

# 2023 Annual Report Town of Wayne, Wisconsin

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The town board decided to distribute the report by making it available on the Town of Wayne website, and having copies available at the town hall.

## TOWN BOARD

Carl Klemme, Chairman (262-626-4592); Carol Gonwa, Clerk (262-689-4238); Tony Balistreri, Supervisor; Robert Schulteis, Supervisor; Gerald Schulz, Treasurer

## PLANNING COMMISSION

Carl Klemme, Chairman; Tony Balistreri, Supervisor; Robert Schulteis, Supervisor  
Nick Hesprich, Keith Ellenbecker, Jon Etta, Carol Oelhafen - Citizen members  
Carol Gonwa, Planning Secretary  
Jeremy Pfeifer, Zoning Administrator, Building Permits (262-629-1774)

## OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS

Grota Appraisals Assessor (262-253-1142), FAX (262-253-4098) [www.GrotaAppraisals.com](http://www.GrotaAppraisals.com)  
Jeremy Pfeifer, Culvert Inspector (262-629-1774)  
Bill Rate, Weed Commissioner  
Stan Riffle, Attorney

## MEETINGS

Regular Town Board meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month following the Planning Commission meeting. Planning commission meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, generally starting at 6:30 p.m.. Special meetings are called as needed. The final agenda for any meeting is available 24 hours before the scheduled meeting. Official agendas are posted in the 3 public posting places for the Town of Wayne:

1. Town hall, east end of the parking lot on a bulletin board near the transfer station sign.
2. Preferred Electric, west end of the parking lot in front of the garage facing the street.
3. Kohlsville Fire Station on the bulletin board just north of the driveway entrance.

Meeting agendas are also posted on the town website. The web site contains the fee schedule as well.

The planning commission advises the town board on matters of land use, land divisions and zoning. If you wish to bring a matter before the planning commission, contact the town clerk. Information is also available on the town's web page. Certain issues require public hearings and/or public notice. Notice requirements and the timing of submissions for publication effect the date you may appear on the agenda. The Town of Wayne does not have an official newspaper but if state statutes require publications it will be in The Statesman. Conditional use permits require a separate application and payment of a fee. The Zoning Ordinance and Land Division Ordinance for the Town of Wayne are available at the public library in West Bend or Kewaskum. Questions may also be addressed to the Building Inspector, Jeremy Pfeifer at 262-629-1774.

## WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING

The Transfer station is located at the Town Hall. The Transfer station is open Saturdays 8a.m. to 3p.m. and during Daylight Savings time also Wednesdays 5p.m. to 7p.m. Nothing can be dropped off when it is closed. Below is a current price list:

### **NO BUILDING MATERIALS. FLUORESCENT LAMPS or BRUSH will be collected**

|             |  |       |               |
|-------------|--|-------|---------------|
| Solid Waste | \$3 tall kitchen bag (13 gallons) or smaller | Table | \$10 per item |
|             | \$5 any bag larger than tall kitchen bag     | Sofa  | \$25 per item |

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|--|-------------------------|--|----------------------------|---------------|
|  | \$5 garbage can         |  | Stuffed or Recliner chairs | \$15 per item |
| New barrels                                      | \$12 each               |  | Mattresses                 | \$15 per item |
| Barrels with ashes                               | \$2 per ¼ full barrel   |  | Box Springs                | \$15 per item |
|  | \$4 per ½ full barrel   |  | Dressers                   | \$10 per item |
|  | \$6 per full barrel     |  | Microwaves                 | \$10 per item |
| Waste Tires                                      | \$7 per car tire        |  | TV                         | \$20 per TV   |
|  | \$10 per truck tire     |  | VCR/DVD players            | \$5 per item  |
|  | \$35 per tractor tire   |  | Computer, printer, monitor | \$5 per item  |
|  | \$5 per motorcycle tire |  | Box of clear Garbage Bags  | \$20 per box  |
| <b>Other Miscellaneous items - Per Attendant</b> |                         |  |                            |               |

