



From the Chair

Hello McMillan Residents,

2023 was a busy year for me. I applied for four grants, but unfortunately, one of them was denied. The other three grants are still pending, and they are for Schauer Creek, Galvin from Elm Tree to County Road C, and Staadt from Highway 97 to County Road C. Hopefully, we will receive a response soon.

The Mann Road project is progressing well, with engineers currently working on developing the plans. The project is scheduled to commence in August and conclude in October after the bidding process in June or July. In June, Marathon County will replace three culverts on Mann. The construction will begin only after allowing them to settle first. The estimated project cost is \$1.6 million, and the state will reimburse around \$592,000.00. A loan of \$1,000,000.00 will be applied to cover the costs. **"Please exercise caution when construction work is underway."**

We are applying for more grants. We're considering one for Drake from HWY 97 to CTY Rd C, and another one for Abe Lincoln from McMillan to Mann.

The state of Wisconsin is introducing new legislation to assist towns in replacing culverts. A comprehensive inventory of culverts ranging from 6 feet to 20 feet in width will be conducted during the summer. If the legislation is passed, the county will carry out the inspections and inform us when it is necessary to replace them, with the state covering 80% of the replacement costs.

Roads don't appear to require posting this year since our mild winter was gentle on them. However, please use caution as potholes do develop during spring.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer.

If you have any concerns – please call 715-387-2078.

Deb Derfus
Chairman and Highway Supervisor



Garbage & Recycling

Included with this publication is GUIDE TO RECYLING. I hope this will help answer questions you may have about what and how to recycle. If you have more material than would fit in the cart you may request a second card for an additional fee. The tire recycling is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 at Pankratz Truck, 10719 US Hwy 10, Marshfield, WI. Please refer to information provided in this newsletter. Any Further questions please call the town clerk or my cell phone at 715-486-6243.

Thank you and welcome Spring 2024.
Dave Swenson

Library Report

We are thrilled to share with you the latest happenings and valuable resources coming your way at the Marshfield Everett Roehl Public Library (ERMPL). Whether you're an avid reader, tech enthusiast, or in search of community engagement, they have something for everyone.

Check out the upcoming events online at <https://marshfieldlibrary.org/> or stop in – the staff is super helpful and ready to help you explore all they have to offer. There you will find separate event calendars for Children and Adults which include popular activities like children's story time, various book clubs and so much more.

Can't make it to the library? Try the eLibrary: Did you know that your library card grants you access to thousands of e-books, audiobooks, magazines, and more? Explore the extensive digital collection from the comfort of your own home. With just a few clicks, you can unlock a world of knowledge and entertainment.


Dan Gotto
Supervisor

Policies and Procedures – Ordinances

Updating the township's policies and procedures is not a one-time event. I have been actively reviewing and updating policies to ensure that they remain relevant, valid, and effective. Updates are made based on information from neighboring townships and county recommendations. Once my updates are completed, the town board will review and request any changes before final approval is put into place.

Township Ordinances can be found here: <https://www.townofmcmillan.gov/ordinances/>

Thank you
Nicole Forst





Buildings and Grounds

The Pavilion has been used several times this Winter since heating and

Cooling has been installed. Luckily, we have not had to shovel around it only a couple times so far. THINK SPRING. We have several rentals for 2024. The word is out, IT IS A GREAT PLACE TO HAVE A CELEBRATION!

We will be addressing the need for new Lighting in Pavilion, and the old garage. A new door on the West side of Town Hall is ordered and Spring clean-up is around the corner for the Park, Playground, Sand Box, Baseball Diamond and around the Town Hall. A new cart to hold the folding chairs in the pavilion has been donated by a Resident. Thank You! We will also be applying stain to the picnic tables and the Bridge

Walkway. We Thank Clyde and Nancy Wynia for their many years of Keeping the big flower pots filled with flowers for the Summer.

Carolyn Opitz

Plan Commission

Homeowners and landowners need to know the zoning of their property. The Town of McMillan follows the county zoning laws that were adopted years ago. If you're planning to buy, sell, or divide your property, your licensed surveyor needs to present a Certified Survey Map (CSM) to the town clerk. The plan commission is then notified of the change and studies each parcel to ensure it fits the town's comprehensive plan. A recommendation is made to the town board to either accept or reject the change, which then goes to the county for final approval. Depending on the situation, a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), a rezone or additional information may be required.

