



*Fall
2024*

FROM THE CHAIR:

Hello McMillan Residents.

I have been busy working on plans for Mann Street. We have finished replacing the culverts, and the town has approved a \$1,000,000.00 loan for this project. After the project is complete and paid for the State of Wisconsin will issue us the grant for approx. \$591,000.00. At that time, we can put the grant money toward the loan to lower the loan to a more realistic number. The bid from Earth, Inc. for the project is \$1,222,478.67 and has been approved. Construction will begin right after Labor Day, with a completion date of November 7th. The road will be closed to through traffic and open only to local traffic. If you live on Mann Street, please be prepared for some inconvenience during this time. The construction will be a total reconstruction, not just a quick fix.

Your complaints about the roads have been heard, Unfortunately, we can't do them all at the same time.

Currently, our Highway Committee is in the process of developing a Capital Improvement Plan for road upgrades. The committee is actively assessing the condition of roads, prioritizing those requiring immediate attention. This program aims to lay the groundwork for systematic road maintenance.

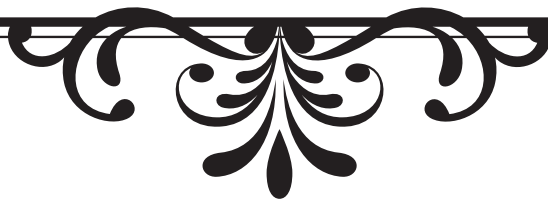
If anyone has any questions, please give me a call at 715-387-2078. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Respectfully,

Deb Derfus

Chairman & Highway Supervisor





FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF:

First and foremost, I want to thank the individuals who so very graciously donated the money for the department to purchase a battery-operated cutter and spreader (Jaws of Life). It is wonderful to see that kind of support for what the department does for the community. Again, thank you very much. Over the last 2 years I have had the chance to lead this extremely talented group of individuals, and I would like to express my sincere gratitude to this group of individuals for everything they do.

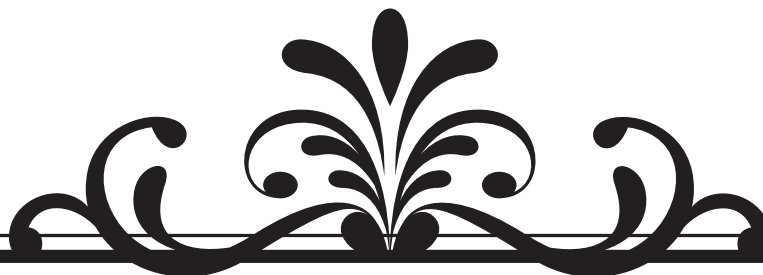
There have been many things that I have learned as Chief over the last couple of years. I have learned that it takes a coherent team to make the department function. It also takes a cohesive community to help make things function on the department also. When everyone works together it is amazing the things we can accomplish. Take Fall Festival for example. We all work together (firefighters and community members) and look at the fund raiser that is done. The department thanks everyone who helps with this fund raiser. It is the largest fund raiser that the department does. Just think of all the equipment that has been purchased with the funds that are raised. I would like to invite anyone who wants to help with this fund raiser to reach out to me and we can find a place for you.

I just want to update everyone on a few things that we have been working on. We applied for the AFG grant (Assistance to firefighters Grant). We also applied for some smaller grants that will help the EMS group get some needed equipment. We are anxiously awaiting to see what grants we have been awarded. We also have individuals going to classes and seminars. We continue to train on new techniques to extinguish fire, extricate from vehicles, and such. We also train on the EV vehicles that are out there.

Finally, I just want to thank everyone for the support that they have shown the fire department. It truly is a good feeling to know that the department has the support of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Bauer, Chief



McMillan Fire Department

presents

The 35th Annual FALL FEST



Saturday, September 7, 2024

- Music from Fire DJ all day
- Car show noon-3
- Petting zoo and kids' games noon-5
- BINGO 1-2 and 3-5
- Performances by Main Street Conservatory of Dance 2-2:30
- Live music from Exit 145 7-11
- Food and drinks, Silent Auction, and 50/50 raffle throughout the day

Help us raise funds for some much-needed updates to our fire station, while having a great time with your family and friends!

113901 Elm Tree Rd -
just north of Marshfield!

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

The Policies and Procedures Book has not been updated for several years. The Laws and the way we address them are constantly changing. Not all need to be changed but updated which is in the process at this time. The Ordinances also need to be updated and changed. They were last updated in 2014. That process will have to be added to the 2025 Budget. It is expensive and needs to be completed by an Attorney who specializes in Town Government. Many of the Town Laws are different than regular day to day laws.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Opitz



GARBAGE AND RECYCLING REPORT:

Greetings McMillan Township Residents!

