and owner of A to Z Farms, he brings valuable farming experience and knowledge of the town to the Commission.

Beth Hastings has been Chair of the Land Trust Commission since its inception in 1997. A resident of Dunn for 19 years, she has helped create the PDR program's policies and provides institutional knowledge and leadership to the Commission.

Porter Martin has been a Commissioner for 7 years. He is one of our non-resident Commissioners and an attorney with Michael Best & Friedrich. Porter has a strong interest in land preservation and provides valuable input on conservation and

land issues.

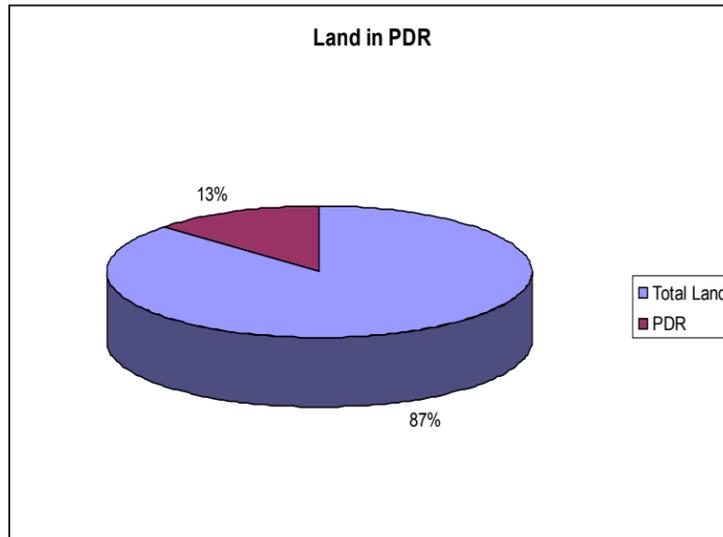
Tom Shepherd is a 7 year member of the Commission. He is a town resident and active on both the Land Trust Commission and the Parks Commission. With this dual role, he brings a great understanding of the town and its green spaces.

Nicole Van Helden has been on the Commission for 7 years. She is the other non-resident member of the Commission. As a conservation coordinator for The Nature Conservancy, she is our "representative of a non-profit conservation organization" and provides much valuable information on conservation issues.

Tracy Wiklund is serving on the Commission for her fifth year. She has been a resident of the Town for nine years and has a strong interest in land preservation and prairie restoration. Her accounting background helps us in our funding discussions.

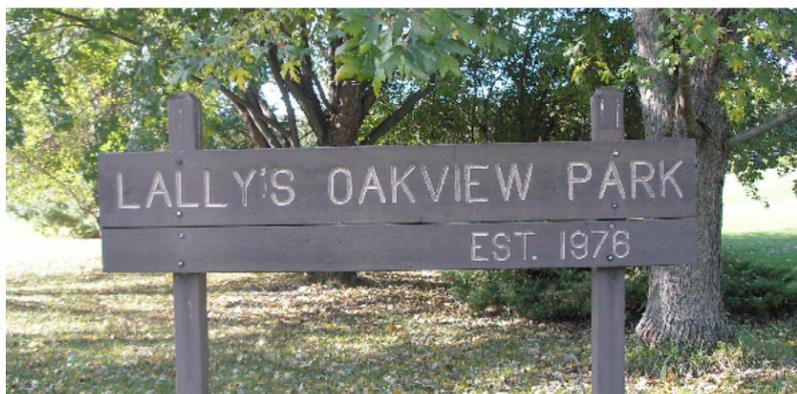
Vacant Seat Here's an opportunity for someone in the town or a non-resident to become a part of this great group of people doing such good work for the Town of Dunn. It would be helpful to the Commission if someone had background in finance, real estate, appraisals, or tax law. The new Commissioner would serve the remaining term of the seat, until June 2010, at which time the individual would be considered for reappointment. If you have an interest in land preservation or you know someone who might have some of these skills or interests, please contact Land Use Manager Erica Schmitz at the Town Hall at 255-4219 ext. 205, or eschmitz@town.dunn.wi.us.

The Town is pleased to announce that Beth Hastings, Nicole Van Helden, and Tracy Wiklund have agreed to be reappointed for new three year terms beginning this year. Each Land Trust Commissioner has played a key role in the well-recognized success of the program. To date, the Commission has ensured the permanent protection of over 2800 acres of the Town's agricultural land and open spaces, and actively continues to help interested land owners protect their land.



Lally's Oak View

by Madeline Weeden (age 11) & Victoria Strand (age 8)



Our neighborhood is very wonderful. In it we have about 1/2 mile from the the stop sign to the end of the circle. There are two roads, Wilnor Drive

starts at the stop sign, and comes around to about half the circle, Alice-Pauline Drive is just the other half circle.

