



TOWN OF METOMEN
W12605 Sheldon Road
Brandon, WI 53919

MEET THE BOARD & STAFF

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- Spring Election - April 6, 2021

NOTE: Public election machine testing will be held on the Wednesday BEFORE each election at 4:30 pm
Call Pam Ferch for absentee ballot (920) 960-2535

TOWN HALL RENTAL

You can rent YOUR town hall for your events. Chairs, tables, coffeemaker, refrigerator are supplied in a nice kitchen area with large serving counter. The hall serves capacity of 70 and is 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 on our website.

PUBLIC POSTING NOTICES-

Updated Statues 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

Open Book is scheduled for April 19, 2021 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, and Board of Review is scheduled for April 26, 2021, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

TOWN LOANS HAVE BEEN PAID...BUT...

This year the loans for the Town Hall, cold storage building and the new fire truck for the Brandon Fairwater Fire Department have been paid off. The board will ask township residents at the 2021 annual meeting to extend those funds to cover the increased cost of road repair and maintenance. This would be a minimal increase of \$30,000 to our current levy of \$260,118.

TAX BILL IMPROVEMENTS

Real estate improvements that you wish to be removed from the tax rolls must be completely removed and inspected by the appraiser by December 31st. Otherwise, the improvement will remain on the tax roll the following year.

ELECTION POLL WORKERS

Last year was not an easy year for the township and poll workers. With all the required elections and COVID, we are looking for individuals to serve as election inspectors for our polling location at the town hall. If you would be interested in working as a Metomen election inspector in the future, please contact Town Chairman Jeff Amend at 920-428-5390

METOMEN NEWS

2021



Annual Meeting Date:
 2021 Annual Meeting will be held on April 20, 2021 at 7 PM at the town hall. The Board would like to see YOU there.

N6971 Hwy. 44/49
 Ripon, WI

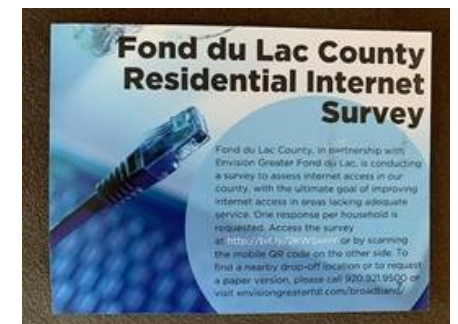
2022 Revaluation Notice

A reassessment of all taxable property in the Town of Metomen shall occur for the 2022 assessment year. Borree Appraisal Services Inc. will be conducting the reassessment. The dates of the reassessment will range from January 2022 to October 2022. The revaluation of property will require on-site exterior inspections by the assessor. The reason for the revaluation is to update property records to reflect current building costs and to assess properties at 100% of market value as per state law. The law requires that each municipality and major class of property is within 10 percent of market value once every five years. Currently as of Jan 1, 2021, for The Town of Metomen, the total est. assessment ratio is approximately 87%. 2022 will be the fourth year out of compliance. Please also notice that the assessor has certain statutory authority to enter land as described in sections 943.13 and 943.15, Wisconsin Statutes. The ability to enter land is subject to several qualifications and limitations, as described within the foregoing statutes. Copies of the applicable statutes can be obtained at public depositories throughout the State of Wisconsin, and from the State of Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau website <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/943/II/13>
 The 2021 Guide for Property Owners can be found here: <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/DOR%20Publications/pb060.pdf>

Thank you,
 The Town of Metomen
 Borree Appraisal Services Inc.
basinc@new.rr.com
 920-766-9166



Your input is needed on Broadband internet access, watch for this survey postcard in your mailbox!



We can be awarded a grant, but need your responses sent in. PLEASE watch for the postcard and COMPLETE one survey per household. To learn more visit: <https://www.envisiongreaterfdl.com/broadband/> Thank you!

