

# **NEWS FROM YOUR BOARD**

Spring 2015



## **TOWN OF METOMEN HISTORY**

Following the Indian treaties of 1829 and 1833, the federal land surveys of 1833, and the creation of the Federal Land Office at Green Bay in 1834, government lands in Wisconsin south and east of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers were made available for public purchase at the price of \$1.25 per acre.

## **NO ALTERING OF THE HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY**

Farming is to be excluded from the highway right-of-ways. No person may plow, cultivate crops or otherwise work the land such that its drainage may be affected. Nor can any person operate farm or other machinery such that it damages the right-of-ways. These are misdemeanor violations. § 86.021. It is also a misdemeanor violation to make any ditch, depression or embankment such that it impedes use of a highway, or to place any obstruction in a highway or in a ditch that drains the highway. § 86.022.

In fact, no person may even dig in a highway right of way without first getting a permit from the town. Violators may be fined and the highway authority may return the highway to its original condition. § 86.07.

Road right of ways are defined as 33 feet from the center of the road in either direction.

## **Real-Estate Taxes**

State law provides that all non-agricultural assessments be based upon the market value of the property as of January 1st. Sales are a good indicator of market value. For example, if a 1200 sq. ft. home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace and a couple of porches sold for \$150,000 it would be fair to assess other homes in the municipality with the same or comparable amenities an alike value. So based upon size, age, location, quality of material used, and any other features that would make your property desirable either adds to or subtracts from your assessed value.

## **TOWN EQUIPMENT**

The township was again very lucky to have an outstanding road crew to take care of our roads. Thanks to Randy Zabel and crew of Roger Bly, Dan Sina Jr, Tim Kamphuis, Barrie Belau and Andrew Johnson for doing a great job again this year.

## **RECYCLING**

Recycling hours are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 9-11am and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday from 5-7 pm, except for holidays. Many thanks to Glenn Zahn for always being there to assist Township residents with their recyclables. Glen wants to remind residents: Do not throw plastic bags in recycling dumpsters. Plastic bags need to be emptied out and thrown away in garbage; they are not recyclable.

## **ZONING BOARD**

We are looking for additional townspeople for the Zoning Board of Appeals this year. If any township resident is interested in serving on the Zoning Board please call Jeff.

## **TOWN HALL**

Your town hall is available to rent for party venues. TWO rental documents are available in the town hall entrance or on our website. Contact Cindy Sheskey 920-291-7743 to schedule.

## **OPEN BOOK & BOARD OF REVIEW**

**Open Book** is scheduled for **May 9, 2015 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Town Hall**, and **Board of Review** is scheduled for **June 2, 2015, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall**.

## **2015 ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting will be held **April 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall**. We will be discussing the new requirement for IOH and what option the Township has opted into for the next year. We will also discuss county wide assessments as proposed by the state. We hope to see all townspeople there.

**TOWNSHIP WEBSITE:** [www.townofmetomen.com](http://www.townofmetomen.com)

Sincerely,

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Chairman, Jeff Amend

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Supervisor, Scott Zacharias

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Supervisor, Shelly Hiemstra