There are several zoning codes for the town, including Farmland Preservation, Rural Residential, and Rural Estate, which are categorized by land acreage. Each property has its own set of rules that outline what you can and cannot do on it.

As a Plan Commissioner, it's our job to work with all parties involved to make the process as smooth as possible. We hold meetings on the 4th Monday of every month at 6:00 pm, and all meetings are posted as required.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Olson - Commissioner



From the desk of the Fire Chief

There are many things that I could discuss in the newsletter but the one topic I would like to touch on is the number of individuals that feel the need to disrespect and disregard the fire department. This is very bothersome to me, as a chief, for many reasons. The first reason being that it makes it exceedingly difficult to recruit members, when all they are hearing in public is all the trash talk about the department. There are a few things that I would like to remind you about the department.

Firstly, as our mission statement says, we are here to provide fire protection and emergency medical services to the residents of McMillan Township, twenty-four hours a day, three hundred and sixty-five days a year. Let me remind you that many of these individuals have taken time away from their families to get the necessary training to do this job. They also spend countless hours missing family time answering the calls for help.

Our mission statement goes on to say; to provide mutual aid to surrounding communities. We travel to other communities to help them protect their communities. These other communities also hear the talk about the department, which makes it difficult to hold the respect of the other departments. The department has had particularly good working relationships with the surrounding communities, but when you have individuals that show such disrespect for the department, it is a challenge to keep the good relationship that the department has built over the years.

The last part of our mission statement states that we also provide education to the McMillan Township residents in fire prevention, fire safety, and accident prevention. This is the one area where no one has any complaints about the department. We have educated the residents well enough that we have cut down on the number of fires that we are responding to.

With all that being said, everyone needs to remember that all the members of the department also volunteer a vast majority of their time in the station upkeep and equipment upkeep. As we do our checks on the equipment, we find things that need to be fixed. Some of those fixes are expensive to fix. The residents need to remember that some of this equipment is 20 plus years old, and not brand new. I, as chief, keep remarkably close tabs on our budget and try to work within this budget. Sometimes there are emergency repairs that need to be addressed, which cause us to work outside of our budget. In the opinion of many other leaders in the fire service throughout the county, the McMillan Township has one of the best equipped departments in the county. It has taken years to achieve that opinion of other leaders, so let's not destroy that opinion and pride of the department members with the disrespect that some feel they need to show the department. **We are all in this job for the same reasons; to help our community and to take pride in what we do.**

Lorrie Bauer, Chief



Clerk newsletter items

In-person absentee voting – If you would like to cast your ballot in-person prior to election day, you may do so on Wednesday, March 20 and March 27, 2024 at the Clerk’s office between 3 and 6pm. If those days and times do not work for you, you may contact the clerk by email (clerk@townofmcmilln.gov) or phone (715-389-1338) to arrange an appointment that is mutually convenient (including weekends).

Remember, absentee ballots must be returned by mail or in-person. Only the voter may return their own absentee ballot and it may not be placed in a “drop box.”

Open Book and Board of Review – Open Book will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 from 3-5pm at the Town Hall and Board of Review will occur on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 from 5-7pm.

The **spring election** in the **Town of McMillan** is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 2, 2024**. On this day, voters will head to the polls to elect various local officials.

TOWN OFFICIALS

CHAIRMAN: DEB DERFUS (715)387-2078

CLERK: JOHN COKL (715)389-1338

SUPERVISOR: NICOLE FORST (715)207-7185

TREASURER: DONNA SILTALA (715)650-1595

SUPERVISOR: DAN GOTTO (715)305-4102

FIRE CHIEF: LORRIE BAUER (715)650-0255

SUPERVISOR: DAVE SWENSON (715)486-6243

CONSTABLE: GUS WENZEL (715)305-6471

SUPERVISOR: CAROLYN OPITZ (715)387-2183

ASSESSOR: CJ BECKER (715)255-9228

PLAN COMMISSION

CHAIRMAN: DOROTHY OLSON (715)384-2721

COMMISSIONER: DEB DAVIS (715)650-7793

COMMISSIONER: BRUCE WINEMAN (715)687-4741

COMMISSIONER: TAMMY WENZEL (715)384-2221

COMMISSIONER: RUSS KOLLMANSBERGER (715)204-9012

NORTHWEST RECYCLE BOARD:

