

TOWN OF ANGELICA NEWSLETTER ~ MARCH OF 2016

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UPCOMING ELECTIONS IN 2016: **SPRING ELECTION (Presidential Primary) ~ Tuesday, April 5, 2016**
PARTISAN PRIMARY ~ August 9, 2016
FALL GENERAL ELECTION ~ November 8, 2016

Voter ID is now required for all future elections. For more information go to the Government Accountability Board website at <http://gab.wi.gov>.

PLANTING OF CROPS WITHIN ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY: Wisconsin Statutes specifically prohibit the planting or placing of any object in road right-of-way that may serve as an obstruction. This prohibition exists to ensure that the town can adequately maintain the roadways and to ensure that persons using the roadways can use them safely without any obstructions. For example, planting crops within the road right-of-way can cause vision problems for vehicles pulling out of driveways and side roads, as well as result in less reaction time for motorists to avoid car-deer collisions. Agricultural activities within the right-of-way can also obstruct or alter ditches causing drainage issues that decrease the life of the road and potentially create issues for adjacent property owners. Wisconsin Statutes provide that anyone who so obstructs a road right-of-way shall be subject to substantial fines and penalties for this violation, as well as all costs necessary to remove the obstruction. These are in addition to other liabilities and damages that may be alleged by users of the roadway if any accidents are caused by the obstructions. The right-of-way distance is 33 feet from the centerline of the road. Wisconsin State Statute 66.1037 allows the town to remove any obstructions within the road right of way. Statute 86.021 states: No person shall plow, cultivate or work any lands as to interfere with or obstruct the drainage, nor shall any person operate any farm or other machinery on, over, along or across any public road in such manner as to damage the road. Wisconsin State Statute 86.021(2): Any person who shall violate shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be subject to fines or by imprisonment and shall in addition pay the whole cost to restore the ditch or road. The preceding State Statutes are summarized.

DRAINAGE PROBLEMS ON PRIVATE LANDS: In the Town's December 2015 newsletter portions of State Statutes 88.90 were cited in regard to drainage problems occurring on private lands that are caused because natural waterways are intentionally blocked or natural vegetation such as brush and trees are obstructing the flow of water. It was stated that the DNR and the Army Corps of Engineers should be contacted for determination of being a natural waterway. **In addition to contacting the DNR and the Army Corps, property owners should also contact their own private attorney.** The town is not giving legal advice and each situation depends on its particular facts.

UPDATING OF TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The town board, in conjunction with the Town of Angelica Planning Commission, will soon be working on updating the Town of Angelica Comprehensive Plan. The current plan is nearly ten years old and the State's Comprehensive Planning Law requires that it be updated. It is planned that a survey of the town's residents will be mailed out by this summer. *Your input is important and we strongly encourage that you return the survey giving the board your views of what you feel is important in the development, use of land and provision of services in the Town of Angelica.*

WEIGHT & SIZE LIMITS FOR IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY (IoH) AND AGRICULTURAL COMMERCIAL VEHICLES (AG CMV): Under Option F of State Act 377, all IoH and Ag CMVs except Category B may operate on all non-posted town roads with the new standards of 23k/axle and 92k gross vehicle weight. Contact Town Chairman Richard Smith for more information or to obtain a permit to exceed these standards.

GRASS CUTTINGS ON TOWN ROADS: Last summer the town board received several complaints in regard to large amounts of freshly cut grass being put on town roads. When cutting grass next to the road, please refrain from blowing the grass unto the road. This freshly cut grass can create a slippery surface and also irritate a car owner when it soils their car.

BURNING POLICY IN THE TOWN OF ANGELICA: Individuals/private citizens may burn lawn and garden debris and small quantities of clean-untreated wood. Clean paper waste that is **not recyclable** may also be burned. **Before burning, please obtain a copy of the Town of Angelica's policy on open burning.** It is available on the town's website or by contacting the Town Clerk. **If you anticipate any large amount of smoke, notify the Pulaski Tri-County Fire Department at 920-822-5392 and the Shawano County Sheriff at 715-526-3111 (non-emergency 24-hour phone number) to inform them of the planned burning.** When planning any burning, please keep in mind that the town has an ordinance whereby the property owner or resident will be billed the actual cost incurred by the town for fire protection and/or alarm responses and that passerbys with cell phones could call the fire department when they see smoke or fire. **It is important that the fire department and the Shawano County Sheriff Department be made aware of any planned burning.**

BUSINESSES: Please note that businesses **may not do any open burning** without a wood burning facility license that can be obtained from the DNR.

DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS: Under no circumstances is the burning of materials from demolition of buildings allowed. Check with the DNR in regard to burying of stone/cement foundations to see if this is allowed in your circumstance. Call: DNR Waste & Materials at 920-662-5170.

ZONE CHANGES ~ CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS ~ VARIANCE REQUESTS: In all cases, contact the Shawano County Planning, Development and Zoning Department at 715-526-6766 as a **Preliminary Consultation** form has to be filled out before proceeding with any of these requests.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION: Permits are required for construction of homes, additions to buildings and other buildings in the Town of Angelica. **Please note that in all instances a Shawano County Land-Use Permit and a Town of Angelica Building Permit are required.** Detailed information was provided in the December 2014 Town Newsletter, is posted on the town's website or can be obtained by contacting the town clerk.

BUILDING INSPECTION REQUIRED: New construction of one and two-family dwellings and alterations and additions to one and two-family dwellings in excess of 150 sq. ft. in any twelve month period shall obtain a UDC (Uniform Dwelling Code) building permit for such work from the building inspector in addition to the Town Building Permit. Town Building Inspector Michael Miller, Miller Inspections, LLC, Phone: 920-428-3331 is the building inspector for the town who issues the UDC permit and does the UDC inspections. There are forfeitures of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 for each day of noncompliance.

Any structural changes or major changes to mechanical systems that involve extensions shall require permits if over the \$5,000.00 threshold. Restoration or repair of an installation to its previous code-compliant condition as determined by the building inspector is exempted from permit requirements. Residing, re-roofing, window replacement, finishing of interior surfaces and installation of cabinetry shall be exempted from permit requirements.

DOG TAGS: It is important that dog license tags be attached to your dog's collar. We have had a number of instances when the town's Animal Control person has had to pick up a lost dog and it had no identification on it. If the dog tags or another form of identification are on the dog it can more easily be returned to its owner and in addition the dog tags confirm that the dog has had its required rabies shots. The town's animal control person is Glen Kraning who can be reached at 920-639-2376. Also as a reminder, a listing of people who have not obtained a dog license for their dog or dogs will be sent to the Shawano County District Attorney. **The deadline to obtain a license before being placed on this list is April 1, 2016.**

CONTACT INFORMATION: When sending in your taxes and or dog license applications to the Town Treasurer, please enclose a phone number where you can be contacted in case additional information is needed or there is a question regarding payment.

PAYMENT OF SECOND INSTALLMENT OF TAXES: Please note that the second installment of taxes due July 31, 2016 are **not** to be paid to the Town Treasurer but are to be paid to the **Shawano County Treasurer, Debra Wallace, Shawano County Court House, 311 Main Street, Shawano WI 54166.**

SERVICES FOR THE AGED AND DISABLED: The Shawano County Department of Social Services administers various programs in regard to Nutrition, Senior Services and Transportation for those people who are over 60 or are disabled. For more information call: 715-526-4700 or Toll Free at 1-866-526-2130.

KRAKOW PARK PAVILION: The Town of Angelica Park in Krakow would be a perfect place to have a family reunion, graduation party or birthday party. The pavilion building has a small kitchen area behind a serving counter with running water and electrical outlets. For rental information contact Steve Effert at 920-655-2669. Rental of the pavilion for town residents is \$40.00 which includes the picnic tables located in the shelter area of the pavilion.

OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW: The town's Assessor, Accurate Appraisal, will be holding Open Book at the town hall on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Board of Review is scheduled for Thursday, July 28, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

ANNUAL MEETING ~ Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS, 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Town of Angelica Town Hall

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS, 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Angelica Town Hall

KRAKOW SANITARY DISTRICT MEETINGS, 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Sanitary District Treatment Plant

Your cooperation in all these matters is greatly appreciated.

*Sincerely,
The Angelica Town*

