



## From The Town Chairperson Rodney Bauer

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Hello Township Residents,

I hope that everyone has found a way to have some fun with this winter weather as I know we are all ready for the spring weather to arrive. Since we still have winter weather on the way, there are a few housekeeping items we should remember when it comes to snow removal. First, it is important to understand that when removing the snow from your driveway, you as a homeowner are responsible for any accident that may be caused by either the equipment being used or the actual snow that you are moving. Here are a few details from the Wisconsin State Statutes:

- ❖ **86.01 Materials left in highway; penalty.** It shall be unlawful for any highway superintendent or any other person to leave any materials in the traveled portion of any highway not closed to public travel in piles or rows after sunset without placing within one hour after sunset upon such piles or at the end of such rows a lighted lantern containing sufficient oil or fuel to keep the same burning until daylight. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100.
- ❖ **86.02 Injury to highway.** Any person who shall injure any highway by obstructing or diverting any creek or watercourse or sluiceway, or by dragging logs or timber thereon, or by any other act, shall be liable in treble damages, to be recovered by the political division chargeable with the maintenance of highway injured, and the amount recovered shall be credited to the highway maintenance fund.

We should also remember to take in our garbage cans when it is not garbage day. The containers can be in the way of the snowplows and in some cases the cars that are driving which can lead to accidents or other damage. Your cooperation is appreciated in helping to make sure everyone is being safe when it comes to winter weather and snow removal.

I would like to thank everyone in the township including residents, elected officials, administrative staff and the Fire & Highway departments for all the dedication that they have shown to make this township function. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Warm regards,

Town Chairperson  
Rodney Bauer



## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Spring is almost here so it is time to plan for the Maintenance that needs to be addressed for our grounds. There were 23 pavilion rentals which was a great use of the building in 2022.

More insulation and caulking was done around the windows and doors for the Winter days. Spring cleaning of tables and chairs will be done as well as a new sealer on the picnic tables. The gazebo will be spruced up. The Ball diamond will be dragged and the play ground equipment will be cleaned up. A lot of branches and limbs will be cleaned up as well as trimming will be done. The mortar of the Pavilion will be inspected and repaired. New epoxy is needed on the floor.

A new contract for mowing and trimming will be addressed for the park and the Fire Department. Quotes for this service will be obtained by the first of April. Twenty pavilion reservations are in place for 2023. 5 have been completed. There are a lot of available dates still open. A lot of work to be done on our Beautiful property. A big Thank you to Pat for keeping our parking lots plowed This Winter.

Carolyn Opitz, Supervisor

### **LIBRARY REPORT**

The Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library has many events going on, especially for children! Please be sure to check out all the offerings at [marshfieldlibrary.org](http://marshfieldlibrary.org) or stop by and take a look. You can also sign up for their newsletter by following the link at the bottom of the home page.

The library offers some things you might not be aware of. If you're interested in your genealogy, stop by the library and access their [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) license FREE OF CHARGE!! Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library has many great events each month, including computer basics and "drop-in" tech help.

The shared agreement between the MPL and the Town of McMillan is due for renewal in September 2023 and we are working to make that a seamless transition. With the dramatic shift in usage of online content during Covid, among other factors, the town had a sizable budget increase for 2023 versus previous years so we are looking at ways to smooth out these year-over-year changes.

Dan Gotto  
Supervisor

Town of McMillan  
 Marathon County  
 2022 Annual Financial Report

Balance on hand as of January 1, 2022

<b>Asset Accounts:</b>	
General Checking Account	286,360
Savings - Tax Collection Account	1,707,470
Savings - Fire Department	56,601
Savings - Parks	9,675
<b>Total Beginning Assets</b>	<b>2,060,107</b>

**2022 Revenues**

**Taxes:**

Real Estate and Personal Property	524,809
Lottery Credit	21,977
<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>	<b>546,786</b>

**Intergovernmental Revenues:**

Federal Grant - ARPA	111,259
State Shared Revenues	50,162
State Fire Insurance - 2% Dues	10,386
Computer Aid from State	155
Public Safety Grant	12,620
State General Transportation Aid	138,795
PILT on State Conservation Land	8,808
Forest Cropland/Managed Forest Land Taxes	7,758
Local aid (Marathon County culverts)	918
<b>Intergovernmental Revenues Subtotal</b>	<b>340,861</b>

