

Town of Eagle Point 2020 Newsletter



Town Board meetings are the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Fire Department meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission meetings are the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Town Hall Office: 715-288-6770, Hours: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Town Shop: 715-288-6473

Fire Department: 715-288-6221

Animal Control Officer: Lee O'Donnell 715-456-6102

Town Assessor: Randy Prochnow 715-309-2863

Town Website: townofeaglepoint@gmail.com

For All Emergency Calls dial 911

Town Board:

Dennis Ferstenou - Chairman 715-720-1226

Rick Bowe - Supervisor 715-491-0628

Scott Decker -Supervisor 715-288-6830

Pauline Spiegel - Supervisor 715-404-5774

Randy Woodruff - Supervisor 715-226-0129

Kevin Lueck -Treasurer 715-288-6257

Laurie Hebert - Clerk 715-829-1062

Fire Chief: Rocky Berg 715-226-1086

Planning Commission Members: Rick Bowe - Chairman, Dale Shipman - Vice Chair, Ron Woodruff-Secretary, Patty King, Steve Soden, Terry Wells, Desiree Sikowski-Nelson

Dog Licenses: By state law, all dogs must be licensed. Failure to license dogs is subject to citations and fines. Cost is \$15.00 per dog. Please contact Kevin Lueck to obtain a license.

Animal Control: The Town is contracted with the Chippewa County Humane Association for 2019. Their number is: 715-382-4832. You may also contact Lee at the number above to pick-up stray cats or dogs.

Burning: No burning is allowed on Sundays or Holidays and during a burning ban. Only burn wood and brush from your property on your property. If you are in the DNR Fire Management Area, you need to obtain an annual permit. Contact Laurie Hebert or the DNR at 888-947-2876. You must call the Sheriff at 715-726-7701; prompt 1, prior to burning with the date and location.

Recycling Center: is located at 16306 165th Ave. Open the **first and third Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** excluding holidays and deer-hunting opener. The Center accepts plastics, metal, glass, paper, cardboard and brush. Construction debris is limited to one average truckload. Fees are charged for: Appliances, mattresses, box springs, truck load of construction material. See the town website for specific fees. **NO garbage will be accepted.**

Garbage: Waste Management is the only authorized waste service and is your provider for weekly residential curbside garbage and recyclables pick-up. Please contact them for new service or questions at 800-621-8884. See website for fee schedule.

Town of Eagle Point Hall, Pavilion, Concession Rentals: Contact Laurie Hebert 715-288-6770.

Fire Department: Contact Fire Chief Rocky Berg at 226-1086 for non- emergency calls or questions. Application for becoming a volunteer firefighter/EMS member can be obtained from the town's website or by contacting the town clerk.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission's role, using the Comprehensive Guide, is to review and make recommendations to the town board on matters dealing with zoning/land use, development, transportation, and community facilities. Eagle Point is under Chippewa County Zoning regulations.

COVID Town Protocol

COVID-19 has impacted all our lives. During this pandemic, we continue to serve the community with a focus on the health and safety of our residents by following the recommended guidelines of the Chippewa County Public Health Department. Items affected include elections, meetings, hall rentals, recycling center, and Town Clerk availability. In addition, the Special Electors meeting for a new fire station is postponed to a future date (to be determined). Please check our website for related updates. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all navigate through this challenging time.



Pushing Snow Across Town Roads

Each winter, the town observes many instances where snow was pushed off private property on to and across town roads. The town board reminds everyone that it is not only dangerous but also unlawful to plow or push snow onto or across a public highway. Section 346.94(5), Wisconsin statutes prohibits this action. Snow left in ridges or piles on the highway create a hazard for vehicles. Snow piled on the shoulders also creates problems for equipment during normal plowing operations.

Mailbox Damage and Installation Standards

During snowplowing season, we are occasionally notified that a resident's mailbox has been hit by the town snowplow. The town's policy, which is similar to other municipalities, states that the town will replace a mailbox with a standard size unit if it is physically hit and damaged by snowplowing equipment. The town does not take any responsibility for mailboxes damaged by flying snow or mailboxes that are not installed according to US Postal Service standards. Per information from the Chippewa Falls Postmaster, the bottom of the mailbox should be between 45 and 48 inches about the surface of the road and the front of the box should be between zero and three inches from the edge of the blacktopped road.

Obstructions in the Town Right-of-Way

State law prohibits obstructions in the town right-of-way, which typically extends 33 feet from the center of the town road to the property line (66 feet total width). Some roads in the town are only 49.5 feet wide or 24.75 feet from the centerline. Common obstructions in the right-of-way include snow pushed across the town road, trees and overhanging branches, and farm crops blocking driver's view at intersections. A common obstruction is corn planted near road intersections on roadway property. It is the property owner's responsibility to assure that crops planted by themselves or a renter do not obstruct a driver's view of the road at an intersection. The town maintenance staff may remove crops that interfere with intersection visibility and we do have the option to bill landowners for the cost of such removal. Since this is state law, violators can be fined and face liability for personal injury if these obstructions are not removed. If you are uncertain whether or not a planting or other potential obstruction is non-conforming, please contact the town.

Drop Box Town Hall

A drop box is installed at the town hall for keys from town rentals, tax payments, absentee envelopes, and dog license payments. During tax time the box will be checked regularly. Please let the clerk know if you use during other times.

Elections 2020

November 3, 2020 Elections will have social distancing protocol in place. Absentee voting ahead of time will help minimize contact for you and our workers. Registration is needed due to an address change, name change, or if you are a new voter. If you do this before an election, it will save you time on Election Day. This can be done on line at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>. There is also a link on the town website.


Fire Number Replacement Project


In prior newsletters, we mentioned the town's fire number replacement project, which involves the replacement of missing, deteriorated, or damaged fire numbers. We again want to remind property owners that proper maintenance of the sign is required under the county's ordinance. The town is asking residents to take responsibility for inspecting their fire numbers on a voluntary basis and contacting the town (715-288-6770) if the sign needs replacement or repair. Remember that the 1,700 fire numbers in the town are there to assist emergency services in finding your location. Fire numbers that are missing or unreadable cause delays and confusion for fire fighters and Emergency Medical Responders.



Town Hall Air Conditioning Project

From time to time, the town board is approached about the possibility of adding air-conditioning to the town hall. Recently, two organizations that use the hall stepped forward with offers of donations toward an A/C project, which encouraged the town board to investigate the feasibility of installing A/C in the hall. Preliminary estimates indicate that the project cost would be approximately \$30,000. At this year's Annual Town Meeting, the attendees voted to pursue the A/C project and to finance it through donations. The town board will be setting up a formal Town Hall Air-Conditioning Fund Raising account. In the interim, please contact Laurie Hebert, Town Clerk, if you are interested in donating to this project.

Fire Department  **Fundraiser** is cancelled for this year. Check with fire department members and the town

website for an upcoming raffle and where to purchase tickets.  Raffle to begin late August and ending October 2020. Drawing will be October 10, 2020 at the fire station open house.



Town Board members welcome any questions or concerns you may have.

