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**Eau Claire County, Wisconsin**

**A Message from Town Chairman Dan Hanson**

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and continuing to live your lives as normal as possible in spite of these difficult times. We are fortunate to reside in an area that you still can maintain some normalcy by seeing immediate family and enjoying some outdoor activities in Pleasant Valley. I have to confess that I am writing this message from the comfort of a heated tree stand during the deer gun hunting season, and I'm sure there are several others doing the same in beautiful Pleasant Valley. Please continue to be safe as we work our way through this pandemic.

We have been discussing road construction cost and budgeting in the previous few newsletters and the topic remains the same in this year-end letter. The referendum asking to increase the town tax levy for the purpose of road construction failed. Although it failed by a small margin 1301 NO and 1109 YES, the voters have spoken and we will work with the existing tax levy approved.

The town board has met several times since the failed referendum and are planning for road construction within the existing budget. As stated in previous newsletters this budget amount does not allow to complete the miles of road that need immediate improvement, but we will do the best we can with the monies we have. That being said; there will be several roads that we may receive requests or complaints that need improvement but please be advised that the improvement will most likely be a "blade patch repair".

Blade patch is a long time used maintenance measure for road repair and although not as appealing as reconstruction or overlay, it is certainly an acceptable means of repair and most certainly all we will be able to afford for the foreseeable future.

It has been a long year, and right now it's more important than ever to reflect on the things we're thankful for. Again, thank you to the residents of the Town of Pleasant Valley.

It is a pleasure to serve the Town of Pleasant Valley.

Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

Dan Hanson

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**Pastoral Beginnings:**  
**A History of Pleasant Valley 1857-1914**

Written by Bill Thiel, a resident of the town, this is a book about the pioneer days of the town and its residents. Copies are available at the Town Hall for \$24, including tax, or directly from the author at 715 834 6086. Cash or checks are accepted

**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 2020 in early December you will receive a blue postcard with your dog's information printed on it reminding you to license your dog in 2021. 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!**

## **Highway Department Retirement and New Employee**



Mark Behlke and Jeff Meyer

Congratulations to Mark Behlke on his retirement from the Town of Pleasant Valley. Mark proudly served the Town as Highway Foreman for over 35 years as well as serving as Battalion Chief for Township Fire Department Station #4. Current highway department employee Wyatt Wathke has accepted the position of Highway Foreman and John Norby is now the Pleasant Valley Station #4 Battalion Chief.

Thank you for your service Mark!

The Town has hired Jeff Meyer as the new employee in the highway department. Jeff and his wife Katie live in Cleghorn with their 2 children. Jeff has prior highway maintenance experience and is a member of Township Fire Department. Please welcome Jeff when you see him out on the roadways.

Welcome Jeff!

## **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. efforts more difficult. Thank you for your cooperation with these matters.

## **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 John Norby at 715-577-4319.



# Changes to Property Tax Bill and Receipt Requests

Eau Claire County has changed their software for tax bills and receipts. A few things will look different to the taxpayer but the timeline will remain the same.

<https://ascent.co.eau-claire.wi.us/LandRecords>

- ⇒ Tax bills will be printed on a single sheet of paper and mailed in a business size envelope early to mid-December.
- ⇒ You can view and print your tax bill online after the mill rates are submitted. (early December) <https://ascent.co.eau-claire.wi.us/LandRecords>
- ⇒ You can look to see if your personal or escrow payment has been received and print a receipt for your records. <https://ascent.co.eau-claire.wi.us/LandRecords>
- ⇒ **Tax payment receipts will ONLY be mailed to you if you enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.**
- ⇒ Make sure to enclose the payment stub with your check.
- ⇒ Tax payments can be mailed to the address provided on the tax bill or the 1st payments can be placed in the drop box located in front of the Town Hall main entrance. This is the same drop box used for absentee ballots.
- ⇒ First installment payments are due by January 31st payable to the “Town of Pleasant Valley”
- ⇒ Second installment payments due by July 31st payable to “Eau Claire County Treasurer”
- ⇒ Failure to pay the first installment by January 31st will cause the entire remaining balance to become delinquent as of February 1st. You will not have the second installment option.
- ⇒ Payments postmarked on or before December 31st will be dated in 2020.
- ⇒ Payments postmarked on or before January 31st will be considered on time only if received in the Town Office via USPS by February 5th.

## Public Tax Collections

December 29th 9am-4pm

January 28th 9am-4pm

at the Town Hall in Cleghorn.

A receipt will be printed for you upon request during these public collection times.

\*dates subject to cancellation

### 2020 Road Projects

**Woodridge Subdivision** - 1 mile of 1" blacktop overlay

#### **Interlachen Blvd**

-section of road received new base, blacktop and shouldering. Ditches re-contoured.

#### **Birch Road**

-section received additional base course

### 2021 Projects

To be determined

### November 3, 2020 Election

- 2559 total voters
- 1271 absentee ballots received and processed with zero rejections
- 129 new registrations on Election day
- All Republican candidates on the ballot won their races in Pleasant Valley
- The road construction referendum failed 1109 to 1301
- Over 90% voter participation

### 2021 Annual Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall

### 2021 Election Dates

Feb 16th - Spring Primary (if needed)  
April 6th- Spring Election  
All elections are held at the Town Hall/Fire Station in Cleghorn from 7am - 8pm.  
Address: S10414 Cty HH/I



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## **Town Officials**

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Jen Meyer, Clerk/Treasurer (715)878-4645  
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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 7:00pm in the Town Hall.

## **Facility Rentals**

The Community Center and the Park Pavilion/Kitchen are available to rent.

Rental rates are reduced for town residents.

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