In the circle there are about 12 houses and around 32 people. It is a popular place to bike and run. In May, the Syttende Mai runners pass Lally's Oak View and there are always people cheering for them, handing out drinks and fruit for working so hard. Lots of the people in the circle come and see it.

We also have Lally's Oak View Park, which is a popular place for kids, like us, to play baseball, golf and soccer. It's also a nice place for people to fly kites because there are no power lines and no big trees for them to get caught in. Nearly everyone has big

and beautiful gardens that are almost always in bloom.

If your looking to get exercise, take a walk around our neighborhood. It's wonderful and you're sure to enjoy it. In our neighborhood we have what we estimated around 70 people and 27 to 30 houses. It's really a beautiful place. Madeline and Victoria (the writers) have our own little newspaper called Lalley's Oak View News and Advice that we give to people in the circle, it just has advice, recipes and tips for gardening. We give it away for free and lots of people enjoy it.

Important Message From Waste Management!!

Trash will not be picked up by Waste Management if residents use a competitors' waste container. Waste Management containers can be obtained by calling (608) 273-2500.

Revaluation 2010

The Town of Dunn would like to invite residents to the Revaluation Meeting on Monday, November 16th with Gardiner Appraisal Services to discuss the 2010 Revaluation.

A computer-assisted revaluation of the Town will begin in the fall of 2009. Current assessment information is available at <http://accessdane.co.dane.wi.us>

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers about Assessments

Q - Why is the revaluation necessary?

Wisconsin law requires municipalities to assess property within 10% of market value within each four-year period. In 2010 our assessment will be below 90% for the fourth year.

Q - How does the assessor go about placing a "fair market value" on my property?

Finding the market value of property involves reviewing what similar properties are selling for, what the property would cost today to replace and factors affecting the real estate market. Valuation techniques for commercial properties also include analysis from an investment point of view. The assessors have the legal responsibility to discover and report the changes that are occurring in the market place.

Q - How can my assessment go up when my property hasn't changed?

The last revaluation of all of the Town of Dunn properties was completed for 2005. Market changes since 2005 have caused property values to change on almost all properties. All properties, however, do not change in value to exactly the same degree. Many factors influence the value of property, including location, age, size and style.

Q - If my assessment goes up will my property taxes go up?

Not necessarily. Our experience in a revaluation is that some properties have increased in value much faster than others. Properties with greater growth in value will see an increase in their tax bill. Property values that grew more slowly will see a reduction in their tax bill.

Q - Will my home be inspected?

Every home will not be inspected during this computer assisted revaluation. A sample of homes will be inspected. If your property was purchased or altered in the past three years, an experienced appraiser hired by the Town will make a personal visit to your property. The appraiser will need to walk through the interior of your home and also walk around the exterior. The appraiser may take exterior measurements and an exterior photo. The appraiser will be carrying identification.

Q - What if my house is a mess and I don't want the assessor to view it when he stops by?

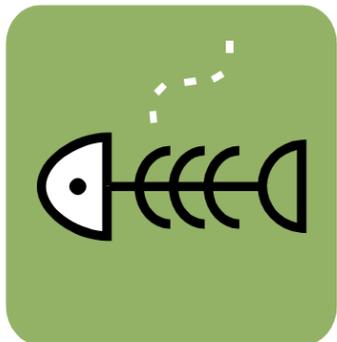
The assessors don't mind if your house is not tidy. They are only viewing the interior to determine the general condition of the home, note the features, and count the number of rooms and fixtures in the home.

Q - How will I know what my new assessment is?

All property owners will receive a notice of assessment change by mail when the revaluation of the whole town is finished.

Watch for articles in future newsletters about the dates and procedures for viewing the assessment records and appealing assessment values. If you have questions you may contact the Town Clerk, Cathy Hasslinger at 255-4219 Ext. 204.

Help Keep the Lakes Clean: Prevent Illicit Discharge



We have recently enacted an ordinance addressing illicit discharge connections into our drainage ditches as part of our WDNR stormwater permit. The following definition is taken from the Environmental Protection Agency concerning illicit discharge connections (modified to fit our Town).

An illicit discharge is defined as any discharge to the Town roadside ditches that is not composed entirely of storm water, except

for discharges allowed under an NPDES permit or waters used for firefighting operations. These non-stormwater discharges occur due to illegal connections to the ditches from commercial establishments.

As a result of these illicit connections, contaminated wastewater enters ditches which flow directly into our lakes without receiving treatment from a wastewater treatment plant.

Illicit connections may be intentional or unknown to the business owner. These connections are often due to the floor drains connected to the storm drainage system. Additional sources of illicit discharges are failing septic systems, illegal dumping practices, and the improper disposal of sewage from recreational practices such as boating or camping.

Illicit discharges also can be generated by persons using antiquated methods for tasks such as cleaning pool filters, cleaning paint brushes, cars, washing and other common activities.

