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A Message From Town Chairman, Dan Hanson

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Holiday Greetings!

As another year comes to a close, 2012 proved to be a busy summer for the Town Board. With the new pressures of frac sand mining in the area, the Town Board initially imposed a six month moratorium on non-metallic mining. During that time, the Board spent many thoughtful hours creating and reviewing regulatory ordinances, with the advice of experienced attorneys. The intention of these ordinances is to protect our roads, property owners land values, water and air quality and to regulate the daily operations of mining.

Should an interest in mining come to the Town of Pleasant Valley, residents can be assured there is a multi-step process the town, county and mining operation go through before a mine can begin operations. The permitting process includes proper zoning changes, conditional use permits, reclamation requirements, town, state, DNR and federal permits. With any application, there will be at least two opportunities for residents to be heard at public hearings at the town and county levels. These ordinances can be viewed at http://www.townofpleasantvalley.com/ordinances.

Although we do not know what challenges 2013 will bring for the Town of Pleasant Valley, do know that the Town Board will take any challenge seriously and with a thoughtful decision making process.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Town of Pleasant Valley, please feel free to contact any of our board members.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Snow Removal and Town Right-of-Way

'Tis the season of snow removal. WI Stat. 346.95(5) states that no person may place or cause to be placed upon any highway any substance that is or may be injurious to any vehicle. This includes piles of snow. Please do not place any snow from your driveway anywhere within the road right of way. For safety reasons, our plow drivers will issue warnings followed by citations if this is a problem on your property.

Garbage cans continue to be a problem on our road right of ways. If it is your garbage day,

make sure your garbage can and recycling bin are located on your property, off of the road right of way, which is typically 33 ft. from the center line. Placing your bins across the road from your driveway poses a hazard for traffic and makes the plowing efforts more difficult.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

For your own safety, please stay at least 200ft behind any plow truck.
They cannot always see you.

Old Town Hall

If you have had the opportunity to visit the Town Park this fall, you most likely noticed the addition of the Old Town

Hall to the park property. The hall was originally located on Spruce Road, west of Hwy 93. Last year, the Lyle Bien family graciously donated the building back to the town. Visit http://www.townofpleasantvalley.com/old-town-hall to view a video of the move.

Our records are difficult to decipher, but it appears that building served as the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall from the early 1930's to sometime in the mid-70's. If anyone has any information as to when the old town hall was built, please let us know!



The vision of the Town Board is to turn the building into a small museum, show-casing historical memorabilia from the Town of Pleasant Valley. As we look forward, we are in need of community members to serve in two capacities. The first being a group to restore and make necessary repairs to the building so it can be opened to the public. The second being a group of citizens to collect, catalog and display historical memorabilia. If you have anything historical to the area you would like to donate, please let us know.

The Town Board recently accepted an offer from a local Boy Scout to build a handicap accessible entrance to the Old Town Hall as part of his Eagle Scout project. We are excited to work with Harley Smalstig as he completes each of his requirements to obtain his Eagle Scout award. Thank you Harley!

Dog Licenses Required Annually

WI Statute 174.05 states the owner of any dog five months of age or older shall annually on or before the first day of January apply for a license from the Town Treasurer.

If you licensed your dog in 2012, in mid-December you will be receiving a beige postcard with your dogs' information printed on it reminding you to license your dog in 2013. Current rabies information from your vet must be included with your application. If you did not receive a postcard, but own a dog, you can print off an application at www.townofpleasantvalley.com under forms and permits or contact the town office at (715)878-4169.

Fines and court costs for keeping an unlicensed dog can approach \$275. Make sure your dog is licensed!

Fire Number Signs Visible

For your own safety, please make sure your fire number signs are always visible to the roadway. Emergency personnel rely on these signs to expedite emergency services to you and your property. With heavy snowfall, it is easy for signs to become buried.



Township Fire Dept

Thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers for their service to our community. Remember to always get a burning permit. (715)834-6868. Regulations can be viewed at www.townshipfire.org

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Property Tax Collections

Sometime in mid-December you should receive your 2012 tax bill. The first payment is due by January 31st.

Public Tax Collection Dates

Friday, December 28, 4-6pm Saturday, December 29, 9-11am Saturday, January 19, 9-11am Friday, January 25, 4-6pm Saturday, January 26, 9-11am 1st payments can be mailed to: Dale Welke, Clerk/Treasurer S10180 Cty F Eau Claire, WI 54701

Public collections are located at the Town Hall, S10414 Cty HH/I in Cleghorn.

Checks, cashier checks and money orders are preferred. Cash is not recommended. Exact amounts only.

Checks payable to: Town of Pleasant Valley

Town Hall/Pavilion/Ball Field Rental

The Town Hall, Pavilion (with or without the kitchen) and the Ball field are available to rent for private parties, anniversaries, graduations, family reunions, softball tournaments etc. New in 2012 - the Ball field has lights for evening games. Visit our website at www.townofpleasantvalley.com or contact Dan Hanson at (715)878-4847 to learn more about renting one of these facilities.

Rental fees are as follows:

Town Hall - \$75.

Pavilion - \$75

Pavilion and Kitchen - \$150

Ball Field Tournament-Weekend \$400

Pleasant Valley 4-H 8th Annual Cookie Walk and Craft Sale



Saturday, Dec 8th 10am-1pm at the Cleghorn Fire Station.

Buy Cookies by the pound!

Shop a variety of crafters and vendors! Visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus!

Grab a hot lunch! Free Kids' craft activities!

2013 Election Dates

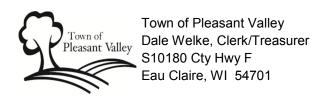
February 19th - Spring Primary*
April 2nd - Spring Election

Elections are held at the Town Hall/Fire Station in Cleghorn from 7am - 8pm.

Address: S10414 Cty HH/I

*if needed





RESIDENT

Town Officials

Dan Hanson, Chairman (715)878-4847 Dan Green, Supervisor (715)878-4476 Doug Nelson, Supervisor (715)878-4918

Dale Welke, Clerk/Treasurer (715)878-4169 Jen Meyer, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer (715)878-4973

Town Shop (715)878-9461

Town Board Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 8pm at the Town Hall.

Interesting Facts about the Town of Pleasant Valley

2010 population - 3060 Number of voters in Nov election- 2106 65.37 road miles 54.2 square miles 2013 Approved Budget \$854,218

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Visit our website and you will find all valuable information including: calendars, meeting agendas and minutes, facts, notices, forms and permits, frequently asked questions, budget information and more.

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