**Licenses and Permits:**

Liquor & Bartender Licenses	280
Dog Licenses (In/Out)	(70)
Franchise Fees	4,302
<b>Licenses and Permits Subtotal</b>	<b>4,512</b>

**Public Charge for Services:**

Record Disclosure Fee	20
Garbage Collection	194,998
Additional Recycle Bin	20
Park Deposit & Rental	3,644
<b>Public Charges for Services Subtotal</b>	<b>198,682</b>

**Miscellaneous Revenues:**

Interest Income	1,420
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# McMillan Fire Department NEWSLETTER

March / 2023



\*Practice Burn done by McMillan Fire  
Department on Staadt Ave in 2022



## From the Chief's Desk

It humbles me greatly to know that the department members have granted me the opportunity to be their Chief. In the last few months, the department has moved forward with everyone's help. We no longer carry or have on hand any foam that has PFAS in it. We have gone to a foam that is more environmentally friendly. The department has also gotten the foam pump fixed on the engine, which we have already used on a car fire. We have also received a Flex Grant for the EMS group to purchase a LUCAS device to help assist with CPR and 2 new AEDs. We are awaiting to hear if we have been granted the FireHouse Subs grant and also have completed the AFG (Assistance to FireFighters Grant). There are numerous other grants that the department has applied for during the last few months.

The EMS group has the endorsement of Community EMS. With this endorsement, we will be starting a Fall Prevention program. The EMS Coordinator, Assistant EMS Coordinator and I are diligently working on getting this program up and running. This is a good opportunity for the group to reach out to individuals to help make their home have less fall hazards. It also allows us the opportunity to touch base with individuals that we have helped to make sure they are doing okay.

We have also added new members to our roster. We now have 20 members on the roster. We are always looking for more volunteers. If you know of anyone that wishes to volunteer, please feel free to have them reach out to any one of the members.

On a final note, I just want to remind everyone that a burning permit is needed for any open burning in the township. Many residents think that we follow the DNR permit that they issue online. We do not follow these regulations. We do look at the DNR website to see what the burning danger is, but our ordinance states that a permit from the Fire Department is needed. If you wish to do any open burning please make sure that you are calling the Officer in Charge phone. That number is 715-660-0255.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Bauer

Fire Chief



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## EMS Update

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- Hypothermia/Frostbite

With the subzero weather that we have been having, here are some signs of frostbite. At first, cold skin and a prickling feeling. As frostbite progresses you may feel numbness and see red, white, bluish-white, or grayish-yellow skin. Hard or waxy-looking skin is an indication that the frost bite is getting worse

and you can also develop clumsiness due to joint and muscle stiffness. When you are trying to warm a frostbitten area DO NOT RUB the area. This will cause the tissue to tear. You can wrap the affected area in a warm blanket and slowly warm the area. Do not try to rapidly warm the area, this can cause damage. Please seek medical attention for any type of frostbite. If not treated correctly frost bite can lead to dead tissue and possible loss of that area.



### FROSTBITE SYMPTOMS



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## Fall Festival September 9th, 2023

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Our annual McMillan Fall Festival will be held on September 9th, 2023 this year.

This is the department's largest fundraiser event to help the department upgrade equipment, apparatus, and supplies that are needed to keep our station going. Please keep watch for our Fall Fest Flyers coming out in the next couple of months for more details!!

Happy  
Spring



**Website:**

We have some exciting news to share with you! Our website has a new home at [townofmcmillan.gov](http://townofmcmillan.gov), and we have given it a fresh new look. If you are used to visiting us at [townofmcmillan.com](http://townofmcmillan.com), don't worry! You can still find us there as well, as the old website will automatically take you to our new one. We have also created a Facebook page at [facebook.com/TownofMcMillan](https://facebook.com/TownofMcMillan), where you can stay up to date with everything going on in our town. Finally, please note that our clerk's email address has changed to [clerk@townofmcmillan.gov](mailto:clerk@townofmcmillan.gov). If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

We're not done yet! We're continuing to make improvements to our website to better serve our community. In the near future, we hope to add a calendar that will show whether our pavilion is available for rent or not, making it easier for you to plan events. And, in the future, we hope to offer online rentals of the pavilion for your convenience. We're always looking for ways to improve, so if you have any suggestions or ideas, we'd love to hear them!

