



Town of Springvale

December 2018



Board Opening

Changes are coming to the Town Government! Pat Heyer, the current Clerk announced she would not run again in 2019. The Board found it difficult to find anyone in the Town willing and

qualified for the position. Thus the Board went through the process to change the position to be appointed position rather than elected, so the Clerk is not required to live in the Town. After going through a hiring process, Karen Smit has been appointed as Deputy Clerk and when Pat Heyer's current term expires in April it is expected Karen will be appointed to the Clerk role.

Dan Dahlke, after 16 years of service to the Town, first as Treasurer and then as Town Chairman, has decided to retire when his term expires in April 2019, leaving an opening on the Town Board and specifically the Chairman position. **If you have any interest in being involved with the Town government, this would be a good time to consider doing so.**

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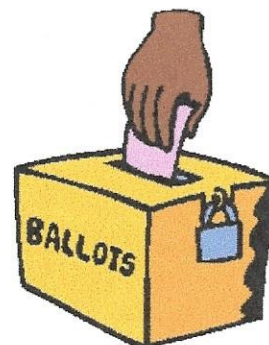
In general, there are two ways in which an interested party can have their name placed on a ballot. One of the ways some of us are familiar with is by candidates circulating nomination papers. We see this often for County and State elections where you will

be asked to sign nomination papers in support of a

candidate. They are required to obtain a certain number of signatures before their name will be placed on the ballot. The other way is a Caucus meeting. **In the Town of Springvale, candidates for town offices are nominated at a Caucus.**

When is the Caucus held?

By Statute, between December 1 and January 1 the Town Board must decide on a date for the Caucus and that date must be between January 1st and 21st of the year of the election. At a meeting in December, the Springvale Board will determine the date for the Caucus Meeting and it will likely be sometime the first full week of January. The Clerk will post a notice of the Caucus at the Town Hall, on the Town website, and at Tabbert's Restaurant and Bluemke Gas Station.



Who may nominate candidates at a Caucus? Only qualified electors of the municipality may nominate and vote for candidates at a caucus. A candidate for a town office must be a qualified elector and an actual resident of the town at the time of the election.

If you have an interest in being on the Board and have questions, contact Dan Dahlke at 920 979-1859 or come to the Caucus Meeting.



COMMUNICATION: The new website www.townspringvale.com is a great way to communicate. But there are times we need to communicate with our residents and property owners directly. We of course have your mailing address, but sometimes we need to call you and in some cases, email would be a great method of communication. During tax collection, Rose had times when she really needed to contact people and often could find no contact information other than mailing address. We are asking you to send your telephone number and email address to springvaleclerkfdl@gmail.com so we are able to update our records. We do not share this information and use it only when there is a need to contact you. Thanks in advance for helping with this.



Building Permits

During the past year, we've been going through some changes with issuing building permits. It has been difficult to find someone within the Town who stays in Wisconsin the entire year and is willing to take on the responsibilities for issuing building permits. The permit issuer needs to understand the zoning ordinance including uses and setbacks in all of our five zoning districts. We have recently contracted with Grand Valley Inspection Service to issue all building permits for the Town, whether it is new housing, remodeling, a shed, garage, farm building, etc. Susan Leahy is the contact person for Grand Valley Inspection Services.

As the Board has gone through this process they have learned a lot (maybe more than they wanted to know) about building permits, the reason they are necessary, and why required by the State of Wisconsin in many situations.

When do you need a building permit and inspection? A permit is required when you construct a new house, additions, or changing plumbing, electrical, window size, or totally gutting your current home. Surprising to the Board was that adding a deck to your home is a time when a permit and inspections are required due to the current deck code. You will need a permit and inspections when you are constructing a new building, even if you aren't adding electricity or plumbing, because adherence to set back and allowable usage for your land zoning needs to be verified.

Permits are not required for a new roof (unless you are stripping to the trusses), siding, window and door replacement (same size). If the size of a window or door is increased in width, then a permit is required. A permit may not be required when remodeling a kitchen unless you are changing the location of the sink/dishwasher or adding a dishwasher or electrical outlets. Additional outlets require a permit.

Bottom line, if you are going to make any building changes to your home or property, give Susan a call or email to ask whether a permit is required or not. She can be reached at **920 229-6360** or gvinspection@gmail.com.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING:

Remember, Garbage pickup is every Tuesday, and Recycle is every other Tuesday (i.e. Jan. 15, January 29, etc.). When a calendar indicating the pickup schedule becomes available, I will post it on the www.townspringvale.com website.

Per our contract with Waste Management (WM), every residence is given one recycle container and one garbage container. Because containers are provided, there should be no bags of garbage or recycling put outside the containers. The containers are the property of WM and are to be left at the residence if you move.

Please remember when putting both containers at the end of your driveway on a recycle day to make sure they are at least 3' apart so the arm of the truck can pick the container up. To be certain your containers will be emptied, have them at the end of your driveway early in the morning. Waste Management sometimes changes their routes and residences previously not serviced until late morning may have their containers emptied at 6:30 in the morning.

If your cart sustains damage (a wheel come off etc.) please call me and I'll arrange to have WM repair or replace the cart. If you have an issue with the service you may call me rather than trying to call WM directly. I have a direct contact she will help me resolve your issue. You can reach me on my cell at [920 979-0620](tel:9209790620). If I don't answer, leave a clear message with your name, phone number and address and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

I sometimes get phone calls regarding where to dispose of items other than what fits or is appropriate for the containers. The Town does not have a dump, nor do we have bulk pickup. The best answer I can give you is to contact Waste Management, Aronson's in Waupun or other recycle/scrap facilities. If you have electronics to recycle, there are many places that will take them, but often there is a charge for it.

A website I found (www.recyclemorewisconsin.org) has a great deal of information on recycling and where and how to dispose of items.



WINTER AGAIN!! Seems like this is way too soon...but reality says winter is here again.



Those of you who have lived in our Town for a while already know most of the following information as I share about the same thing every winter, but for the benefit of those new to the Town, here goes again!

Plowing Priorities: Just a reminder of the plowing priorities set for dealing with a major snow storm. Metovale Road and Center Road will be the first priorities for plowing during snow storms as these are the most frequently traveled Town roads. With just a light snow, it takes about 4 hours to open all the roads in the town—add time to that if there are drifts. Be patient when waiting for the plows to clear your roads. After those two main arteries of the Town are cleared, the guys alternate between doing the western side of the Town first or doing

the eastern side first.

The view the Town is required to take is what is best for the **entire town**. It may seem as though the Town should make sure the roads are open 24/7 because we all like to be able to come and go when we want. But the fact is that when you chose to “live in the country” consideration should have been given to road conditions in the winter. The Town needs to take responsibility for the safety of the entire township and the benefit of the many vs the benefit of one or two. It also has to take the safety of the plow drivers into consideration, as well as the Town budget. Frequent calls to the Board members will not improve the situation as the crew members are doing the best they can considering the winter conditions they are facing.

On the other hand—if there is a true emergency (i.e. medical, etc.) please do call a Board member or call the Sheriff's office and they will relay the message. Also, do let us know if a road is drifting where we may not be aware of the situation, or an icy intersection that needs salt/sand. **It is all about safety for everyone.**

Note: Wis. Stat 88.022 makes it a misdemeanor punishable by fine to place an obstruction in a road or ditch. This includes pushing, blowing or dumping piles of snow in the road or ditch. It poses a danger to the plow (driver and equipment) when they are plowing and hit a pile of snow. Also, if a resident has caused the road to be slippery by pushing snow across the road, the resident could be liable if an accident occurs due to that slippery area.



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