Town residents can help to eliminate illicit discharges and clean up our lakes through the following activities:

1. Private Swimming Pool Filter Cleaning and Discharge - Let the pool water sit untreated for 5 days before discharge into the ditch at the end of the season. Do not discharge pool filter backwash directly into the ditch. Backwash from pool filters must be discharged to the sanitary sewer, on-site septic tank and drain field system (if properly designed and adequately sized), or an unpaved vegetated area of your lawn away from the ditch.

2. Proper disposal of household cleaners, solvents, oils and paints - Do not dump in the ditch!!! Take all scrap metal, motor oil, yard waste, brush and wood, batteries and tires to our Transfer site at 4030 County Road B, (1/4 mile east of the Dunn Town Hall) from 8 AM to 4 PM on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month. Other household chemicals (paints, pesticides, poisons) take to the Dane County "Clean Sweep" disposal site at Dane County Highway Garage, 2302 Fish Hatchery Rd. (north end), corner of Fish Hatchery and Badger Roads from 7:30am - 2:00pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday from May 1 - October 30. Please see our website at town.dunn.wi.us under the "Recycling" tab for complete information on the proper disposal of all waste materials.

3. Septic System - Have your septic system checked periodically for any leaks or failures. COMM Chapter 83 contains minimum inspection standards for different types of septic systems.

4. Car Wash - Get your car washed at private car wash or use environmentally friendly cleaner. Consider washing your car over the grass instead of on the driveway.

5. Look for dry weather discharge - If you do notice flow in a roadside ditch after a long dry period of no rainfall (at least three days of dry weather), contact Erica Schmitz at the Town Hall at (608) 255-4219 ext. 205.

Thank you, in advance, for helping to keep our lakes clean!!!

Property Tax Collection News

Property tax bills will be mailed out around December 15th and residents should receive them within a few days of mailing. Extra copies of tax bills can be requested by calling the Town Hall at 255-4219 and may be sent to you by email. Please remember to endorse the back of any mortgage company checks that are made out to you and the Town before mailing your payment. Return envelopes will be included with your tax bills this year for your convenience.

Town Hall Hours and Closings

- The Town Hall is open Monday to Friday from 8 AM - 4 PM.
- Closed Friday November 13, 2009 from 10AM-1PM for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Town of Dunn Storm Shelter
- Closed Friday November 27 (Day After Thanksgiving)
- Closed December 24 and 25, 2009
- Closed December 31 at 1:00PM
- Closed January 1, 2010
- Town Hall may close when local schools are closed to reduce traffic and facilitate snow removal.

Year 2010 Budget Highlights

*By Cathy Hasslinger,
Clerk/Treasurer*

The tax levy proposed in the 2010 budget would increase tax on a \$200,000 home (equalized value) by \$12.

The 2010 draft budget proposes some changes in response to the changing economic climate. The budget reduces future debt payments by \$69,132 annually through retirement of \$248,768 in old debt. It reduces general fund expenditures by \$15,479 for 2010 and prepares the Town for future years of shrinking revenues.

The Town's tax levy includes a general fund tax levy, a debt service tax levy, and a PDR tax levy (to operate the Purchase of Development Rights Program). The mil-rate for the proposed total levy on all three funds is \$2.33 per thousand of assessed valuation. The equalized mil-rate is \$2.00 or \$200.00 tax for a \$100,000 property value. The proposed increase in the levy is 4.18% for 2010. The levy could change based on decisions made by the citizens attending the budget hearing and special town meeting on November 17, 2009. A more detailed version of the draft budget is available on the town's website www.town.dunn.wi.us, at the Town Hall, and will be presented at the budget hearing on November 17, 2009.

General Fund Revenues: The general property tax levy is proposed to increase by \$103,130 which helps to offset \$112,000 loss of revenue from other sources. State shared taxes are down \$11,159, State grants are down \$25,000, recycling grant is down \$10,000, county aid is down \$19,275 and interest revenue is down \$47,000. Increases in revenue include the State transportation aids went up by \$2,558, licenses and permits are anticipated to increase by \$3,200 for 2010, and the Town has applied for a \$25,000 urban forestry grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

General Fund Expenses: The budget includes a wage freeze for all categories of employees for 2010. The Town has adopted a voluntary furlough opportunity for employees to take up to 15 days without pay for the purpose of reducing wage costs in 2010 and 2011. The budget includes a \$23,100 increase in assessor fees for a computer assisted revaluation of real estate in the town. The computer assisted revaluation allows the Town to delay a full revaluation involving a walk-through inspection of all properties. Election expenses will be up because of an increase in minimum wage in 2009 and required training. The increase in town hall expenses will cover refinishing the floor and re-budgeting for some roof and soffit repairs to the town hall. *(continued on next page)*