**Upcoming Meetings:**

The annual town meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

Open Book is scheduled for April 20, 2023, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Board of Review is scheduled for May 3, 2023, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.





Well, it looks like Mother Nature doesn't want to let go this year!

Just a reminder as we get our late winter/early spring snowfalls, I ask that residents don't plow snow across the roads. After the winter's first ice storm, there were a lot of trees and branches cut and those remain in many ditches in the township. This wood does belong to the residents, and I am asking for your cooperation in making sure these branches and other debris are removed from the ditches come spring thaw. Speaking of spring thaw, as our days start becoming warmer and longer, that brings back our beloved potholes. Pat does a great job of staying on top of them, but every once in awhile there are some missed. I am asking for your patience, and if you notice a pothole that needs repair, please call the town hall.

I would like to thank all of the landowners that have let us put snow fencing on their property. I know we appreciate it and I'm sure anyone driving these roads appreciates it also.

We have put the Mann St project, grinding and resurfacing, out for bids and are expecting the project to start Spring/early Summer. We will know more in April.

A grant is being worked on to resurface Galvin from Elm Tree to Hwy C.

There are 2 culverts being replaced this Summer. One on St. Joseph's and one on North Rd.

Thank you!

Any questions please let me know.

Tom Seyfert

Supervisor







**2023 Election, Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup>:**

In-person absentee voting begins March 21, 2023. If you are interested in in-person absentee voting, you can do that at the Clerk's office March 22 and 29 from 3-6pm. If that doesn't work for you, please contact the Clerk's office at 715-389-1338 or email [clerk@townofmcmillan.gov](mailto:clerk@townofmcmillan.gov) and we can get something scheduled (including on weekends!)

Please keep in mind, due to Wisconsin Supreme Court rulings, the use of a drop box for absentee ballot returns is no longer available and a voter may not have someone else return their absentee ballot. If you've requested an absentee ballot by mail, please return the ballot by mail or bring the ballot to the Clerk's office on Wednesdays from 3p-6p or by appointment, or bring your ballot to the polling place on Election Day. If you have additional questions, please contact the clerk.

**Town Official Candidates:**

Town Chairman

- Rod Bauer (Incumbent)
- Deb Derfus

Supervisor

- Steve Michalski (Incumbent)
- Dave Swenson
- Nicole Forst
- Russ Kollmansburger

Constable

- Gus Wenzel (Incumbent)





## **Town of McMillan Plan Commission 2023 Spring Newsletter**

The General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County can be found online on the Marathon County webpage. There are Chapters addressing Livestock facilities (Chapter 13), Private sewage systems (Chapter 15), Shoreland, wetlands and flood plains (Chapter 22) and so on. The Plan Commission most often refers to Zoning code (Chapter 17) that defines all things related to zoning.

Each year Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning (CPZ) reviews the General Code of Ordinances Chapter 17 – Zoning Code to propose any text amendments that have been noted throughout the past year. Most of the revisions suggested are to ensure the County Ordinance remains consistent with Wisconsin Statutes and/or to provide clarity in the implementation and enforcement of the ordinance. Some changes may also be brought forth based on input from the County Zoned Towns. This process starts in November with implementation by March.

At the Environmental Resource Committee (ERC) meeting on January 31, our request to allow larger shed size was approved. Our reasoning for this request is that people just keep owning bigger things. Most often a resident owns a RV that they would like to store indoors, but that the current ordinance would not accommodate the size. This would allow many of the current RV sizes to enter without requiring a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). The change does not pertain to subdivisions. You can refer to Chapter 17.401.01 and 17.401.02 of the Zoning Code for more specific details on accessory buildings (ie shed ) requirements.

The Plan Commission meeting is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. The meeting is open to the public just like the regular Town Board Meetings. We are here to be of assistance.

