



*Spring  
2025*

## FROM THE CHAIR:

Hello McMillan Residents.

In 2024, we had a busy year. We completed the Mann Street project and successfully utilized a grant for approximately \$592,000. Additionally, we applied for and received a grant for the Staadt project. We plan to begin engineering work in 2025 and will start the reconstruction of the road from County Trunk C to Highway 97 in 2026. The grant we received will cover approximately 90% of the total project cost. The estimated cost for this project is \$1,500,000, with the grant providing just under \$1,380,000. I hope more grant opportunities will arise soon. Saving taxpayers money is always a great opportunity.

We have also hired a new full-time highway patrolman, Kurt Bornbach, who has been very helpful with our road maintenance. He has 30 years of experience in managing road operations. He will be an asset to our township.

Our spring/summer work:

We plan to do chip sealing this summer and fall. I'm hopeful that we can complete a few miles if everything goes as planned.

**Gravel Roads:** Over time, grass and weeds have grown along the shoulders of our gravel roads. This growth needs to be removed, and the roads must be reshaped afterward to improve drainage on the road surface. Please be aware that this process will take time, as it involves both drying the removed material and reshaping the road. We appreciate your patience as we work to complete this process.

**Blacktop Roads:** Many of our blacktop roads require additional shoulder material. There are drop-offs at the edge of the pavement where the blacktop is cracking and, in some cases, breaking off. Adding shoulder material will help prevent this from happening and prolong the lifespan of the roads.

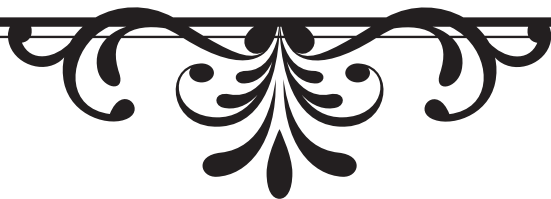
**Culverts:** We have identified several culverts that need to be replaced this year due to failing joints, which are causing holes in the driving surfaces. Additionally, many ditches at the ends of the culverts require cleaning because vegetation and silt have restricted their capacity. This restriction could lead to road damage during heavy rainfall events. It is also important to mark all town culverts (excluding those for driveways). These efforts will be ongoing projects.

**Brush Clearing:** Many roads have brush and, in some cases, trees that need to be removed from the ditches. We will work on this as time allows.

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

Deb Derfus

Chairman, and Highway Supervisor



## **FROM THE MCMILLAN FIRE DEPT:**

The fire department has had a very busy 2024. We responded to 110 calls which included EMS calls, fire calls, motor vehicle accidents and false alarms. The fire department has also responded to multiple lift assists within the township. These lift assists come in as a 911 call, the fire department respond to the address and assist the resident. Marshfield Fire does not respond to these calls. With the fire department responding to these calls without the Marshfield Fire Department, the residents are saving at least \$400 to \$700 per lift assist. That is roughly the cost to have the Marshfield Fire department respond to these calls. The department has also issued approximately 90 burning permits and four tent permits. The Chief and Assistant Chief have also inspected 28 businesses that are in the township. Among all the calls, the department also passed our 2% dues audit. The dues program funds state and local fire prevention and fire protection programs. It is often referred to as the "2% fire dues program" because the revenue collected from insurers is equal to 2% of the fire insurance premiums received by the insurers. The department uses this money to purchase equipment that will is needed to fight fires. We have purchased turnout gear, fire hose, connections and other equipment that will help with putting fires out. With the department passing the audit in 2025, that will ensure that roughly \$13,000.00 will be given to the department from the state.

We have also had individuals take driver operator, officer I, entry level fire 1, and Emergency Medical Responder class. With these classes it enables individuals to entry burring buildings, pump water with the engine and to help respond to EMS calls. The dedication of the volunteers is astounding considering all the calls, in-house training and meetings that we all attend. The department is always looking for more individuals to join the department.