GENERAL FUND (GEN)	2008	2009	2009	2009	2010	Variance
	Actual	YTD	Estimated	Adopted	Proposed	2009 Budget
REVENUES	Year End	10/15/2009	Year End	Budget	Budget	2010 Budget
TOTAL TAXES	782,745	833,993	838,697	837,700	941,530	103,830
TOTAL Intergov. Rev	389,955	338,151	436,336	394,535	359,705	(34,830)
TOTAL Lic./Permits	86,010	45,750	50,027	47,335	50,545	3,210
TOTAL Fines/Penalties	21,820	12,659	21,095	22,050	22,050	-
TOTAL Publ Charges	345,566	368,196	370,417	367,000	378,198	11,198
TOTAL Misc. Revenues	51,180	16,968	17,804	64,350	22,200	(42,150)
TOTAL General Fund Revenues	1,677,276	1,615,717	1,734,376	1,732,970	1,774,229	41,259
EXPENDITURES						
TOTAL General Gov.	369,791	255,246	343,682	388,417	395,492	7,075
TOTAL Public Safety	425,862	408,293	456,567	489,258	464,450	(24,808)
TOTAL Public Works	815,636	606,807	791,872	820,217	833,902	13,685
TOTAL Health & Human Svc	70,594	71,278	71,278	73,371	72,280	(1,091)
TOTAL Culture Recreation	33,463	32,582	39,926	39,926	41,288	1,362
TOTAL Conservation & Dev.	46,107	23,683	50,595	53,968	42,265	(11,703)
TOTAL Other Financing	-	-	42,179	-	-	-
TOTAL General Fund Expense	1,761,453	1,397,889	1,796,099	1,865,156	1,849,677	(15,479)
BEGINNING GEN FUND BALANCE	589,736	505,560	505,560	505,560	443,836	(61,723)
REVENUES	1,677,276	1,615,717	1,734,376	1,732,970	1,774,229	41,259
EXPENDITURES	1,761,453	1,397,889	1,796,099	1,865,156	1,849,677	(15,479)
ENDING GEN FUND BALANCE	505,560	723,387	443,836	373,374	368,388	(4,986)
RURAL PRESERVATION FUND (PDR)						
BEGINNING PDR FUND BALANCE	1,129,441	1,317,438	1,317,438	1,317,438	1,340,722	23,284
REVENUES	397,483	373,544	382,893	882,893	880,827	(2,066)
EXPENDITURES	209,485	342,297	359,609	1,251,238	1,292,657	41,419
ENDING PDR FUND BALANCE	1,317,438	1,348,685	1,340,722	949,093	928,892	(20,201)
BURYING GROUND (BG)						
BEGINNING BG FUND BALANCE	40,608	43,783	43,783	43,783	37,293	(6,490)
REVENUES	9,109	1,242	1,806	7,000	2,560	(4,440)
EXPENDITURES	5,934	3,336	8,296	16,296	6,895	(9,401)
ENDING BG FUND BALANCE	43,783	41,689	37,293	34,487	32,958	(1,529)
DEBT SERVICE FUND (DS)						
BEGINNING DS FUND BALANCE	(4,802)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	-
REVENUES	423,136	424,137	424,137	424,137	625,847	201,710
EXPENDITURES	418,334	367,372	424,137	424,137	625,847	201,710
ENDING DS FUND BALANCE	(0)	56,764	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (CP)						
CAPITAL PROJECT REVENUE						
Grant Income State TRIP LRIP	-	-	-	-	207,500	207,500
Loan Proceeds - Road Const	210,754	-	113,063	121,429	317,500	196,071
Loan Proceeds - Hwy Equip	25,910	-	-	-	-	-
Loan Proceeds emergency shelter	-	-	462,000	487,000	25,000	-462,000
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	0
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJ. REVENUE	236,664	-	575,063	608,429	550,000	(58,429)
CAPITAL PROJECT EXPENSES						
Road Construction Exp.	208,754	112,979	112,979	100,000	455,000	355,000
Dyreson Bridge	443	84	84	21,429	70,000	48,571
Hwy Related Equip. Exp.	25,910	-	-	-	-	-
Drainage & Other Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emergency Shelter Expenses	204	396,176	462,000	487,000	25,000	(462,000)
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJ. EXPENSE	235,310	509,239	654,256	608,429	550,000	(58,429)
BEGINNING CP FUND BALANCE	77,839	79,193	79,193	79,193	(0)	(79,193)
REVENUES	236,664	-	575,063	608,429	550,000	(58,429)
EXPENDITURES	235,310	509,239	654,256	608,429	550,000	(58,429)
ENDING CP FUND BALANCE	79,193	(430,046)	(0)	79,193	(0)	(79,193)