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A T T E N T I O N

RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF:

CAMERON, LINCOLN, MARSHFIELD, McMILLAN, RICHFIELD & ROCK

ANNUAL TIRE COLLECTION - SATURDAY APRIL 27, 2024

Collection Site: Pankratz Trucking LLC
10719 US Highway 10 (near Nasonville Dairy)

Collection Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ABSOLUTELY NO EARLY DROP-OFFS – Dropping off tires at any time outside of collection hours is considered littering. Please secure your loads on your way to the drop-off site. No Rims. No Commercial.

This collection event is funded by the TOWNSHIPS of:

CAMERON, LINCOLN, MARSHFIELD, McMILLAN, RICHFIELD &

ROCK & is ONLY available to residents of these TOWNSHIPS listed.

No tires will be accepted from non-residents. The City of Marshfield is not included in this collection.

Each residence of a sponsoring Township may drop-off a total of eight (8) auto/light truck (under 10:00 x 22.5) tires at no fee. A fee of \$7.00 is charged for each additional auto/light truck tire (under 10:00 x 22.5) that exceeds the 8 allowed. Fees due at time of drop-off.

NOTICE OF CHANGE FOR 2024:

NO Large Truck Tires or Tractor Tires will be accepted at this 2024 Tire Recycling event.

Residents of these sponsoring Townships must present their **RED Identification Cards** and/or confirm residency by presenting their driver's license and then registering their name and address. If a resident does not have a **RED ID Card**, please contact *Township Officials* listed below.

Town of Cameron	Danielle Hall.....	715-573-6876
	Ron Beers.....	715-207-5004
Town of Lincoln	Kathleen Drinka .	715-897-4416
	David Rogers.....	715-650-0655
Town of Marshfield	Janet Meyer	715-384-5638
	Allen Breu	715-387-4222
Town of McMillan	John Cokl	715-389-1338
	Dave Swenson	715-486-6243
Town of Richfield	Paula Rustad.	715-650-3611
	Dave Steinmetz.....	715-650-3610
Town of Rock	Jill Wrensch	715-676-2428
	Pete Winistorfer	715-937-8788

THIS IS A MANDATORY RECYCLING PROGRAM FOR ALL RESIDENTS



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Recycling and Garbage Collection Services for these Townships will be handled by **Waste Management in 2024**. You have been provided with two carts: one for Recycling and one for Garbage. Please place items in the correct cart. When placing carts at roadside, be sure the opening side of the cover is facing the roadside. There is an arrow on the cover to help you in placement. The cart should be placed roadside or as close as practicable to collection vehicle routes. **NOTE: The lids on all carts must close completely.** If you have any questions concerning Garbage Collection or Recycle Collection, call **WASTE MANAGEMENT** at: 888.960.0008.

RECYCLE COLLECTION GUIDELINES 2024

MATERIALS: RULE 1: Recycle bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard. Consumer may commingle materials in the Recycling Cart. Aluminum cans, tin cans, container glass, plastic bottles and containers may be combined / mixed in Recycling Cart along with flattened corrugated cardboard, mixed papers, magazines, and newspapers.

NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES: The following electronics are BANNED from landfill or incinerator disposal: Computers, computer monitors, mice, keyboards, speakers, printers, televisions, VCR, DVR, DVD players, fax machines, cell phones. WASTE MANAGEMENT is one of many sites that will take these items for a fee and recycle them. Contact WASTE MANAGEMENT should you want this service from them.