Respectfully submitted

Carla Schaefer Mannigel



## GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Waste Management (WM) handles the town's garbage and recycle collection. The recycle program is administered by the Northwest Recycling Board (NWRB) which is comprised of six Towns – Cameron, Lincoln, Marshfield, McMillan, Richfield & Rock. The NWRB is in discussion with WM to conduct a second recycle pick up whereas it would be every two weeks. The board is awaiting WM's proposal. As your Supervisor, I represent McMillan on this board which typically meets quarterly. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Town of Cameron Town Hall.

During the NWRB's January 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, Chad Koehler, from WM (upper Midwest) addressed the importance of placing the proper items for recycle and garbage in their respective bins, and not to place additional items outside the bins on the ground. Hazardous Materials and Petroleum products are forbidden. WM vehicles are equipped with a camera(s) that document what items are being unloaded from garbage and recycle bins. Please refer to the WM web site [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com) for further reference to include the Frequently Asked Questions, i.e. What items can I put into the trash? What items and materials are/are not recyclable? For missed pickups or concerns, contact the Marshfield WM Office at 715-240-0534 and speak to Jessica, Cassandra or Curt. Contact me for new pick up or additional garbage and/or recycle bins.

The six Towns are in a six-year Residential Solid Waste and Recyclable Material Collection Contract with WM that was effective on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and runs through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Following is an excerpt from that contract documenting service fees. A copy of said contract will be made available at our monthly Town meetings or contact me and I will get a copy to you.

Weekly collection of Residential Solid Waste utilizing Contractor supplied Carts:

01/1/20 through 12/31/20	\$18.13 per unit per month
01/1/21 through 12/31/21	\$18.93 per unit per month
01/1/22 through 12/31/22	\$19.50 per unit per month
01/1/23 through 12/31/23	\$20.08 per unit per month
01/1/24 through 12/31/24	\$20.68 per unit per month
01/1/25 through 12/31/25	\$21.30 per unit per month
01/1/26 through 12/31/26	\$21.93 per unit per month

Every four weeks collection of Recyclable Material utilizing Contractor supplied Carts:

01/1/20 through 12/31/20	\$3.13 per unit per month
01/1/21 through 12/31/21	\$3.33 per unit per month
01/1/22 through 12/31/22	\$3.43 per unit per month
01/1/23 through 12/31/23	\$3.53 per unit per month
01/1/24 through 12/31/24	\$3.64 per unit per month
01/1/25 through 12/31/25	\$3.75 per unit per month
01/1/26 through 12/31/26	\$3.86 per unit per month

**Mark-your-calendar** - Tire collection will be held at Pankratz Trucking LL, 10719 US Highway 10 (near Nasonville Dairy) on Saturday, April 28 from 8:00 am-3:00pm. This years' rotation are the Towns of Marshfield and McMillan. Coordinate with myself for volunteering all of part of the seven hours. Plan on bringing a good pair of gloves and wearing boots. Town residents will need a "Red Card" or their Driver's License upon arrival at the gate. Coordinate with me if you need a Red Card. The NWRB is working towards revising the current outdated red card.

Respectfully submitted,

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<b>Supervisor:</b>	Thomas Seyfert	203845 Cty Rd T, Marshfield, WI 54449	715-514-9513
<b>Supervisor:</b>	Carolyn Opitz	opitzjc@gmail.com	715-305-7122
<b>Supervisor:</b>	Dan Gotto	dgotto13@gmail.com	715-305-4102
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<b>Treasurer:</b>	Donna Siltala	113904 Elm Tree Rd, Marshfield, WI 54449	715-650-1595 mcmillantreasurer@gmail.com

Fire Department

**Fire Chief:** Lorrie Bauer 715-650-0255

Constable

**Constable:** Gus Wenzel 204818 County Rd. E, Marshfield, WI 54449 715-305-6471

Plan Commission Members

<b>Chairman:</b>	Dorothy Olson	715-384-2721
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<b>Commissioner:</b>	Tammy Wenzel	715-384-2221
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<b>Commissioner:</b>	Bruce Wineman	715-687-4741

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