VALUATION	2008	2009	2010	% change
ASSESSED VALUATION	635,353,400	638,929,000	Not available	
EQUALIZED VALUATION	735,586,800	743,654,300	Not available	
TAX LEVY				
GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY	746,515	816,870	920,000	12.63%
DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY	246,125	241,441	193,822	-19.72%
PDR TAX LEVY	365,810	367,793	371,827	1.10%
TOTAL LEVY	1,358,450	1,426,104	1,485,649	4.18%
ASSESSED VALUE MIL RATE	2.15	2.24	2.33	3.59%
EQUALIZED VALUE MIL RATE	1.86	1.94	2.00	3%
YEAR END UNDESIG. FUND BALANCE				
	505,560	443,836	368,388	
	estimated	estimated	estimated	
*levy reduced by State Exempt Computer Aid of \$306.19				
Current year assessment ratio	85.92%			
Prior year assessment ratio	86.37%			

Year 2010 Budget Highlights (continued)

By Cathy Hasslinger, Clerk/Treasurer

(continued from previous page) In the Public Works budget, the street repair and maintenance will include seal coating and striping on Mahoney Road. The overall public safety costs in the 2010 budget are showing a decline after several years of increases. The most significant increase in public safety is an 18% increase in McFarland EMS services. Pleasant Springs has opted not to purchase fire and EMS services from McFarland, which leaves the Town of Dunn to carry a greater percentage of the overall costs. The Town has provided accounting and payroll functions for the Oregon Area Joint Fire District in 2009 and will continue to do so in 2010. The Town's contract with the Dane County Sheriff's Department for 20 hours per week of service will cost 1.47% more for 2010.

Proposed donations to the senior programs and youth centers reflect a freeze for Stoughton and McFarland services and the Oregon Senior Center will receive an increase of \$159 in accordance with our contract.

Capital Projects: Capital projects planned for 2010 include a reconstruction of Lake Kegonsa Road if a 50% Local Road Improvement Grant is obtained. This project could span a 2 year period. No new purchases of highway related equipment are proposed for 2010. The budget includes some finishing work on the Town of Dunn Storm Shelter for \$25,000 and preliminary work on the Dyreson Bridge for \$70,000. The Town will not incur debt for the new storm shelter because grant revenue will offset most out of pocket costs. The road reconstruction project and Dyreson Bridge project will involve borrowing for amounts not covered by grants.

Debt Service: In past years, the Town was able to earn interest on its fund balance at a rate very similar to the rate established for borrowing. With interest rates plummeting on the Town's reserve funds, interest costs can be reduced by using reserve funds to retire debt. The capital projects fund will transfer \$79,193, the special designated funds for highway reconstruction and public safety will transfer 159,847 to debt service. A total of \$248,768 in old debt will be retired in 2010.

2009 Mil Rate Comparison Municipality	Pop.	* Equalized Mil Rate	Local Tax/\$100,000
City of Stoughton	12,865	6.71	\$671.00
Town of Madison	6,033	6.60	\$660.00
Village of McFarland	7,359	6.42	\$642.00
Village of Brooklyn	1,278	6.40	\$640.00
Village of Cottage Grove	5,525	5.19	\$519.00
Village of Oregon	8,764	4.80	\$480.00
Town of Blooming Grove	1,741	3.70	\$370.00
Town of Cottage Grove	3,941	3.64	\$364.00
Town of Windsor	5,861	3.62	\$362.00
Town of Deerfield	1,573	2.57	\$257.00
Town of Sun Prairie	2,390	2.53	\$253.00
Town of Dunn	5,255	1.94	\$194.00
Town of Oregon	3,372	1.92	\$192.00
Town of Rutland	1,997	1.87	\$187.00
Town of Dunkirk	2,028	1.56	\$156.00
Town of Pleasant Springs	3,166	1.27	\$127.00

*Tax Mil rate levied in 2008, collected in 2009.

Information is from Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance website at wistax.org

Please Don't Burn Leaves

Disposing of fall leaves is an annual activity that raises concerns in Dunn neighborhoods. We suggest composting



leaves in your yard or taking them to the Town's transfer site for composting. Transfer site hours and location are listed on page 8.

Please do not place leaves in ditches and culverts. Piles of leaves impede the drainage of water and can cause damage to property due to flooding. According to the Wisconsin DNR website, open burning is NOT an environmentally sound way to dispose of leaves and plant clippings at your home. Leaf smoke can irritate the eyes, nose and throat of healthy adults. But it can be much more harmful to small children, elderly, and people with asthma and other lung or heart diseases. This is because the visible smoke from leaf fires is made up almost entirely of tiny particles that can reach deep into lung tissue and cause symptoms such as coughing, wheezing, chest pain and shortness of breath—symptoms might not occur until several days after exposure to large amounts of leaf smoke.