We are also in the planning stages of our annual fall festival that will take place on September 6th, 2025. We have already secured The Jerry Schmidt band for our entertainment under the tent. We will also have silent auction again and of course the fireworks at dusk. O'Reily Auto Part will be sponsoring the car show for the 3rd year to help support the fire department. If anyone would like to help with fall festival, please reach out to any one of the members and we will find a place for you to help out.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Bauer



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## Pavillion Rental:

Imagine your next family gathering in the heart of McMillan! The McMillan Pavilion offers a beautiful and convenient setting for graduations, reunions, weddings, and more. Outside, enjoy a sand volleyball court, playground, baseball/softball diamond, and a charming gazebo. Inside, find ample space with tables, chairs, restrooms, a refrigerator/freezer, and plenty of outlets for your cooking needs. Recently added fans ensure comfortable air circulation. For just \$100 per day, plus a \$100 refundable damage/cleaning deposit, this versatile space can be yours. Open to McMillan residents and their friends and family, you can find the reservation form and calendar here:

<https://www.townofmcmillan.gov/parks-and-rec/>

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Forst

Buildings and Grounds Supervisor

715-207-7185

[nicoleforsttownboard@gmail.com](mailto:nicoleforsttownboard@gmail.com)

## Wind Turbines:

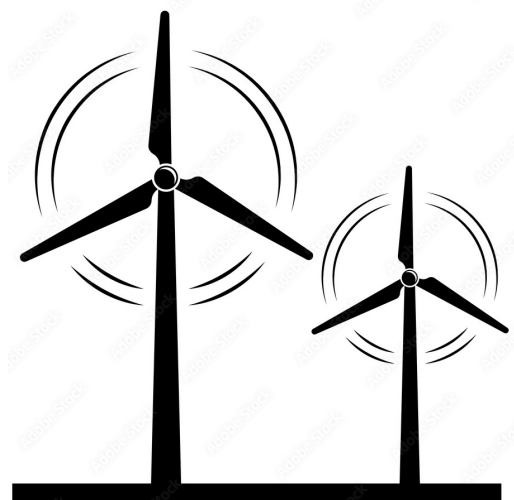
The Wisconsin Advocate for Responsible Energy (WARE) is hosting an informational session on the potential development of wind turbines in our town.

Date: March 12, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Stratford Heritage Barn

208268 State Highway 97, Stratford, WI 54484





## Notice of Municipal Revaluation in 2025 Town of McMillan, Marathon County, Wisconsin

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Of McMillan, Marathon County, Wisconsin will be conducting a municipal-wide revaluation for the 2025 tax year as required by state law. Wisconsin Statutes 70.05.**

### Revaluation Process

To ensure that an accurate revaluation is performed, it will be necessary for the assessment staff to conduct an on-site exterior review of all homes and commercial buildings within the Township of McMillan.

Revaluation generally means placing new values on all taxable property for the purpose of a new assessment. The intended result of a revaluation is that assessments represent the full market value.

### New Assessments

The new assessments will be completed in the summer of 2025 and all property owners will receive a written notice of assessment at that time. You will then have an opportunity to discuss the assessed values with the Assessor at the Open Book session. After the Open Book session, the Board of Review will conduct hearings to evaluate evidence concerning any final challenges to the assessed values.

### Contact Information

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this process. Please call or email with any questions you may have to:

Candid Appraisal 715-340-1295 [candidappraisal@gmail.com](mailto:candidappraisal@gmail.com)

# POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

Policies and Procedures updates continue to be an ongoing process. The Ordinances need to be updated also and will have to be done with the help of an attorney. The time and cost are quite expensive.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Opitz



## GARBAGE AND RECYCLING REPORT:

Dear McMillan Residents,

So far “Winter” has been a non-event. Everyone is looking for brighter days and warmer weather. Just a reminder of the tire recycle event taking place the last Saturday in April at Pankratz Trucking. Please find the attached notice and fees for that.

Addresses and/or Red Cards are accepted.

**Annual Tire Collection: SAT April 26th, 2025 8:00am to NOON. At Pankratz Trucking – 10719 US HWY 10**

- **NOTE: NEW TIME FOR 2025: 8:00AM – 12:00 NOON**
- No early drop-offs. Dropping off tires outside of the collection time is considered littering.
- Please secure your loads on your way to the drop-off site. No Rims. No Commercial.
- This collection service is funded by the Townships of *Cameron, Lincoln, Marshfield, McMillan, Richfield* and *Rock* and is only available to the residents of the Townships listed.
- **NO LARGER TIRES OR TRACTOR TIRES will be accepted for disposal at this event.**
- Each residence is allowed to drop-off a total of 8 Auto / Light Truck tires at no fee.
- A fee of **\$8.00** is charged for each Auto / Light Truck tire that exceeds the 8 allowed.
- Fees are due at time of drop-off.
- Residents must present their **RED** Identification Cards and register their name and address.
- If you do not have a **RED** ID-CARD, please contact your township official.

