



# Town of Springvale

## Winter 2018



### WINTER AGAIN!!

It seems like I say the same things every winter about the plowing and road conditions. Here is a quick recap:

**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—then add time to that if there are drifts, so 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. If you know a storm is coming, perhaps you need to consider staying in town that night knowing you might not make it into work in the morning or home from work during a storm. 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 (such as medical) and a need to get out, 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 it, 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.



### Coming soon! A website for the Town of Springvale.

For a couple of months, we have been working to put together a website for the Town which gives our residents a place on the internet to find Town information. It will include agendas and minutes, but beyond that, links to information on voting or how to obtain an absentee ballot or register to vote if new to the Town or changed name or address. There will be information on recycling, including the calendar of which days are recycle and garbage vs only garbage.



The front page will include a place we can put timely notices, such as the garbage/recycle date being delayed or changed, or if a storm is so bad we need to pull the plows off the roads. There will also be contact information for the Board and other officials of the Town. Information such as who to call for a building permit, or where to pay your property taxes.

It is a work in progress at this point, but as they say, “stay tuned.”



## Clerk Position

As I discussed before, I would like to give up the Clerk position after 20+ years, but it has been difficult to find someone within the town who has the qualifications, time and desire to do the work of the Clerk. I have done some research, especially from the Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA) the County Clerk, and our Town Attorney regarding the pros and cons of an elected clerk vs. an appointed clerk. The WTA reports that among Towns in Wisconsin belonging to the WTA 228 have appointed clerks, 165 appointed treasurers 105 appointed clerks-treasurers. The WTA points out three common reasons for switching to appointed clerk:

1. The responsibilities of the position are becoming more complicated and difficult and require personnel who have the skill set to complete the tasks.
2. The town is unable to find an elector who is interested in running and serving in the position
3. The town board prefers to set the job description, the qualifications, the term and the compensation and have these position become more accountable to them.

First of all, a brief and partial review of what the clerk does:

1. Handles the entire accounting system for the Town and does all local and state accounting reports including the Financial report to taxpayers as well as the Financial Form C required by the State Department of Revenue .
2. Payroll for the Town including filing payroll reports to the IRS and State DOR, as well as W-2s and 1099s.
3. Election cycle including posting notices, following all requirements of the election.
4. Preparation of information for tax bills. The Treasurer collects the taxes and reports that information to the County, and reconciles the bank accounts, but the Clerk first collects the information and inputs the data for school and county levies so the tax bills can be generated.
5. Keeping minutes of meetings, timely posting of notices and agendas.



It is a position that requires a multitude of skills from accounting to communication to fulfilling legal requirements.

According to the WTA following are the differences between appointed and elected clerks or treasurer:

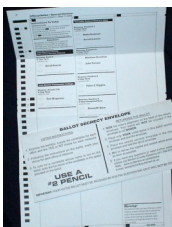
### Appointed clerks:

1. Do not need to be an elector or a resident of the town.
2. Have their job descriptions, which includes all statutory responsibilities, and any additional responsibilities (i.e. secretary of plan commission or board of review) set by the town board.
3. Have their qualifications, compensation and term of office set by the town board. The board may appoint the person for up to 3 years at a time and may compensate the person as hourly versus salaried.
4. May only be removed during their appointment if there is "cause" (misconduct or neglect of duties) but the board may appoint to a term less than three years and then opt to not re-appoint if the person is not working out.
5. May be subject to a criminal background check and/or credit check as a condition of employment

### Elected clerks:

1. Do have to be an elector of the town. If elected official resigns, the person appointed to fill the term must also be.
2. Are answerable to the electorate and cannot be required by the board to attend training, hold office hours, or obtain certain qualifications if not specified by statutes.
3. Have compensation established by the electors, unless delegated to the town board by the electors.
4. Have their responsibilities set forth by statute
5. Have two year terms.
6. Can be recalled from office by the electorate or be removed from office by order of a circuit court judge.
7. Are not subject to a criminal background check or credit card check.

After reviewing all opinions and options, the Board has determined the Town would be better served by having an appointed clerk. It would be "nice" to have the Clerk reside in the Town, but having some control over the job performance and the possibility of finding a qualified candidate for the position is more important than where the Clerk resides.



There are, of course, legal requirements to switching the position from elected (as it is now) to appointed and the Board began that process at the December Board meeting when they passed an Ordinance to change the Clerk position from elected to appointed. The next step included posting the notice of the adopted Ordinance in the Town, there are further publications that need to be met and finally, there is required to be a referendum question on the ballot for the April election. The Ordinance will not go into effect unless the Referendum passes at the April election. Even if the Referendum does pass, by law the change from elected to appointed would not happen until my current term expires in April of 2019.

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NOTES	
<b>GARBAGE ONLY WEEK</b>	
<b>GARBAGE &amp; RECYCLING WEEK</b>	
<b>CART PLACEMENT</b>	
<i>Keep carts 3 ft apart &amp; away from other fixed objects.</i>	
<b>2018 OBSERVED HOLIDAYS</b>	
New Years Day	Jan 01
Memorial Day	May 28
Independence Day	July 04
Labor Day	Sep 03
Thanksgiving	Nov 22
Christmas	Dec 25
<b>QUESTIONS?</b>	
Contact PAT HEYER 920-979-0620	
<b>WASTE MANAGEMENT</b> 1-888-960-0008	

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**2018 TOWN OF SPRINGVALE GARBAGE & RECYCLING CALENDAR**

## **GARBAGE AND RECYCLING:**

I would like to give you a couple reminders about garbage and recycle pickup. Garbage is every Tuesday morning, and Recycle is every other Tuesday morning (i.e. Jan. 17, January 31, etc.). A calendar showing the schedule for 2017 is part of this newsletter for your convenience.

Also, per our contract with Waste Management, 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.

Also, please remember when putting both containers at the end of your driveway on a recycle day to make sure they are at least three feet apart so the arm of the truck can pick the container up. It is possible that neither container will be emptied if they are not a sufficient distance apart. Also, to be certain your containers will be emptied, have them at the end of your driveway early in the morning. Occasionally Waste Management changes their route 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, or a semi hit it) please call me and I'll arrange to have Waste Management repair or replace the cart. If you have an issue with the pick-up, you may call me rather than trying to call Waste Management directly. I have a direct contact and can contact her to get a resolution to your issue. You can reach me on my cell at [920 979-0620](tel:920-979-0620). If I don't answer immediately, 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 in 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 facility. If you have electronics to recycle, there are many places that will

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