Besides being an irritant, leaf smoke contains many hazardous chemicals, including carbon monoxide and benzo(a)pyrene. Carbon monoxide

binds with hemoglobin in the bloodstream and thus reduces the amount of oxygen in the blood and lungs. So carbon monoxide can be very dangerous for young children with immature lungs, smokers, elderly, and people with chronic heart or lung diseases.

Benzo(a)pyrene is known to cause cancer in animals and is believed to be a major factor in lung cancer. It is found in cigarette smoke and coal tar as well as leaf smoke.

Instead of burning your leaves, you can:

- **Compost leaves and plant clippings.** You can reduce the volume of leaves significantly by shredding them before composting.
- **Bring leaves and lawn waste to the Town Transfer Site**



Deputy Clerk Treasurer

The Town announces the appointment of Erica Schmitz as Deputy Clerk Treasurer. Erica joined the Town staff as a full time employee this past January as the Land Use Manager. Her new appointment expands her responsibilities. As the Deputy Clerk Treasurer Erica is authorized to act in the absence of the Clerk Treasurer on behalf of the Town. The appointment of a deputy ensures that Town operations will not be interrupted in the event of an emergency or extended absence of the Clerk Treasurer.



New Credentials for our Town Clerk

The Town of Dunn is continuously working to prepare staff for the challenges that face our community. We are pleased to announce that Cathy Hasslinger, Clerk Treasurer/Business Manager, has received the professional designation of Wisconsin Certified Municipal Clerk (WCMC). Experience and education requirements of certification were met by completing three years at the Municipal Clerks Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay which meets for one week each year, eight years of service as Deputy Clerk, and a graduate degree in management from Cardinal Stritch University.

AREA YOUTH CENTERS SERVING TOWN RESIDENTS

Looking for something to do after school?

Youths are encouraged to call or visit our local youth centers. Adult supervision and activities are typically available for middle school students during the after school hours from 3 pm to 6 pm. Some programs may be available for non-school days. Contact the youth centers directly for more information:

McFarland Youth Center
5120 Farwell St., McFarland
608-838-4508

Stoughton Youth Center
518 S. Fourth St., Stoughton
608-873-3880

Oregon Youth Center
110 N. Oak St., Oregon
608-835-0822

**DONATIONS TO THE MCFARLAND YOUTH
CENTER ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE
UNDER 501(C)(3)**

On the Road Again

Todd Klahn, Highway Foreman

Roadside mowing is just getting started. This is the way-back mow to help reduce drifting on the roads. Please remember that all signs need to be placed more than 33 feet from the center of the town road.

This year, we resurfaced Waucheeta Trail, McConnell Street, and Gannon Street. We seal coated Brooklyn Drive, S. Brooklyn Drive, Lynch Circle, Giehler Drive, Duncan Road, Aalseth Lane, Bjoin Drive, Rutland-Dunn Townline Road, Lakeview Terrace, and Woodland Terrace.

Using our excavator, we were able to replace four culverts that were rusted out this year.

We broke ground on the Town of Dunn Community Storm Shelter this summer and the Town's Public Works Department has been doing all the site work including installation of several culverts and will be doing all the landscaping upon completion.

We will be putting on our snow equipment mid-November. Please do not park on the roads or on the shoulder when it snows for ease of snow removal. The state law states motorists must follow no closer than 300 feet behind a snowplow or a citation could be issued. Let's be courteous to our hard working Town crewmen.

For snow and ice control we are planning to use a salt/sand mixture to reduce total salt usage and overall winter maintenance costs. Due to the increase of salt from \$46/ton to \$62/ton, the mixture will be more sand than salt.

Plan Commission Update

by Jim Molloy, Plan Commission Chair



The Plan Commission continues to process land divisions, re-zonings, site plans and other land use requests under the guidance of our Comprehensive Plan. We meet at 7:00 PM the second

Monday of each month and welcome the public to our open meetings. We always post our agenda outside the Town Hall and on our web page. To be placed on our agenda, please contact Erica Schmitz, our Land Use Manager, at the Town Hall at 608-255-4219, ext. 205.

The Plan Commission consists of the following seven individuals: Tim Andrews, Lorraine Gardner, Steve Greb, Dean Hein, Jim Molloy, Bob Uphoff, and Vicki Wangerin. Occasionally a vacancy occurs on the Commission. If you are interested in serving your Town as an uncompensated member of this Commission, please indicate your interest to Cathy Hasslinger, Town Clerk, by calling 255-4219 extension 204.

AREA SENIOR CENTERS WELCOME TOWN RESIDENTS

Seniors who have not been in touch with their Senior Center are encouraged to call or visit. A surprising variety of low cost or free services and events are provided. While exact services vary from one Center to another, you can expect to find meals, social activities, transportation to medical appointments and shopping, crafts and hobbies, peer support, and outreach.

