

## MEET THE BOARD & STAFF

Jeff Amend, Chairman  
Shelly Hiemstra, Supervisor  
Scott Zacharias, Supervisor  
Cindy Sheskey, Clerk  
Pearl Schicker, Treasurer  
Randy Zabel, Highway Supervisor

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W12605 Sheldon Rd.  
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## We're on the web!

[www.townofmetomen.com](http://www.townofmetomen.com)

April 2, 2019 is the next election for your town chairman and supervisors, all school boards, and other county/state races.

Call Pam Ferch for absentee ballot  
(920) 960-2535

## PUBLIC POSTING NOTICES

Updated Statutes 985.02 (2)(a): public notices will be posted in the town hall entrance and on our website. (Example-Meeting agenda, minutes, meeting date changes, annual budget and other notices). No longer will you see posting in the 3 posting boxes located throughout the township.

## OPEN BOOK & BOARD OF REVIEW AT TOWN HALL

Open Book is scheduled for April 23, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and Board of Review is scheduled for April 30, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



**TOWN OF METOMEN**  
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## TOWNSHIP UPDATES continued...

### TOWN BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Town Board is very pleased with our Township Building Inspector, Sue Leahy of Grand Valley Inspection Services. Contact her directly by calling 920-229-6360 for any building inspection questions or requests.

### CLERK AND TREASURER POSITIONS

Effective April 2019, the Clerk and Treasurer positions in the Township will be appointed, not elected. With the changing statutory requirements and knowledge needed to perform the jobs, the board proposed, and electors agreed with election referendum vote, to convert each position from elected to appointed. Any questions on this change will be answered at the annual meeting.

### TAX BILL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements removed from land must be gone completely and inspected by the Town appraiser before Jan 1st of the tax year to be removed from rolls. Otherwise the improvement will be taxed until the following January 1<sup>st</sup> and then removed from the rolls

### TOWN HALL RENTAL

You can rent YOUR town hall for your events. Chairs, tables, coffeemaker, refrigerator supplied in a nice kitchen area with large serving counter. Hall serves capacity of 70. Wheelchair accessible. Rental fee is \$50.00 for town residents plus security deposit. Contracts and details are in the town hall entry on the bulletin board or See our website.



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## 2019 NEWSLETTER



# METOMEN NEWSLETTER

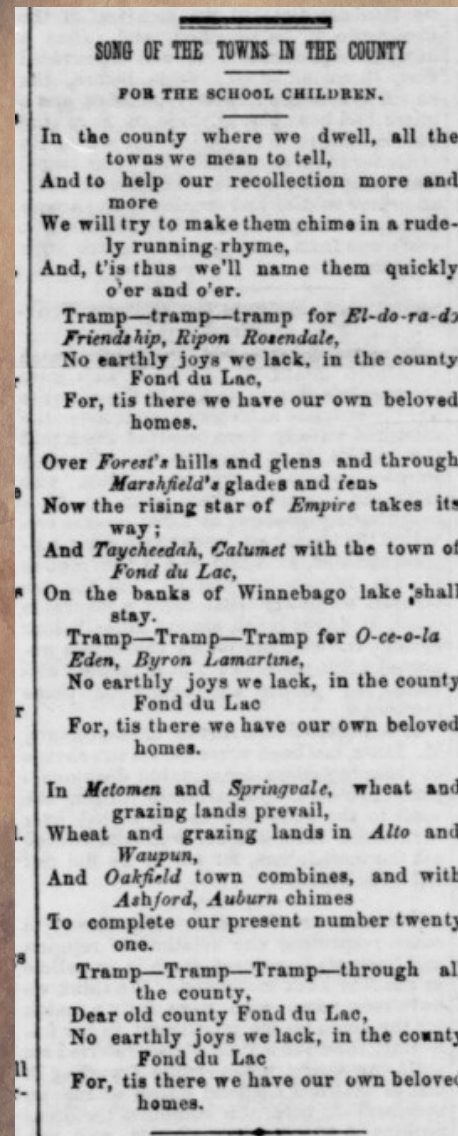
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### 2019 ANNUAL MEETING DATE

2019 Annual Meeting will be held on April 16,  
2019 at 7 PM at the Town Hall. Please plan to  
attend. Town Hall site address:  
N6971 Hwy. 44/49  
Ripon, WI

### SONG OF THE TOWNS IN THE COUNTY for the school children

From Brandon Times November 28, 1870:  
available at <https://www.brandonlibrary.net/brandontimes>



In the county where we dwell, all the towns we mean to tell,  
And to help our recollection more and more  
We will try to make them chime in a rudely running rhyme,  
And, t'is thus we'll name them quickly o'er and o'er.

Tramp—tramp—tramp for El-do-ra-do Friendship, Ripon  
Rosendale,  
No earthly joys we lack, in the county of Fond du Lac,  
For, tis there we have our own beloved homes.

Over Forest's hills and glens and through Marshfield's glades and fens  
Now the rising star of Empire takes its way;  
And Taycheedah, Calumet with the town of Fond du Lac,  
On the banks of Winnebago lake shall stay.

Tramp—Tramp—Tramp for O-ce-o-la Eden, Byron  
Lamarine,  
No earthly joys we lack, in the county of Fond du Lac,  
For, tis there we have our own beloved homes.

In Metomen and Springvale, wheat and grazing lands prevail,  
Wheat and grazing lands in Alto and Waupun,  
And Oakfield town combines, and with Ashford, Auburn chimes  
To complete our present number twenty one.

Tramp—Tramp—Tramp for O-ce-o-la Eden, Byron  
Lamarine,  
No earthly joys we lack, in the county of Fond du Lac,  
For, tis there we have our own beloved homes.