The tire recycling event took place on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at Pankratz Trucking on Highway 10 West.

The hosts for this year's collection were the Townships of Cameron and Richfield. This year's totals were 39 tons, vs. 52 tons for 2023. This was mainly due to the fact that the Northwest Recycling Board did not take large tractor tires.

At the last meeting on May 29th, we received notice of the recycling grant to the Northwest Recycling Board of \$16,107.34. The grant, per Wisconsin STATUTES, are calculated on a per capita basis. A total of 213 responsible units applied for this grant. The total population of all those eligible applicants is \$4,072,336. The legislature provided \$1 million for this program. So per capita rate is \$0.245 per person in eligible responsible units. (\$1,000,000 divided by population equals \$0.245 per person in eligible responsible units).

This grant and tax dollars from each township fund garbage and recycling costs.

Carts are to be placed on the edge of the road, NOT on the roadway or in the traffic lanes!

Have a great rest of the "summer season".

Please support the McMillan Fire Department Fall Festival on Saturday, September 7, 2024, 12:00pm – Midnight.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 715-486-6243.

Thanks,

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Swenson

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: KEEPING OUR OUTDOOR SPACES BEAUTIFUL

The Township of McMillan would like to thank our new employees, Caleb Dennee and Andrew Oblender, for their hard work maintaining our outdoor spaces. Their primary responsibilities include mowing, trimming, raking the ball diamond, and tending to the playground sand area. Despite the rainy spring and summer, they've done an outstanding job creating a beautiful environment for everyone to enjoy.

Unfortunately, our summer employees will soon return to school. If you're interested in helping maintain our grounds for the remainder of the year, please reach out to me.

We've made several improvements to the pavilion, including new door locks, rainproof garbage cans, and air conditioner repairs. We're also exploring options for upgraded lighting.

Our team is currently focused on sanding and staining the park benches. Please be patient if you notice missing benches; they'll be back soon! A big thank you to Trevor Forst and Rod Bauer for their hard work on this project. Before-and-after photos are available on the Town of McMillan Facebook page.

This has been a busy year for pavilion rentals. The rental agreement has been updated and pavilion available can be found on our website at <https://www.townofmcmillan.gov/parks-and-rec/>.

To help us keep the pavilion clean after rentals, we're collecting gently used dish towels and rags. Please drop them off at the Town Clerk's office on Wednesdays from 3-6 pm or by appointment.

Finally, we want to express our sincere gratitude to all who have volunteered their time. Your contributions are invaluable to our community.

Nicole Forst

Buildings and Grounds Supervisor

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MCMILLAN PLAN COMMISSION:

I want to express my appreciation for Deb Davis's invaluable experience and knowledge while serving as a commissioner and chair of the Town of McMillan Plan Commission. I warmly welcome Becca Winslow as the new commissioner, and I believe she will be a great addition to the team.

Our town, which is zoned by the county, receives excellent support and guidance from the County Planning and Zoning (CPZ) team. Our main objective is to address any inquiries regarding property zoning and the permissible activities on your property. We are also planning to review our town's comprehensive plan to determine if any updates are necessary. The comprehensive plan provides a record of the town board's vision for the future of our town. We encourage input from our citizens and consider all concerns. It's important to note that we serve in an advisory capacity to the town board and handle the groundwork. We are currently developing a checklist for a subdivision that aligns with our town's regulations and the county's guidelines.

Our meetings are scheduled for the 4th Monday of each month at 6 pm, unless there are no agenda items requiring attention.

Thank you,
Dorothy Olson



LIBRARY:

It has been a busy summer for the library so far. The library use has been strong from the township residents, whether online or in person.

There is a new project that the library has been working on. The library will be setting up a Voter Information Station on the second floor near the information desk this summer. They will be providing a dedicated computer with the links to the voter registration website, myvote.wi.gov; government and school board websites and meeting videos; candidate interview and forum videos; and other related non-partisan websites providing election coverage. This is a free service to all residents to stay up to date on election information. I am the township's voice on the library board. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

Respectively submitted,
Rodney Bauer



CLERK REPORT

WEBSITE UPDATES:

We are committed to keeping you informed and engaged, which is why we're updating our website (townofmcmillan.gov) frequently with the latest town news, meeting minutes, and important announcements. Be sure to check our website regularly to stay up-to-date on all things related to our town.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:

For timely updates and additional information, follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/TownofMcMillan. Our Facebook page is a great resource for quick news and event updates.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND DROP BOX:

In response to the Wisconsin Supreme Court decision on July 5, 2024, the secure drop box is now available for absentee ballot submissions. The secure drop box is mail slot located on the right side of the glass door when entering the clerk's office. Do not place your completed absentee ballots in the mailbox on the post next to the clerk's office.