Outreach Workers are available to assist senior citizens and disabled adults to secure resources which allow them to remain in their own homes. Outreach Workers can assist with finances (Medical Assistance, homestead credit/deferred loan, fuel assistance, Community Options Programs, Social

Security and S.S.I.), housing, medical equipment on loan, meal programs, transportation, and adult day care programs.

McFarland Senior Center
5915 Milwaukee Street, McFarland,
WI 53558
608-838-7117

Stoughton Senior Center
248 W Main St
Stoughton, WI 53589
608-873-8585

Oregon Senior Center
219 Park Street
Oregon, WI 53575
608-835-5801

Parks Commission Update

By Mary Gross

Things are slowing down for our parks commission. With winter in the horizon, most of the work in our parks is completed for the season with exception to mowing. We celebrated Arbor Day with our potluck. Pat Ready was here to talk about back yard birds. William Lunney was awarded our stewardship award for all the work he has done with our lakes. Over 60 people attended; it was a huge success.

The Simpson Park neighborhood raised enough money with the matched funds from the Town; they were able to buy playground equipment. Jay Hoel and Hardy Krueger from our Public Works Department installed the equipment and put in landscaping. The park looks great!

The commission will be updating our bike brochure. The Town is a beautiful place to bike! In addition to that we will be working on a new policy for our easements and public property in the Town. We have been having some problems with residents using Town property for private storage and use.

PLEASE REMEMBER NO SNOWMOBILES IN TOWN PARKS. Last year there was a problem with snowmobiles running at Spartan Hills.

PLEASE CLEAN UP after your dogs! Our parks and green spaces are not meant to be used for dog waste. We have been having serious problems with Dunn Heritage and also Spartan Hills. Be courteous and clean up waste!

Police Update

The Town of Dunn contracts with the Dane County Sheriff's office to work for the town for approximately 20 hours per week. We have four deputy sheriffs that alternate shifts. We also have court once a month and our elected Judge is Robert Schneider. Most of our ordinances are complaint driven. The most common violations other than traffic are dog-related, junk vehicles, and junk and waste on property. The Town does have a parking ordinance 19.09, which is complaint driven. This ordinance does not allow any tires of a vehicle to be on the pavement. For the complete ordinance please go to our website.

Please remember when a violation occurs please report it immediately to the Dane County Sheriff's office or if it happens during office hours to the Town Hall. The Dane County non-emergency number is 266-4948.

MedDrop: The Best Place to Get Rid of Medication

Unwanted and unused prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines can be found in every household in the country and can be hazardous to both humans and the environment. Recent research has shown that flushing medicines down the toilet or putting them in the trash is not the ideal method to dispose of these products. To avoid contaminating the environment and harming others, please bring your unneeded medicine to MedDrop. This is a **free** service for all Wisconsin residents.

Please visit www.meddropdane.org for more information and to register for MedDrop email updates.



RECYCLING GUIDE

The small efforts we make each day to REDUCE, RE-USE, AND RECYCLE benefit our community and our environment for years to come. State law requires residents to recycle. This guide is designed to help you determine what to recycle, where to dispose of unusual items, and who to call if you have a question.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Glass Containers

- Jars & Bottles Only
- No Light Bulbs
- No Dishes, Cookware or Glasses
- Rinse Clean
- Clear, Green and Brown Glass Only
- Place Lids and Metal Rings with Other Garbage
- Do Not Have to Remove Labels on Glass

Plastic Containers

- #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 are all recyclable
- Do Not recycle #2 high density buckets (1 and 5 gallon)
- No Containers Used for Medicine, Oil or Chemicals
- Remove Lids and Place With Other Garbage
- Rinse Clean
- Crush Containers

Tin Cans

- Food Cans ONLY—No Paint or Chemical Cans
- Aerosol Cans Are Acceptable When Emptied
- Rinse Clean and Remove Label
- Place Lid Inside of Can and Flatten or
- Place Lid in Regular Garbage

Aluminum Cans

- Cans Only
- No Foil and No Pie Plates
- No Soda Pop or Beverage Tabs
- Drain All Liquids
- Rinse Clean

Cardboard/Paper Bags

- Only Clean Brown Paper Bags
- Only Corrugated Cardboard,
(Place Wax-Coated Boxes In Trash)
- No Pizza Boxes or Egg Containers
- Flatten All Boxes, Keep Dry
- Cut Pieces to Less Than 3 Foot Square
- Bundle With String or Place in Paper Grocery Bag

Newspaper/Magazines/Phone books

- Newsprint (Includes Shiny Inserts)
- Magazines, Catalogs, Phone Books
- Place Newsprint in Brown Paper Grocery Bag
- Bundle Magazines With String in 6" Stack
- PAPER TYPES MUST BE KEPT SEPARATE!

