



# **TOWN OF BIG BEND WINTER NEWSLETTER 2011**

## **IMPORTANT TAX COLLECTION INFORMATION**

- In Person Collection Days at Town Hall:  
December 30 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.  
December 31 from 8 a.m. until Noon  
January 28 from 8 a.m. until Noon  
January 31 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **No Tax Collections by Credit Card – DO NOT SEND PAYMENT TO COUNTY!!!**
- In order to qualify for a 2011 tax deduction, I must have your payment by December 31.
- Dog Licenses - \$5 if neutered or spayed, \$10 if not. If your dog has died or you no longer have it, please fill out the enclosed form and return it.
- If you want a receipt for your taxes, you must include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Use a large envelope for multiple receipts.
- Tax booklets are \$3.50 this year to cover printing. If you want it MAILED, send a self-addressed stamped envelope with 84 cents postage on it. If not, your tax book will not be mailed and your payment will be returned. Rusk County Plat Books are \$25.00 if you pick them up or \$28.00 if you want them mailed.
- Tax payments should be made out to: TOWN OF BIG BEND and mailed to  
N1195 Hwy 40  
New Auburn, WI 54757

## **BUDGET INFORMATION**

In accordance with the requirements of the State of Wisconsin, the town tax levy is identical to last year. More emphasis will be placed on maintaining the roads that we currently have. There are also no wage increases in this budget.

## **SNOW PLOWING**

During the snowy season, town roads will be plowed on a rotating schedule, alternating with starting at the north end or the south end of the town. The town plow driver will not clean out driveways or in front of mailboxes. If you place your garbage can out for collection, it must be on your property not in the town right of way. Those are your responsibilities as the property owner. The town chairman determines when the plow will be sent out.

## **ELECTION INFORMATION**

There will be four elections in 2012-February 21, April 3, August 14 and November 16. New requirements beginning with the February Primary: you must show a photo i.d. and you must sign the poll book-both before you vote. If you want an Absentee Ballot, you must provide a photo i.d. with your request.

Currently our County Board Supervisor is Karl Fisher. In April 2012, the Town of Big Bend will be divided because of redistricting, and there will be two supervisors serving Big Bend. A map of the split districts can be viewed at the town hall.

### **TOWN HALL & SHOP CLEAN UP**

The inside of the town hall has not been painted since it was built more than 10 years ago. If you would like to join us on February 25 at 8 a.m. or whenever you can make it. There will be plenty to do-painting, scrubbing, window washing, etc. In case of inclement weather, we will cancel until a later date.

### **CONCEALED CARRY POLICY**

By Board action, there will be no weapons allowed in any of the town buildings. That includes the town hall, town shop and recycling shed. Signs have been ordered and will be placed at the gate and on all buildings.

### **ROAD REGULATIONS**

If there are trees or brush on your property that are blocking any town signs, it is your responsibility to remove the obstacle. Recent case law has shown that you can be sued for not keeping the sign area cleared. If the items blocking the sign is in the town right of way, please call a board member or the road supervisor immediately.

Persons that cause road damage can be billed up to three times the cost of the repairs of that road. Remember, the town roads belong to everyone.

Snowmobiles will be using a few town road right-of-ways this winter. They are not allowed to ride on the roadway – only the right of way or ditch. Please remember this when you are out enjoying the snow. If you see violations, contact the Sheriff's Department at 715-532-2200.

Many of the town roads are used by walkers and runners. Please do not wear dark colors at night. Wear blaze orange during hunting season.

### **TOWN HALL USAGE**

There are several groups now using the town hall for a variety of activities. In addition to town meetings, it was built for the use of the people. If you are interested in using it, please obtain a Hall Rental Agreement from the town clerk. There are simple rules-no guns, no smoking, no alcohol and clean up when you leave. Examples of uses are group meetings, family get-togethers, quilting, church meetings, club meetings, and more.

### **RECYCLING & REFUSE COLLECTION**

No collection Dec. 24. Site is open Dec. 31. Only aluminum cans may be placed on the trailer. All other recycling must go in the recycling bins. Aluminum cans are cashed in and money is donated to Rusk County Animal Shelter Building Fund.

### **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU AND YOURS**

Chairman	Tom Meisner (715-353-2870)	Deputy Clerk Treasurer	Pam Gunderson
Supervisor	Jim Powers	Temp. Road Supervisor & Gen'l. Maint.	Gary Vetterkind
Supervisor	Mark Schmitt (715-353-2955)	Snow Plow Driver & Vehicle Maint.	Bob Christenson
Clerk Treasurer	Cecelia Stencil (715-353-2897)	Recycling & Refuse Attendant	Becky Fisher

**Town Board Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. unless otherwise posted. Recycling and refuse collection is the second and fourth Saturday through March. In April we will return to every Saturday.**

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