PLASTIC BAGS / FILM / WRAP: Plastic bags, film and wrap should NOT be placed in your Recycling Cart that WASTE MANAGEMENT picks up. Clean and dry plastic bags and film can be dropped off in Marshfield at: *Pick N Save, Festival Foods, Wal-Mart, or Target*. Look for the recycling containers at these stores

TIRES: The annual Tire Collection will be **April 27, 2024** (last Sat in April) from 8:00am to 2:00 pm. Drop off site will be at Pankratz Trucking. No Rims. No commercial. There is absolutely NO early drop offs. **NOTICE OF CHANGE FOR 2024:** **NO LARGE TRUCK** or **TRACTOR TIRES** will be accepted at this collection event. Dropping off tires at any time other than scheduled collection is considered littering. This tire recycling service is only provided for Residents of the townships of: Cameron, Marshfield, McMillan, Lincoln, Richfield, and Rock. Residents must present their **RED Identification Cards** and/or confirm residency by presenting their driver's license. Only 8 auto/truck tires will be allowed for drop off at no fee. Tires in excess of the 8 tires allowed will be charged a fee of \$7.00 for each tire under 10:00 x 22.5. Fees are payable at time of drop off. (If Township residents do not have a **RED ID Card** or have questions, please contact the *Township Officials* listed below.)

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Town of McMillan

2023

Annual Report

Town of McMillan, Marathon County - 2023 Annual Financial Report

Asset Accounts (Balance on hand as of January 1, 2023):

General Checking Account	320,865.48
Savings - Tax Collection Account	-
Savings - Fire Department	54,191.79
Savings - Parks	12,331.62
Savings - ARPA	220,230.43
Total Beginning Assets - January 1, 2023	607,619.32

2023 Revenues

Taxes:

Real Estate and Personal Property	531,020.91
Lottery Credit	20,828.52
Taxes Subtotal	551,849.43

Intergovernmental Revenues:

Federal Grant - ARPA	-
State Shared Revenues	48,349.12
State Fire Insurance - 2% Dues	12,269.70
Computer Aid from State	154.85
Public Safety Grant	15,337.45
State General Transportation Aid	141,539.18
PILT on State Conservation Land	8,744.42
Forest Cropland/Managed Forest Land Taxes	1,935.02
Local aid (Marathon County culverts)	76,608.97
Intergovernmental Revenues Subtotal	304,938.71

Licenses and Permits:

Liquor & Bartender Licenses	270.00
Dog Licenses (In/Out)	160.00
Franchise Fees	4,309.23
Licenses and Permits Subtotal	4,739.23

Public Charge for Services:

Liquor Licence Publication fee	40.00
Fire Protection fees	357.00
Garbage Collection	211,289.50
Additional Recycle Bin	366.66
Park Deposit & Rental	8,300.00
Public Charges for Services Subtotal	220,353.16

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Mutual Aid Fire Protection	6,462.00
Interest Income	21,210.79
Refunds & Recoveries	32,199.55
Fall Festival	28,634.20

Other Revenue Fire Fundraiser	208.00
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	5,710.47
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal	94,425.01

TOTAL REVENUES

1,176,305.54

2023 Expenses

General Government:

Publication Fees/Printing & Postage	885.25
Board Expense	915.44
Association Dues/Fees	1,725.00
Mileage	697.58
Board Salary	28,320.32
Board FICA	2,399.15
Legal	1,572.50
Town Board Administration Subtotal	36,515.24

Newsletter/Announcements	1,425.01
Website/Internet	1,520.73
Clerk Expense	2,132.47
Clerk Mileage	244.09
Clerk Salary	35,718.00
Clerk FICA	3,025.82
Election Expense	895.85
Election Wages	1,791.50
General Administration Subtotal	46,753.47

Treasurer Expense	4,416.99
Treasurer Mileage	-
Treasurer Salary	17,934.00
Treasurer FICA	1,519.26
Board of Review Expense	85.00
Assessor Contract	16,658.59
Financial Administration Subtotal	40,613.84

Town Hall Expense	5,909.01
Town Hall Utilities	2,138.95
Buildings & Grounds wages	3,394.48
Buildings & Grounds FICA	287.56
Workers Compensation Insurance	1,570.79
General Buildings & Grounds Subtotal	13,300.79

Tax overpayment refunds	7,297.19
Insurance (non-highway/fire)	6,478.42
Other General Government Total	13,775.61

Total General Government	150,958.95
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Public Safety

Constable Wages	1,540.00
Constable FICA	130.46
Constable Mileage	287.53
Animal Control Contract	580.00