UPDATES FROM THE BRANDON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library has become more than a place to pick up books, and this is especially the case at the Brandon Public Library. Besides books, there are books on tape, DVDs, music CDs, and magazines available as well. We can 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 other 29 libraries in the Winnefox System with a 5-day delivery, or we can even acquire from outside the system (state or nation-wide). You can stop in any time to use our fax machine, color printer/copier/scanner, four public computers and find Wi-Fi available 24/7. In addition to all these resources, we typically offer many programs throughout the year. After 2020, we are slowly planning to offer programs again safely. These include use of a 3D printer and game nights, hands-on woodworking (with a CNC woodcarver), greenscreen photography, adult coloring, music lab, embroidery and sewing basics, cooking class, and a tinker classes. We will have movie nights, LEGO Club, Preschool Story Time, Book Club, and Author Signings throughout the year along with our Summer Reading Program. Find us on Facebook, sign up for our email newsletter from our website, or check our website at www.brandonlibrary.net to stay up-to-date.



HOWEVER, the problems we now face include having outgrown our 19th century facility that is not capable of fully supporting our service area to the fullest. Upgrading and expanding the library facility to provide 21st century accommodations will ensure the library's continued ability to serve the needs of the area. To realize this urgent need, we have implemented campaign efforts to raise the \$500,000 necessary to complete the library's expansion project. We are depending on the special partnership of community support for our success. Please stop in the library to see our plans and vision. I welcome any questions you may have.

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

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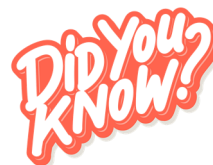
UPDATES FROM THE BRANDON-FAIRWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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 2021.
Kevin Lieske, Chief



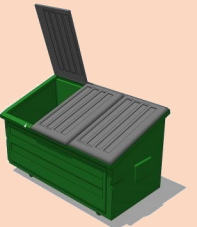
Brandon-Fairwater Fire Department
272 S. Woodward St. PO Box 1
Brandon, WI 53919
Non-Emergency Phone: 920-517-1790
Email: brandonfairwaterfd@hotmail.com



Did you know there are two large posters of Metomen plat maps from the 1800's displayed in the town hall? Very interesting! Come see who owned your property long ago.

RECYCLING

Dumpsters will remain open for your convenience 24-7 but at this time an attendant will only be there to help you unload the 1st Monday (5-7pm) and 3rd Saturday (9-11am) of each month. We have gotten a lot of unwanted matter in the dumpsters with leaving the doors open. Remember that only recyclables may be placed in dumpsters. All plastic bags must be emptied and should be taken with you and put in your garbage--do not leave in dumpster. Also please break down any boxes as flat as possible to save room in the dumpsters. Recycling costs have again rose this year. We were awarded \$600/year DNR recycling grant but recycling costs the township in excess of \$8000 a year. Please make sure you watch what is put into the recycling so we are not charged extra for unwanted material. Advanced Disposal has been acquired by Waste Management as of October 30, 2020. At this time there are no changes to the service or requirements.



TOWN ROAD WORK

In following our 5 year road maintenance plan, Metomen will be repairing Radio Road from just north of Sheldon road to the north one mile this year. We applied for and received a \$70,000 grant last year which we will use this year to grind out road, and repave the entire stretch of roadway. Crack filling will also be done on the town roads as needed.

The grant we received for the Dixon Road construction project has been changed from 90% to 70% paid by the State. We will use these grant funds in 2022 to replace Dixon Road from Sunny Knoll Rd. to Brandon village limits.

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 if you want a receipt.

ATV/UTV ORDINANCE

The township has adopted a new ordinance in January to allow the operation of ATV/UTV on township roadways. This is a fluid document for now because of the relatively new nature of this activity in our township. The entire ordinance can be viewed on the town website (townofmetomen.com) The board felt that with the neighboring townships adopting similar ordinances to allow ATV/UTV operations, it would help out local businesses in area and allow township residence another outdoor activity. This ordinance will be enforced by the Fond du Lac County. The only cost to the township was the posting of the ordinance. A local ATV/UTV club will be purchasing and posting all signage for the trails and maintaining all signage. If you are interested in joining the club contact Steve Hopp (920-209-9965). Call Charlie Blank (920-960-9812) if you'd like to donate funds toward the signs/posts. Watch townofmetomen.com website for future meeting dates/times



SIGNS STOLEN IN TOWNSHIP

Over the past year the township has had to replace over \$2000 in stolen road signs. This is money we do not budget and is difficult to find funds to replace these signs needed for everyone's SAFETY. The board asks if anyone sees or hears of signs being taken please notify the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's office or call a board member so we can try and stop this additional cost.