Thank you and welcome to Spring!

Call: 715-486-6243 with questions.

Thanks,

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Swenson

## MCMILLAN PLAN COMMISSION:

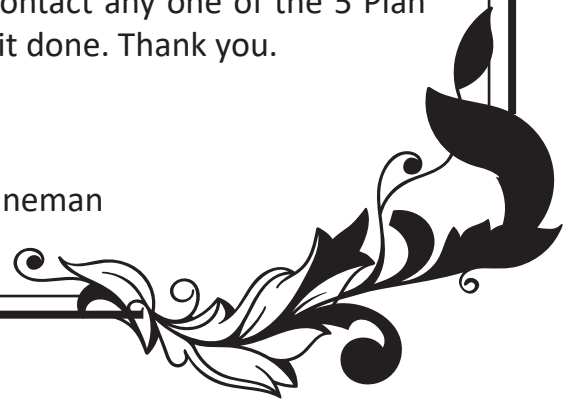
Our meetings are on the 4th Monday of each month at 6 pm. Open to the public. Only time we don't meet is if there is nothing to address often during the last and first month of the year. People seem to like to stay put during these months. If you see some action that affects you on the agenda, please feel free to come, we cannot ask you to attend legally but it sure would be nice to see and hear what you have in mind for your property. These meetings are posted at the three town sites, and the clerk also puts the agenda on the town website.

Our job is to review CSM (certified survey maps) presented to the clerk for our review by the citizen's surveyor. We also review rezones, for example from gen ag, rural residential, rr, rural estate, re and others. We have a comprehensive plan which was approved by our town board and this is a map of where the citizens who participated in a survey want to see growth in our township. It also protects our open area and our farmland.

Our job is to make a recommendation to the town board who have a say that is then forwarded to Marathon County and there these decisions are brought in front of county board members. Also people who dedicated themselves to get it right. As was so aptly put by one of our newer members, commissions Plan Ahead. We are here to help and assist our citizens with guidance from the county CPZ (county zoning and planning). We feel like we have a great rapport with those people at the helm of CPZ and appreciate all of their help. If there are any questions, feel free to contact any one of the 5 Plan Commission members and we will do our darndest to get it done. Thank you.

Dorothy Olson, Chair

Ken Clark, Russ Kollmansberger, Kelly Temanson, Bruce Wineman



## LIBRARY:

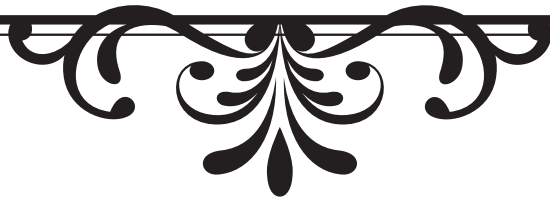
We can't take the Library to the beach, but we can bring the beach to the Library! March 17th through 22nd celebrate Spring Break at the Library!

We have activities and programs for all ages on both floors this week. Whether you take in a beach flick for Family Movie Night, paint a beach rock at Community Craft, learn exciting STEM concepts at the Marble Run Rollercoaster Challenge, enjoy stories and songs at Beach Storytime, or try your luck at Beach Bingo, there is going to be something for everyone to enjoy!

Respectively submitted,  
Rodney Bauer







## CLERK REPORT

**APRIL 1, 2025 ELECTION:** The spring election will be held on April 1, 2025. The following local offices will be up for election and the candidates are listed below:

### TOWN CHAIRPERSON:

Carolyn Opitz  
Debbie Derfus (incumbent)

### TOWN SUPERVISOR:

David L. Swenson (incumbent)  
Nicole Forst (incumbent)  
Eddie Antoniewicz  
Heidi Peskie

### CONSTABLE:

Gus Wenzel



### ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND DROP BOX:

If you would like to cast your ballot in-person prior to election day, you may do so on Wednesday, March 19 and March 26, 2025 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](mailto: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 be placed in our secure "drop box."

