



**TOWN OF METOMEN**  
 W12605 Sheldon Road  
 Brandon, WI 53919

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

- Elections: April 5 (Spring Election), August 9 (Partisan Primary), November 8 (General Election)

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**

**OPEN BOOK & BOARD OF REVIEW AT TOWN HALL**

- Open Book is scheduled for October 4, 2022 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Board of Review is scheduled for October 18, 2022 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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. Please also notice that the assessor has certain statutory authority to enter land as described in Wis. Stat. § 943.13 and 943.15. 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>

Thank you, The Town of Metomen Borree Appraisal Services Inc.  
[basinc@new.rr.com](mailto:basinc@new.rr.com)  
 920-766-9166

**LOAN PAYMENT / LOCAL LEVY**

In 2021 the loan payment the township took out on our building addition and a new fire truck was paid off. The board brought before the 2021 Annual Town meeting and asked to extend and increase our additional levy from 70K to 100K to use the money for Metomen town road repair. Townspeople voted and approved this increase to be levied and paid starting in 2022 and will now have the 100K in future budgets for road construction.

**TAX BILL 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, coffee-maker, refrigerator supplied in a nice kitchen area with a large serving counter. Hall has a 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.

**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.

# METOMEN NEWS 2022

## MEMORIES

**NOTICE: Obstructed Road Vision from Crops within Statute Setback**

The Town of Metomen is sending you this letter because you own property that is at a roadway intersection in the Township. This year the Town has received numerous complaints regarding crops that have encroached upon road right-of-ways and into vision clearance triangles. Not all property was in violation but because we had complaints. We are notifying all land owners to make sure all are aware of this recent problem in the Township. These crops violate the Town's Zoning Ordinance and Wis. Stat. § 86.04.

Vision clearance triangles are triangular areas at intersections in which structures, improvements and landscaping, and crops are restricted because they can block the ability of motorists to see oncoming vehicles. Under Section 10.40 of the Town's Zoning Ordinance, the vision clearance triangle area is established by a straight-line connecting points on the setback lines along the intersecting roadways and 50 feet back from the intersection of such setback lines. No buildings, signs, billboards, crops or anything that will obstruct the motorist view can be erected on the lands lying within the vision clearance triangle.

Additionally, the Town has the right to remove right-of-way encroachments under Wis. Stat. § 86.04. Specifically, the statute allows the Town Board to order a landowner to remove encroachments beyond the limits of the highway within 30 days. If a landowner refuses to remove an encroachment, the Town may seek a court order to remove the encroachments itself. Further, the Town can seek penalties for these violations.

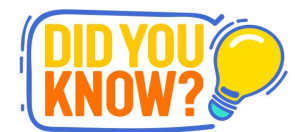
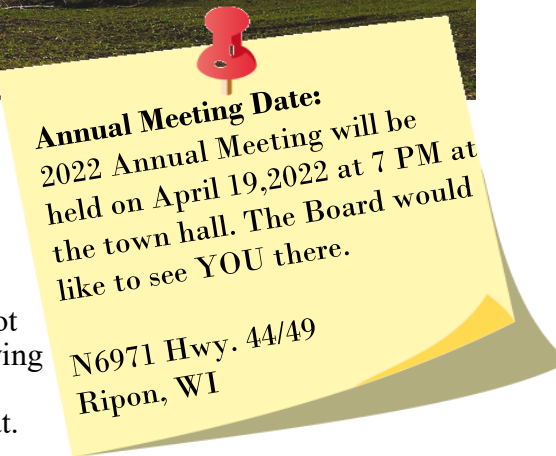
The Town understands that it was late in the season, so it had chosen to not take action against these violations in 2021. However, please be aware that if the same violations exist next season 2022, the Town will take enforcement action, including removing all crops that are in violation of the provision outlined above. If you have any questions regarding where crops can be planted, please contact Town Chairman Jeff Amend at (920)428-5390, or come to any monthly meeting and meet with entire board to discuss your questions and concerns.

Landlords: you are responsible to notify your land tenants.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and efforts to keep our roads safe.

Jeff Amend, Chairman  
 Shelly Hiemstra, Supervisor  
 Scott Zacharias, Supervisor

**2022 Clean Sweep - Fond du Lac County Land and Water**  
 1800 S. Hickory St. | Fond du Lac | \$5/car  
 Saturday, May 21 from 9:00 AM—Noon  
**What to bring:** Pesticides, Herbicides, Insecticides, Fertilizers, Fungicides, Rodenticides, Turpentine, Thinners, Strippers, Aerosols, Agricultural Chemicals, and Oil-based Paints



**EXCESS COUNTY SALES TAX**-has been appropriated to local governments. Metomen will receive \$15,139 committed to road work.

