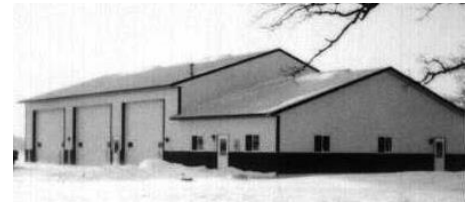




## Town of Springvale

### Newsletter

December 2020



#### Garbage and Recycling Updates

As a resident in the Town of Springvale, you receive garbage and recycle collection service. The cost of this service is passed onto each household as an assessment placed on the property tax bill. In the spring of 2020 the current contract for garbage and recycle services expired and as the Board reviewed the bids they discovered the cost of recycle and garbage collection would increase significantly. A five year contract with Advanced Disposal was determined to be the best for the Town and its residents and taxpayers. The new service began in May.

Please note: Each residence is to have **one** garbage and **one** recycle container.

Due to the increase in cost going forward, it is necessary to adjust the charge placed on the tax bills for garbage and recycling with an increase from \$135 to \$202 per year. The Board researched the cost passed on to taxpayers in neighboring municipalities and even with the increase find that Springvale is comparable.

However, as of November, Waste Management has bought out Advanced Disposal. The Board does not know what impact that will have at this time, but our five-year contract should help protect us from increases greater than a fuel and inflation surcharge which is a part of the contract.

#### Elections! Elections!

Seems like there is no end! In 2021, however, it currently appears there will only be two elections – a primary in February and a Spring Election in April. The Spring Election is when members of school boards may be up for election, and every other year the members of the Town Board and Town Treasurer are up for election. 2021 will be the year to elect the Town of Springvale Board members for the next two years.

Just a quick side note: At the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election, our Town had slightly over a 91% voter turnout! Wow!

In Springvale, those wishing to run for a Board position or for Treasurer are determined by a Town Caucus which will be held Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm immediately followed by the January Board meeting. Our

If serving on the Town Board doesn't interest you but you would like to be more involved with the Town, we can always use help with election workers or part time snowplowing or mowing and road maintenance. Let us know if you would like to help out.

current Chairman, Brian Madigan has determined that at this time he does not feel he can fully serve in the capacity of Town Chairman due to his increased "regular job" work duties. Anyone interested in running for the office of Town Chairman, or as a supervisor or treasurer should attend the January Town Caucus and have someone nominate them or nominate themselves. At the Annual Meeting of Taxpayers in November it was suggested to the Board that the salary for the Chairman be increased from

\$3500 to \$4500 per year, and that increase was approved by the Board at their November meeting. The increase will take effect after the April election.

#### Building Permits:

All Building Permits are issued by our Building Inspector. Please contact the building inspector at least two months prior to beginning construction in order that any possible issues can be managed prior to commencement of work. New construction, additions, electrical service and demolition all require a permit. If you are not certain if you need a permit for what you are planning to do, give Susan a call and she will guide you and explain the need (or lack of a need) for a building permit.



Contact Susan Leahy at Grand Valley Inspection Services. [Gvinspection@gmail.com](mailto:Gvinspection@gmail.com), 920-229-6360 or by mail at W4691 County Road B, Markesan, WI 53946.

## Winter Plowing of Roads



A couple of reminders about snowplowing the Town roads. As the most frequently traveled Town roads, Metovale and Center Road are the first priority during a snow storm. The plan is to alternate between doing the western or eastern side of the town first. During a light storm, it takes about 4 hours to open all the town roads. If it is a major storm the time will be considerably longer. **If Fond du Lac County pulls their plow drivers off the roads during a storm, our Town will do the same.**

Please note that it is a misdemeanor to place an obstruction in a road or ditch. This includes blowing or dumping piles of snow in the road or ditch. 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.

## Who are your town officials?

At the November election, someone mentioned that since newsletters are only done infrequently, there is a feeling of not knowing much about the town any longer. It's true we aren't sending newsletters out as often as "days of old" but there are still ways to keep up with the goings-on. There is always the website [www.townspringvale.com](http://www.townspringvale.com) where the agenda for the upcoming board meeting is posted and the minutes are posted after approval. If you need the garbage/recycle pick up schedule - that is on the website also as is contact information for the Board members, Clerk and Treasurer.

In addition, the Board meetings (held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the winter months and at 7:00 during the summer months) are open to the public. You are welcome to come to the Board meetings just to see what's going on. If you need something added to the agenda, contact the Clerk at least a week prior to a scheduled meeting.

Your current Board members are:

- Chairman of the Board – Brian Madigan (As noted in this newsletter, Brian will not be seeking re-election in April due to increased responsibilities in his "regular" job.) Brian not only grew up in our Town as did his wife, but is also raising his family here.
- Supervisor 1 is Barbara Hollander. Barb's deceased husband Tom was Town Chairman for several years, so Barb is quite familiar with the workings of the town government.
- Supervisor 2 is Terry Madigan who also was raised in this Town and also raised his family here.
- Clerk Karen Smit has been in that position for two years as well as being the Clerk for the Village of Fairwater. Her husband Steve grew up just down the road from the Town Hall.
- Treasurer is Rose Riedeman who also has raised her family here In the Town and has been Treasurer for many year.
- Part-time road maintenance worker is Gordy Montey.
- Helping Gordy especially in the winter months with snow plowing is Luke Sina.

Then we have some "hangers-on."

- Dan Dahlke who was Chairman for several years still assists with some road maintenance including mowing ditches, etc. Dan also helps keep the Hall cleaned and "spiffed up."
- Pat Heyer, Clerk for many years, is now Deputy Clerk with her main duty being handling the elections.

## Town Officials Contact Information

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| Supervisors   | Barbara Hollande | 920-979-5733   | Assessor: Joel Ryan   |               | 920-922-2411   |
|               |                  | <a href="mailto:Springvalesuer1fdl@gmail.com">Springvalesuer1fdl@gmail.com</a>     | Permit Issuer Building Permits  |               |  |
|               | Terry Madigan    | 920-872-2003   | Grand Valley Inspection Services.   |               |  |
|               |                  | <a href="mailto:Springvalesuperv2fdl@gmail.com">Springvalesuperv2fdl@gmail.com</a> | - Susan Leahy at <a href="mailto:Gvinspection@gmail.com">Gvinspection@gmail.com</a> , |               |  |
| Clerk         | Karen Smit       | 920-960-6143   |   |               | 920-229-6360   |
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