### Follow us on Facebook:

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



## Town of McMillan, Marathon County - 2024 Annual Financial Report

### **Asset Accounts** (Balance on hand as of January 1, 2024):

General Checking Account	26,294.29
Savings - Tax Collection Account	-
Savings - Highway Fund	364,249.04
Savings - Fire Department	56,873.31
Savings - Parks	17,763.49
Savings - ARPA	226,053.44
<b>Total Beginning Assets - January 1, 2024</b>	<b>691,233.57</b>

### **2024 Revenues**

#### **Taxes:**

Real Estate and Personal Property	531,320.88
Lottery Credit	19,612.47
<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>	<b>550,933.35</b>

#### **Intergovernmental Revenues:**

Federal Grant - ARPA	-
State Shared Revenues	115,185.63
State Fire Insurance - 2% Dues	13,430.63
Computer Aid from State	154.85
Public Safety Grant	-
State General Transportation Aid	141,539.18
PILT on State Conservation Land	8,720.86
Forest Cropland/Managed Forest Land Taxes	2,310.14
Local aid (Marathon County culverts)	2,712.40
<b>Intergovernmental Revenues Subtotal</b>	<b>284,053.69</b>

#### **Licenses and Permits:**

Liquor & Bartender Licenses	210.00
Dog Licenses (In/Out)	135.00
Franchise Fees	3,965.97
<b>Licenses and Permits Subtotal</b>	<b>4,310.97</b>

#### **Public Charge for Services:**

Liquor Licence Publication fee	40.00
Open Records fees	1.00
Fire Protection fees	2,401.00
Garbage Collection	193,812.96
Recycling	38,544.04
Park Deposit & Rental	8,800.00
<b>Public Charges for Services Subtotal</b>	<b>243,599.00</b>

#### **Miscellaneous Revenues:**

Mutual Aid Fire Protection	859.00
Interest Income	42,591.41



## Town of McMillan, Marathon County - 2024 Annual Financial Report Continued

Loan Proceeds	1,000,000.00
Refunds & Recoveries	29,341.63
Fall Festival	26,265.22
Other Revenue Fire Fundraiser	703.50
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	28,920.28
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>	<b>1,128,681.04</b>

### TOTAL REVENUES

**2,211,578.05**

### 2024 Expenses

#### General Government:

Publication Fees/Printing & Postage	1,674.58
Board Expense	725.12
Association Dues/Fees	1,310.00
Mileage	448.90
Board Salary/FICA	32,087.98
Legal	1,102.00
<b>Town Board Administration Subtotal</b>	<b>37,348.58</b>

Newsletter/Announcements	1,400.71
Website/Internet	949.83
Clerk Expense	3,675.30
Clerk Mileage	212.91
Clerk Salary/FICA	38,760.97
Election Expense	1,570.08
Election Wages	4,576.50
<b>General Administration Subtotal</b>	<b>51,146.30</b>

Treasurer Expense	3,314.76
Treasurer Mileage	257.27
Treasurer Salary	19,454.81
Board of Review Expense	-
Assessor Contract	17,204.04
<b>Financial Administration Subtotal</b>	<b>40,230.88</b>

Town Hall Expense	1,239.19
Town Hall Utilities	1,468.02
Buildings & Grounds Wages/FICA	6,118.02
<b>General Buildings &amp; Grounds Subtotal</b>	<b>8,825.23</b>

Tax overpayment refunds	17,544.02
Insurance (non-highway/fire)	8,468.73
<b>Other General Government Total</b>	<b>26,012.75</b>

<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>163,563.74</b>
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## Town of McMillan, Marathon County - 2024 Annual Financial Report Continued

### Public Safety

Constable Wages/FICA	1,280.00
Constable Mileage	340.51
Animal Control Contract	620.00

<b>Total Health &amp; Human Services</b>	<b>2,240.51</b>
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Fire Department Insurance	10,590.23
Fire Department Worker's Comp	1,616.00
Chief Wages/FICA	3,254.45
Assistant Chief Wages/FICA	2,169.63
Officers Wages/FICA	1,301.78
Firefighter Wages/FICA	7,408.22

<b>Fire Protection Expense Subtotal</b>	<b>26,340.31</b>
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Office Supplies	36.92
Member Recognition	697.28
Gear	25,098.75
Mileage	-
Building & Grounds	6,743.80
Fire General Expense Other	-
Communication	350.93
Consultant	380.03
Training & Education	702.81
2% Dues	9,550.10

