

Town of  
Pleasant Valley

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## Eau Claire County, Wisconsin

### Referendum Survey Results

The August 2019 newsletter provided information to residents regarding current funding limitations and the process of acquiring additional funds to keep up with necessary road repairs in the Town of Pleasant Valley. At the end of the article a link to a survey was provided inquiring about the support of an increase in levy dollars via referendum in 2020.

71 residents responded to the survey with the following results: 27% indicated the board should do nothing, 1% indicated the board should take out loans, 23% indicated they would support a \$100,000 increase in the levy and 49% indicated they would support a \$200,000 increase in the levy. (\$200,000 increase equates to ~\$56 increase per \$100,000 of value)

The last portion of the survey gave respondents an opportunity to leave anonymous comments. Most of the comments were very supportive of placing a referendum question on the November 2020 General Election ballots asking the voters for an increase in the levy. A few other comments require some clarification to voters.

- Where is the money going from the \$30 wheel tax placed on our vehicle registrations?  
The wheel tax is an Eau Claire County imposed tax and all monies go directly to the county for transportation related purposes. Towns do not benefit from this wheel tax.
- Why do we allow the large granaries and farms with large equipment to operate within the Town? The Town has always been largely agricultural and we cannot limit the right to free commerce. In the spring, road bans are placed on the roads to help protect them from the weight of the vehicles during the spring thaw.
- What about the newer facilities and park in Cleghorn? How are they funded?  
-The park is completely self-sustaining. All expenses are paid for by rentals, donations and a percentage of the Harvest Fest proceeds.  
-The improvement to the Fire Station was necessary to maintain the fire protection ratings for the services provided. The Town needed to be able to house more equipment to serve the area. If the service ratings were to drop, your home owners insurance could increase dramatically.  
-Each year the community center brings in revenue from rentals which helps to off-set the utilities and expenses for the building. This year the private party rentals will total around \$5200. The building also provides a meeting place for local clubs. Currently the Cleghorn Lions Club, two 4H clubs, Cub Scouts, and the Cleghorn Snowdrifters regularly meet at the facilities.  
-Your tax dollars pay for the additional expenses and loan payment associated with the town hall/community center/fire station. The construction of the new facility and loan was supported by electors in 2014. The annual loan payment is not part of the allowable levy referred to in the newsletter.
- What percentage of my tax bill goes to the Town? Based on your 2018 payable in 2019 tax bill, the town received approximately 14% of the gross taxable amount. The County received 32%, the schools received 48% and the CVTC received 6%. These percentages vary a bit depending on which school district you reside.

The Town Board takes the difficult decision of raising taxes very seriously. If the board decides to place a referendum question on the November 2020 ballot, there will be informational meetings for the public in the fall. Watch the website and the August newsletter for updates and meeting dates.

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<p><b><u>2019 Road Projects</u></b>  <b>Hickory Road</b> - 1 mile of 1" blacktop overlay</p> <p><b>Evergreen, Spruce and portions of Hillview Roads</b> - chip sealed</p> <p>-blade patched many sections of roads            -on-going pot hole filling</p> <p><b><u>2020 Projects</u></b>            The town has applied for 2 separate grants in the Cedar/Balsam/Maple Road areas, so this will determine the projects should we be awarded the money.</p>
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## **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 2019, in early December you will receive a blue postcard with your dog's information printed on it reminding you to license your dog in 2020. 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 an application at [townofpleasantvalley.com](http://townofpleasantvalley.com) under forms and permits or contact the town office at (715)878-4645.

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

## **2019 Property Tax Collections**

### **Public Tax Collection Dates**

Thursday, December 26, noon-7pm

Thursday, January 30, noon-7pm

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. The first payment is due by January 31st. Checks payable to: **Town of Pleasant Valley** Credit cards are not accepted.

Mail 1st payments to:

Jen Meyer, Clerk/Treasurer

W165 Woodridge Dr

Eau Claire, WI 54701

A receipt will be mailed back to you.

Reminder: 2nd Installments are due July 31st and are sent directly to the Eau Claire County Treasurer. Eau Claire County does not mail a 2nd statement.

## **Snow Removal, Safety and Town Right-of-Way**

'Tis the season of snow removal. WI Stat. 346.94(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.

Please do not let children build tunnels or play on the snow plow piles left in the town right of ways. Our plow crews can be out any time of the day or night clearing roads, widening roadways or cleaning cul-de-sacs. At times, the plow drivers have limited visibility and may not see your children. Children playing in or near the snowbanks can be seriously injured or killed.

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. If your fire number sign has aged and become difficult to read, you can order a new sign for \$50. Please contact Jen Meyer, Clerk/Treasurer at 715-878-4645 or [townofpleasantvalley@gmail.com](mailto:townofpleasantvalley@gmail.com).

Garbage cans continue to be a problem on our road right of ways. If it is your collection day, make sure your garbage can and recycling bin are located on your property and 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 creates difficulties during plowing operations.

## **Care to Serve Your Community?**

Volunteer firefighting is a rewarding and valuable way to serve your community. It takes dedication and many hours of training to become a firefighter. If you're over 18 and are willing to put in the time and effort, the Pleasant Valley Fire Department and your community would be grateful for your support. Firefighters meet the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Cleghorn Station for training/meetings. If you are interested in joining please attend a meeting, contact any firefighter, or call Battalion Chief Mark Behlke at 577-7404.