Total Health & Human Services	2,537.99
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Fire Department Insurance	10,216.41
Fire Department Worker's Comp	1,871.73
Chief Wages	3,000.00
Assistant Chief Wages	1,500.00
Officers Wages	1,275.00
Firefighter Wages	6,372.00
Firefighter FICA	1,029.02

Fire Protection Expense Subtotal	25,264.16
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Office Supplies	162.59
Member Recognition	455.69
Gear	2,876.40
Mileage	184.65
Building & Grounds	7,691.13
Fire General Expense Other	368.96
Communication	-
Consultant	695.00
Training & Education	452.63
2% Dues	11,400.00

Fire General Expense Subtotal	24,287.05
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Phone/Internet	3,225.70
Electric	2,031.46
Gas	3,347.01
Septic	445.00
Fire Calls	5,593.58

Fire Department Utilities Subtotal	14,642.75
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Fuel	1,378.33
Engine 10	744.51
Pump 5	-
Ladder 1	1,788.62
Rescue 1	2,863.88
Rescue 8	106.75
Rescue Snow	-
Tender 1	1,672.10
Tender 2	7,514.38
Truck 4	-
ATV	-

Equipment Apparatus Maintenance	1,145.42
SCBA	2,491.00
Fire Department Operations Subtotal	19,704.99
State Grant DNR	783.73
Fall Festival Expense	17,791.78
Fundraising Expense	142.86
Grants & Fundraising Expense Other	25,361.00
Grants & Fundraising Expense Subtotal	44,079.37
Ambulance Contract	66,401.00
EMS Wages	3,859.00
EMS FICA	326.91
Equipment & Supplies	1,909.58
Training Expense	683.75
Ambulance & EMS Expense Subtotal	73,180.24
Total Public Safety	203,696.55
Public Works	
Highway Administration	290.75
Shop Operations	395.49
Grader	3,677.91
Cruise Air	-
Truck 2017	3,647.16
Truck 2010	3,830.53
Truck 2006	263.60
Tractor	-
Grass Cutter	2,712.45
Buildings & Grounds	1,304.84
Machinery Operations Subtotal	16,122.73
Wages	50,986.11
FICA	4,616.80
Overtime	3,512.40
Employee Retirement	4,123.49
Fuel	14,651.99
Insurance (incl Worker's Comp)	6,539.48
Utilities	5,269.24
Phone	327.95
Traffic Control	559.51
Sand/Salt	28,127.84
Dust Control	11,826.84
Granite Road Materials	46,175.79
Culverts	22,088.18
Highway Street Maintenance	45,305.58
Street Lights	560.26
Highway Street Maintenance Local Subtotal	244,671.46

Highway Street Construction Local	97,323.86	
Highway Street Construction Local Subtotal	97,323.86	
Garbage Collection	195,408.64	
Recycling	36,101.03	
Sanitation Subtotal	231,509.67	
Total Public Works	589,627.72	
Culture Recreation & Education		
Library	111,497.00	
Parks - Expense	7,459.01	
Parks - Utilities	2,285.47	
Parks - Deposit Refund	3,800.00	
Total Culture Recreation & Education	125,041.48	
Conservation Development		
Planning Wages	1,840.00	
Planning FICA	155.87	
Planning Expense	200.00	
Total Conservation Development	2,195.87	
Debt Service		
Fire Department Principle	23,142.95	
Fire Department Interest	491.20	
Total Debt Service	23,634.15	
Total Expenses and Other Financing Uses		1,095,154.72
2023 Tax Roll - Where your tax dollars go		
Town of McMillan	551,849.43	
Marathon County	821,371.44	
Marshfield School District	1,455,109.38	
Stratford School District	126,836.63	
Spencer School District	37,498.66	
Midstate Technical College	147,078.09	
North Central Technical College	24,899.90	
Total 2023 Tax Roll	3,164,643.53	
Balance on hand as of December 31, 2023		
General Checking Account	26,294.29	56,632.96
Savings - Tax Collection Account	-	
Savings - Highway funds	364,249.04	
Savings - Fire	56,873.31	
Savings - Park	17,763.49	
Savings - ARPA	226,053.44	
Total Assets as of December 31, 2023	691,233.57	