*To see more Brandon Times articles throughout the year, articles will be posted on the first and third Mondays of every month and will be posted on the Brandon Historical Society's Facebook AND displayed in print both at the Library and Post Office. with the help of Kevin DeCramer.*

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COMMUNITY

UPDATES FROM THE BRANDON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library has become more than a place to pick up books, books on tape, DVDs, and magazines, especially the Brandon Public Library. We have become a place of hands-on learning resources with a variety of classes and workshops throughout the year. We offer game nights, hands-on woodworking (with a CNC woodcarver), greenscreen photography, adult coloring, music lab, embroidery and sewing basics, cooking class, and a tinker class - all made available in coordination with Laconia High School with a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which administers the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The library continues to hold movie nights, LEGO Club, Preschool Story Time, Book Club, and Author Signings throughout the year, as well as an ever growing Summer Reading Program.

HOWEVER, we are still a place to get anything you need. Our Library is a part of the Winnefox Library System. So, if we don't have what you're looking for in-house, we can "borrow" from any of the 29 other libraries in the Winnefox System, with 5 day delivery, or even acquire from outside the system (state or nation-wide). We have a fax machine, color printer/copier/scanner, a 3D printer, Wifi (available 24/7) or stop in to use one of our 11 public computers. Also, we are also in the early stages of expanding so we can offer even more!

If you've made pie, other baked goods, helped the library in any way in the past—most recently it was for the Friends of the Library. The Library has a Friends Group and the Annual Meeting is approaching. Mark **April 30 at 6:30 PM at the Brandon Schools' Auditorium** down on your calendar. This isn't as much a meeting as a meet-and-greet with food — a chance for all Friends to get together. Please join us, we want to thank you. Even if you haven't been involved, this is your chance to see what this group is all about. They will be sharing what they did this past year and plans for 2019. If you want to join or even keep up-to-date with their newsletters, there are no dues. Attending this meeting does NOT obligate you to commit either, just come for the food as our thanks for coming! (no registration for the party, but appreciated for food count) In brief, the Friends are a non-profit, volunteer group of citizens who recognize that our public library is a vital community resource. Brochures containing more information and how to join are available at the Library.

Free library card, free resources, stop in,  
Christy Ross, Director

UPDATES FROM THE BRANDON-FAIRWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Have you ever heard sirens and wondered, where are they going? Have you ever seen smoke coming from a structure and prayed that everyone is okay? Have you stopped to think that I live in a great area and would really like to help my neighbor? Have you ever thought about being a part of a team? If you answered yes to any of these, the Brandon-Fairwater Fire Department would like to talk to you. We are looking for energetic individuals that are willing to help out our communities that we serve as well as our neighboring departments. If you feel you would like to join the Brandon-Fairwater Fire Department, please feel free to contact myself or any member of the department.

I wish everyone a safe 2019.  
Mark A. Horvath, Chief



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272 S. Woodward St. PO Box 1  
Brandon, WI 53919  
Non-Emergency Phone: 920-517-1790  
Email: brandonfairwaterfd@hotmail.com

TOWNSHIP UPDATES

RECYCLING

We continue to have a premise attendant at the recycling dumpsters to help you unload the SECOND Monday and FOURTH Saturday of each month. Dumpsters will remain open for your convenience 24-7. IMPORTANT: only recyclables may be placed in dumpsters, all bags must be emptied and take the plastic bag with you and put in your garbage-- do not leave in dumpster. If we continue to receive unwanted matter in dumpsters we will be forced to lock them and only open during recycling hours.



TOWN ROAD WORK

In following our 5 year road maintenance plan, the Township will be repairing Oak Grove Road from Liner road north to Hwy 44 this year. We will grind out road, and repave the entire stretch of roadway. Cracking filling will also be done on the town roads as needed

DOG LICENSES

Any and all dogs kept in the Township must be licensed with the Treasurer when you pay your taxes. Home/ rental owners: please remind your renters of this law. A copy of the rabies vaccination is required and will be returned with your tags. UNPAID dog licenses will be monitored and collected with penalty (by WI Statutes)

BUILDING CODES: BUILDING PERMITS

The State Uniform Code covers all new construction of one & two family dwellings. New home construction building permits should be requested from Grand Valley Inspections Services at 920-229-6360. Grand Valley will cover inspections for footings, foundations, general constructions, electrical and plumbing, decks, porches, air conditioning, insulation, grain bins, barns or sheds with electrical, erosion control, and occupancy inspection.



A PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Remodel existing home – bathroom, kitchen, garage, basement, etc.
- New Garage, decks, porches, swimming pools
- Commercial and industrial construction, and remodel existing buildings

**DRIVEWAY AND CULVERT ORDINANCE:** is in effect for all property on Town Roads. All new or replacement culverts for residents need to be at least 18" diameter and 20 Ft. in length. All farm and field driveways need to have a steel culvert at least 18" diameter and 30 Ft. in length. Contact Jeff Amend at 920-428-5390 for a driveway permit for all driveways. A \$50 fee for the permit will be charged.

TAX COLLECTION

We **encourage** you to pay by mail to avoid waiting in line. Payment amounts are included on the payment stubs located at the bottom of our tax bill. Enclose the appropriate payment stubs with your payment. Mail payments to the location listed on the payment stub (note December/January address is DIFFERENT than the July payment address). Please do not enclose the original tax bill. Payments will be accepted in the form of a check, cashier's check or money order. Certify that an escrow check meets or exceeds the tax bill amount and endorse the escrow check. Overpayments will be refunded within 2 weeks of payment.

**WARNING:** If payment is not made by the due dates, the installment option is lost and the total tax is delinquent and subject to interest and penalty. See the reverse side of your property tax bill for a complete explanation. Self Addressed stamped envelope is needed is you want a receipt.