## 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.

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. Thanks to the many supporters and wonderful generosity, our campaign goal has been reached. This doesn't mean we have stopped seeking support because as many know, there are going to be hidden costs along the way. Currently our plans of a one-story addition incorporating an elevator pit are being drawn up in blueprints and hopes for construction to start this summer. Once complete, the library will have additional computers, program room, seating, workspace, and shelving to expand our on-site collection.

Find us on Facebook, sign up for our email newsletter from our website, or check our website at [www.brandonlibrary.net](http://www.brandonlibrary.net) to stay up-to-date.

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

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**LOST/FOUND DOGS:** Please call ALL your neighbors when you find a dog **before** you call township to pickup

## UPDATES FROM THE BRANDON-FAIRWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brandon Fairwater Fire dept would like to thank all of those that help donate their time to outfit our new Polaris UTV. BFFD just added a new 2021 Polaris Ranger 4 door brush fire UTV to their lineup of equipment. The new Polaris is a huge upgrade from what we had. It seats 5 firefighters and has heat along with a set of tracks.

- BFFD is also raffling off the old Polaris 6x6 UTV for 20 per raffle ticket along with 2 half hogs and a new grill/smoker. Please see any fireman/firewomen for raffle tickets.
- BFFD also has their annual pizza fund raiser going on at this time. Please see any fireman/firewomen for pricing.
- BFFD also will be going online with the BFFD EMR in the middle of March, we are so excited to be able to bring this service back to our area.

Chief Kevin Lieske



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272 S. Woodward St. PO Box 1  
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Chief Kevin Lieske: 920-428-3167  
Email: [brandonfairwaterfd@hotmail.com](mailto:brandonfairwaterfd@hotmail.com)



## JULY 2021 STORM:

Very special thanks to Randy Zabel, Mark Zabel, Tim Kamphuis who worked through the night and the entire next day to clear the roads of the fallen trees.

We applied for and received an emergency grant of \$8,000 to help cover these costs.

## RECYCLING

- Dumpsters will remain open for your convenience 24-7 with no attendant until we can hire a new one.
- **HELP NEEDED: Recycling Attendant- 1-Monday 5-7pm per month and 1-Saturday 9-11am per month (=4 hours/month) to supervise recycling dumpster and help town residents unload recycling. \$17 an hour. If interested contact chairman Jeff Amend at 920-428-5390.**
- We have also gotten a lot of unwanted matter in the dumpsters by leaving the doors open. Please remember that only recyclables may be placed in dumpsters.
- All plastic bags must be emptied and take the plastic bag with you and put in your garbage---DO NOT leave in the dumpster.
- Please break down any boxes as flat as possible to save room in the dumpsters.
- Recycling costs have again risen this year. We receive a WI DNR recycling grant of about \$650.00/year, but township recycling costs are 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.



## TOWN ROAD WORK

In following our 5-year road maintenance plan, the Township will be repairing Dixon Rd from Sunny Knoll to the Brandon Village limits this year. We applied for and was awarded a \$400,000 grant in 2020 which we will use in 2022 to grind out the road, and repave the entire stretch of roadway. Crack filling will also be done on the town roads as needed.

## COUNTY ROAD E 2022 CONSTRUCTION

Meeting-March 30, 5-7pm at Metomen Town Hall. County Highway Rep there to outline and plan and answer your questions.

## RE-ROUTE OF CTY T

Together with Fond du Lac County and the Town of Springvale, Cty T has been rerouted from going into Brandon on the north side of the Village to going to Cty TC. The road going into Brandon has now been renamed East North Street-extending from North Street in Brandon.

## 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.**



## UTV/ATV ORDINANCE

The township had adopted a new ordinance January 2021 to allow the operation of UTV/ATV on township roadways. Since last year's newsletter the UTV/ATV clubs have gotten approval for county highway use to get UTV/ATV into Fairwater and across Cty KK road into Town of Ripon and access to get around Ripon. This remains a fluid document because of the relatively new nature of this activity in our township. The entire ordinance can be viewed on the town website ([townofmetomen.com](http://townofmetomen.com)) All interested in joining the club or donating to purchase signs or upkeep contact Steve Hopp at 920-209-9965