# 2020 Elections - Frequently Asked Questions



**How do I register to vote?** In Wisconsin, you can register in the clerk's office any time throughout the year excluding the three days prior to an election, register by mail any time except the 20 days prior to an election, register on Election Day as well as on [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) if your drivers license matches your current address. Other than the online option, you will need to provide a valid proof of residence to complete your registration. Registration forms are available on our webpage.

**How do I request an absentee ballot?** Absentee voting can be accomplished in two different ways. The first method is to request an absentee ballot by mail. Requests are accepted by mail, email or thru [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) if you are registered. Forms are available on our webpage. As soon as ballots are available, the clerk will mail a ballot to anyone who has a valid request on file thru 5pm the Thursday prior to an election. In-person absentee voting will be held the two weeks leading up to an election and end at 5pm the Friday before an election. Check the Town website for available hours and options. All absentee requests are required to provide a valid form of photo ID.

**A note about third party absentee requests:** Over the last number of years, an increased number of third party groups have been providing voters with a postage paid postcard to be mailed to their clerk requesting an absentee ballot. In Wisconsin, you are required to provide a valid photo ID with your request. If you choose to use these postcards, you will need to place them in an envelope along with a copy of your photo ID and mail them to the clerk.

**Election Equipment Security:** Many voters inquire about the security of the current election equipment. Whether you vote on the touch screen or on a paper ballot, neither piece of equipment is ever connected to the internet, thus eliminating any chance of interference. Both pieces of equipment are tested for accuracy two times prior to each election and randomly audited post-elections. The touch screen creates a paper ballot for you to verify, so with either method there is always a paper trail should we need to verify any results.

**Contact the Clerk:** Please reach out to Clerk/Treasurer Jen Meyer with any questions: 715-878-4645 or [townofpleasantvalley@gmail.com](mailto:townofpleasantvalley@gmail.com). Additional information can be found at [townofpleasantvalley.com/useful-information](http://townofpleasantvalley.com/useful-information),

[myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov), or the WI Elections Commission at [elections.wi.gov](http://elections.wi.gov)

**Exceptions to every rule:** Indefinitely confined, military and permanently overseas voters have a few other guidelines and exceptions. Please reach out with any questions if you are one of these voters.

\*\*\*The above information is a summary, please visit the listed webpages or contact the clerk for complete information.\*\*\*

## **2020 Election Dates**

Feb 18th - Spring Primary (if needed)  
April 7th- Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote

August 11 - Partisan Primary  
November 3 - General Election  
Elections are held at the Town Hall/Fire Station in Cleghorn from 7am - 8pm.

Address: S10414 Cty HH/I

# Upcoming Community Events In Pleasant Valley

## **15th Annual Pleasant Valley**

### **4-H Cookie**

### **Walk and Craft Sale**

Cookies by the pound!

Mr. and Mrs. Claus! Hot lunch!

Local vendors! Kids' Craft!

**Saturday, December 7**

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Facebook:

Pleasant Valley 4-H Cleghorn, WI

*All events are held in the*

*Pleasant Valley*

*Community Center*

*and/or Park*

*S10414 Cty Rd HH*

## **Fundraising Breakfasts**

**Sarah Nelson Memorial**

**Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, February 23

8am - 1pm

**Cleghorn Lions Biscuit**

**and Gravy Breakfast**

Sunday, March 15

7am - noon

## **Cleghorn Lions Club Bingo**

Cash Prizes!

7 pm on the following Tuesdays:

**January 28**

**February 25**

**March 24**

**April 28**

Doors open at 6:30pm

## **Pleasant Valley Firefighters**

### **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 11 at 10am

Drawing for Kids Bikes!

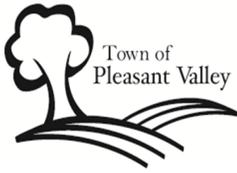
Candy Filled Eggs!

## **Harvest Fest**

**Harvest Fest** is always the first weekend after Labor Day.

2020 dates:

**Sept 11th ,12th and 13th**



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## **Town Officials**

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

Jen Meyer, Clerk/Treasurer (715)878-4645  
or [townofpleasantvalley@gmail.com](mailto:townofpleasantvalley@gmail.com)

Town Shop (715)878-9461  
Burning Permits and regulations:  
(715)834-6868 and [townshipfire.org](http://townshipfire.org)

Town Board Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of  
each month at 7:30pm in the Town Hall.

## **2020 Annual Meeting**

**The Annual Town Meeting will be held on  
Tuesday, April 21 at 7:30 pm**

## **Facility Rentals**

The Community Center and the Park Pavilion/  
Kitchen are available to rent. Rental rates are  
reduced for town residents. Please visit our  
webpage at [townofpleasantvalley.com](http://townofpleasantvalley.com) or  
contact Jen Meyer at 715-878-4645  
or [townofpleasantvalley@gmail.com](mailto:townofpleasantvalley@gmail.com) for more  
information regarding availability and rental rules  
and regulations.

## **[townofpleasantvalley.com](http://townofpleasantvalley.com)**

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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