<b>Fire General Expense Subtotal</b>	<b>43,560.62</b>
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Phone/Internet	3,210.60
Electric	1,962.77
Gas	2,252.17
Septic	560.00
Fire Calls	860.00

<b>Fire Department Utilities Subtotal</b>	<b>8,845.54</b>
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Fuel	2,058.44
Engine 10	24,458.74
Pump 5	-
Ladder 1	39,128.61
Rescue 1	152.95
Rescue 8	265.02
Rescue Snow	-
Tender 1	104.00
Tender 2	2,360.33
Truck 4	104.00
ATV	246.11
Equipment Apparatus Maintenance	3,680.33
SCBA	1,914.58

## Town of McMillan, Marathon County - 2024 Annual Financial Report Continued

<b>Fire Department Operations Subtotal</b>	<b>74,473.11</b>
State Grant DNR	6,327.48
Fall Festival Expense	65,360.28
Fundraising Expense	381.73
Grants & Fundraising Expense Other	-
<b>Grants &amp; Fundraising Expense Subtotal</b>	<b>72,069.49</b>
Ambulance Contract	68,659.00
EMS Wages/FICA	5,785.33
Equipment & Supplies	906.34
Training Expense	249.05
<b>Ambulance &amp; EMS Expense Subtotal</b>	<b>75,599.72</b>
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>303,129.30</b>
<b>Public Works</b>	
Highway Administration	170.50
Shop Operations	673.61
Grader	205.83
Cruise Air	-
Truck 2017 Freightliner	2,879.40
Truck 2010 International	1,849.23
Truck 2006 Little Red Chevy	3,001.80
Tractor	135.09
Grass Cutter	464.54
Buildings & Grounds	9,243.35
<b>Machinery Operations Subtotal</b>	<b>18,623.35</b>
Wages/FICA	44,997.96
Overtime	1,685.20
Employee Retirement	2,534.00
Fuel	8,961.74
Insurance (incl Worker's Comp)	6,692.50
Utilities	3,311.36
Phone	336.80
Traffic Control	250.00
Sand/Salt	12,017.24
Dust Control	13,070.30
Granite Road Materials	2,016.90
Culverts	47,229.32
Crackfilling	37,783.08
Street Lights	563.43
<b>Highway Street Maintenance Local Subtotal</b>	<b>181,449.83</b>
Highway Street Construction Local	1,313,069.31
<b>Highway Street Construction Local Subtotal</b>	<b>1,313,069.31</b>

Garbage Collection	196,197.78
Recycling	41,118.00
<b>Sanitation Subtotal</b>	<b>237,315.78</b>

<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>1,750,458.27</b>
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#### **Culture Recreation & Education**

Library	92,807.00
Parks - Expense	4,750.56
Parks - Utilities	1,707.38
Parks - Buildings and Grounds	1,852.88
Parks - Deposit Refund	4,100.00

<b>Total Culture Recreation &amp; Education</b>	<b>105,217.82</b>
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#### **Conservation Development**

Planning Wages/FICA	2,126.24
Planning Expense	120.30

<b>Total Conservation Development</b>	<b>2,246.54</b>
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#### **Debt Service**

Highway Principal	14,619.15
Highway Interest	6,606.29

<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>21,225.44</b>
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<b>Total Expenses and Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>2,345,841.11</b>
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#### **2024 Tax Roll - Where your tax dollars go**

Town of McMillan	550,933.35
Marathon County	795,155.69
Marshfield School District	972,389.45
Stratford School District	134,382.99
Spencer School District	35,700.94
Midstate Technical College	135,179.79
North Central Technical College	24,126.84

<b>Total 2024 Tax Roll</b>	<b>2,647,869.05</b>
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#### **Balance on hand as of December 31, 2024**

General Checking Account	(602,228.32)
Savings - Tax Collection Account	494,153.33
Savings - Highway funds	378,947.06
Savings - Fire	28,171.30
Savings - Park	21,182.60
Savings - ARPA	235,099.13

<b>Total Assets as of December 31, 2024</b>	<b>555,325.10</b>
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*Deposits in transit as of 12/31/24 recorded in QB in 2025* 906,901.40