The next Goodwill Industries pick up is scheduled: Saturday, December 12th from 9 AM to 12 PM

in the Town Hall parking lot.

Goodwill staff will help unload and provide tax receipts.

The town will only accept donations during the scheduled drop-off dates/times.

Need Extra Curbside Pick-up? Call Waste Management

Each household is allowed one thirty-four gallon container for solid waste and an unlimited volume of recyclables. The charge is included on your tax bill each year.

For additional volume pick up contact Waste Management. For a fee they will provide an extra 64-gallon toter or an extra 96-gallon toter. The Town does not provide the toters or bill for extra service. The toters may be filled in addition to the usual 34 gallon container allowed. Cost is billed directly to the homeowner. At the time of this publication the cost of the 64 gallon toter was \$66 per year and the cost of the 96 gallon toter was \$84 per month.

Items that are too big to fit into a 34 gallon receptacle such as mattresses, chairs, couches, washers, dryers, refrigerators, appliances, etc, can be picked up by Waste Management if you call (608) 273-2500 in advance. The cost is \$25.00 per item. These items are scheduled for pick-up once per month. Make sure to call ahead for the schedule. Waste Management can also help you with your remodeling needs or cleanup. Please call (608) 273-2500 on the cost of renting a dumpster.

Town of Dunn Transfer Site

4030 County Road B,

¼ mile east of the Dunn Town Hall

Open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month

8 AM to 4 PM.

The Transfer Site accepts:

**Scrap Metal - Motor Oil - Yard Waste
Brush and Wood - Batteries - Tires**

Holiday Trees - Waste Management will not pick up trees left at the curbside. Trees without tinsel, decorations, or stands can be taken to the Town Transfer Site.

Scrap metal - Scrap iron, steel, copper, and other metals are accepted. We only accept motors after the gas and oil has been drained.

Motor oil - Used motor oil that is free of other liquids such as antifreeze is accepted. Either reuse your used motor oil container or dispose of it in the trash. Don't leave oil containers near the used oil tank.

Leaves and grass clippings - Put any compostable material in the compost pile at the Transfer Site, or compost them yourself at home.

Brush and Wood - We take brush and limbs that are free of soil. We cannot take stumps or lumber.
Dane County's landfill will take tree stumps, construction material and many other large items.
Call 838-9555 for information.

Tires - We charge a fee based on our costs for disposal. At the time of this publication auto tires were \$3 without rims and \$4 for tires with rims. Semi truck tires cost \$7 for disposal and tractor tires cost \$25. Tires (rims removed) can be taken to the Dane County Landfill for a small fee.

Appliances - We **ONLY** accept refrigerators, air conditioners and dehumidifiers.

Questions?

Call the Town Hall at 255-4219 extension 201

Other Recyclable Items

Appliances, furniture and large items: Appliance pick up or drop off is available from Gary's Appliances, 2405 Vondron Rd. Call 221-1150 for more information. Television Recycling is available at Resource Solutions. Call 244-5451 for more information.

Most large items and appliances can be picked up by Waste Management. You must call ahead. Pick-up is offered once per month and there may be a \$25.00 fee. For more information call (608) 273-2500.

Remodeling Debris: Waste Management can provide a dumpster. Please call (608) 273-2500 for pricing. **You may be able to drop off construction materials at Madison Prairie Landfill, 3490 Nelson Rd. Please call ahead 837-9031. Dane County Landfill will also take construction material. Call 838-9555 for information.**

Fluorescent Light Bulbs: Recycled through any retailer who sells fluorescent lamps or through Waste Management. Call to arrange pick up 800-236-1028.

Thermostats: Due to health problems associated with mercury, old thermostats and thermometers should be recycled through Dane County Clean Sweep, Madison Gas and Electric, First Supply Madison, Gustave A. Larson Co. or Warren Heating and Air Conditioning. For more information call Clean Sweep Coordinator Dave Radisewitz (608) 243-0347.

Hazardous Materials: Paint, pesticides, poisons, solvents, ignitables, aerosols, sealants, fuel, oil and other hazardous materials must not end up in our landfill. Dispose of these items at Clean Sweep May 1 through October 31. Clean Sweep is located at the Dane County Highway Garage 2302 Fish Hatchery Road Madison. For further information call the recorded information line at 608-243-0368 or visit www.danecountycleansweep.com. For other possible drop off sites call the Wisconsin DNR at 275-3208.

Computers: Computers contain hazardous materials and should be recycled. Janssen Computers, 3 Marsh Ct., 222-9100 will take equipment for reuse or recycle. Cascade Asset Management accepts any and all computer and computer related equipment from businesses. Household computers are collected at semi-annual drop-offs in April and November. Call 222-4800 for more information. Also, see their web page at <http://www.cascade-assets.com>. Visit the Dane County website at www.countyofdane.com/pubworks/recyc.htm.