

Town of Union

TOWN CRIER

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Website – The Town has a new, updated website. You can view Board Meeting agenda/Minutes, all Town Ordinances, permit forms, etc. The website is townofunionwi.com

Comprehensive Planning Commission - The Comprehensive Plan is the Town's plan for the future. The current Plan has been in place for 10 years and is in the process of being updated. Enclosed is a survey as part of this update process. Please complete the form enclosed or go online to the website and complete the form. Look for future public open houses as part of this update process also.

Home Remodeling/Changes – If you are planning to make any changes to your home or buildings be sure to get the proper permit before starting any work. Remodeling, replacing windows, siding, roofs, etc. all require a permit. Contact Al Balsinger the Town's Building Inspector 715-382-4730.

Land/Property Permits – Any land division, changed use of your land, change zoning of your land, certain buildings, etc. may require a permit from the county. The process is to contact the county to see if a permit or approval is required. If what you are doing requires county and town and possibly city approval you need to plan at least a couple months in advance. The process starts at the county with an application, then approval of the Town's Comprehensive Planning Commission and Town Board which take two meetings, final approval with the county and possibly city approval. The town must receive the application form and documents you receive from the county by the third Thursday of the month in order to get on the agenda for the next month. Any applications filed after the third Thursday will be moved to the agendas of the meeting in two months.

Building Permits – Most buildings need a permit from the town. You must contact the Building Inspector, Al Balsinger 715-382-4730. No work can begin until the permit is obtained. The state of WI now requires building permits to be submitted online. The website is <http://clsps.wi.gov>; UDC/Act 211 Permits must be submitted to DSPS along with plans and data, by the contractor or owner. Plans and data must be submitted to the Town Building Inspector, Al Balsinger. All submittals and fees must be paid before they are reviewed and permit issued.

Address Markers – The address markers at the end of your driveway are very important. These are for the fire department, EMS, ambulance and sheriff to find your residents as fast as possible in the case of an emergency. Most emergencies are not visible from the road or a distance as a fire may be. If your number is damaged or lost contact the Town to have it replaced. The cost of the replacement is \$25.

Burning – A burning permit is required for most situations. You can burn in a burning barrel with the proper screen cover and only during specific hours. You can burn in a barrel Monday – Friday 6:00PM until Midnight and Saturday until Midnight. Call 715-834-6868 to get a burning permit. ABSOLUTELY NO BURNING ON SUNDAY, ANY HOLIDAY OR DURING A BURNING BAN.

Transfer Station – The Town's Transfer Station is located on White Pine Drive. Any item that is recyclable can be taken to the Transfer Station. Non-recyclable items or trash must be in a green "Town of Union" specific bag or it will not be accepted. The bags are available at the Transfer Station, Town Hall and the Holiday station on Hwy. 312. Recyclable metals are accepted. Large items such as a couch, mattress, etc. will be accepted for a scheduled fee. The Transfer Station is open Wednesday 1-5PM and Saturday 9-5:00PM.

Driveway Permit – Anyone who plans to establish a new driveway or property entrance off a town road must first obtain a permit. The permit is available from Chris Turner at 715-829-3737. The location of the driveway will be reviewed and the size of any necessary culvert will be determined by Chris before a permit is issued. You must contact the county for any entrance off a county road.

Board Members/Personnel – Newly elected to the chairman position is Debbie Smith. She has been a supervisor on the Town Board for 20 years. Jeff Bechard – supervisor – has 6 years on the Board. Jeff White – supervisor – has 6 years on the Board. Paul Travis – supervisor – 2 years on the Board. Newly appointed supervisor is Jennifer Meyer. Russ Johnson has been the Constable for 14 years. Beverly Christopherson has been the Town Clerk for 2 years. Jeff Pederson is the newly appointed Treasurer. Brett Huber has been the Transfer Station attendant for 7 years.

Mailbox Posts – Mailbox posts are not to be constructed of brick, block, concrete, steel , etc. or any material other than the standard wooden post. It is against State Statutes to have a mailbox post, pillar or any other obstacle in the Road-Right-of-Way. This is a safety issue. Injury or damage can be much greater if the object struck is made of these types of materials. You can contact the postal service for further information.

Dog Licenses – All dog owners are required to have a license for each dog. The licenses are due now. The licenses can be obtained from the Town Treasurer, Jeff Pederson.

Town Officials

Chairman: Deb Smith
Supervisors: Jeff Bechard
 Jeff Whyte
 Paul Travis
 Jennifer Meyer
Clerk: Bev Christopherson 715-874-6123
Or e-mail townofunion@wwt.net
Treasurer: Jeffrey Pederson 715-874-6123
Constable: Russ Johnson – 715-839-9991
Building Inspector: Al Balsiger - 715-382-4730
Driveway Permits: Chris Turner –715-829-3737
Burning Permits: 715-834-6868
Transfer Station: 715-874-6453

Town Board Meetings

2nd Tuesday of each Month unless noted on Website or postings at Town Hall.

Town Hall Hours

Tuesdays and Thursdays
5:30pm till 9:00pm
1st and 3rd Saturday of each month
8:00am till Noon.
Or by appointment.