### **SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS**

Please shovel out the area around your mailbox and mark your mailbox so the snowplow drivers can clearly see it and avoid damaging the mailbox. Please note that it is improper and against State of Wisconsin highway regulations to remove snow from your driveway and push it across the road. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **HOUSE NUMBER REPLACEMENT**

The Town replaced all the house numbers with improved signage that will make it easier to see the house numbers as you are driving the local roads. Property owners shall be responsible for the signage. In the event the signage is damaged or removed, the cost of replacement shall be borne by the property owner. The property owner shall be billed for such replacement or repair by the Town of Wayne, and shall be subject to special assessment for unpaid balances. The signs shall be displayed in such a manner as to provide immediate recognition to emergency and medical personnel, namely installed as follows: Within the road right of way (ROW), ten (10) to twenty (20) feet to the right of the driveway proper and the face of the number sign to be approximately three (3) to four (4) feet above the ground elevation at its center point. In the event the above location cannot be used, the Town Board of the Town of Wayne or its designee shall determine the proper location. If you have a problem with the location of the sign, contact a town board member.

### **HELP MAINTAIN THE RURAL CHARACTER OF THE TOWN OF WAYNE**

The essence of the rural character of our town is the local farmer who works the land. Please respect the farmer's right to farm. Don't tailgate farm machinery on the roadways. Manure is part of livestock farming. Sometimes farmers operate their equipment late at night to plant or harvest crops, respect their industriousness and hard work.

### **DRIVEWAYS**

If you want to create a new lot, you must provide access to a public road from the lot. If you want to access a town road, contact the Culvert Inspector, Jeremy Pfeifer, 262-629-1774. If you want to access a county or state road, contact Washington County Highway Department 262-335-4435.

If you want to build or improve a driveway that connects to a town road, you must contact the culvert inspector to obtain a permit. There is a fee for the safe driveway location inspection. If a culvert is required there is a culvert permit fee and you must post a culvert bond which will be returned to you after the final inspection of the culvert. The Culvert Inspector may request bonding or engineering of projects. The Town Attorney shall prepare the bonding agreement at the expense of the permit applicant; the fees for engineering and review of the same shall be borne by the permit applicant. Such bonding or engineering requests may be reviewed by the Town Board.

## **ROAD RIGHT OF WAY**

The road right of way usually extends 33 feet in each direction from the centerline of the road. The municipality has access and responsibility for maintenance in the road right of way. The municipality will remove any objects in the right of way. Please do not place stones or other items in the road right of way above the plane of the road surface. Items above the plane of the road surface in the right of way creates a hazard for snow plowing and may damage the equipment and/or cause injury to the drivers. Farmers should not plant crops in the road right of way. Public roads should be accessed only by means of approved driveways and field entrances. If you damage the road or right of way by accessing a town road by means other than an approved driveway or field entrance you are liable for the cost of repair.

## **FIELD ENTRANCES**

The Town of Wayne Town Board wants to remind farmers to use the designated field entrances. They are made for tractors and other heavy equipment to enter and exit the road. Any damage found to roadways due to not using field entrances will be charged back to the owner in the amount to fix the roadway.

## **ELECTION INFORMATION**

The federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) and Wisconsin state statutes require all voters in Wisconsin municipalities to be registered in order to vote after January 1, 2006. In order to register to vote, you must provide your Wisconsin Driver's License number or other proof of residency. Photo ID is required for all elections. You must be registered in order to receive a ballot and vote. You may register at the polling place on Election Day. The polling place for the Town of Wayne is the town hall, hours, 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

The My Vote Wisconsin site allows you to see your voter information, status of absentee ballot, polling place location or sample ballot (this information is available three weeks before the election). The link is as follows: <https://myvote.wi.gov/>.

## **MAILBOX POLICY: WASHINGTON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

\* Massive supports such as telephone poles, heavy metal posts, concrete posts, antique farm equipment, or other similar items are prohibited. Any support must be designed so that if it is struck, it will bend or fall away from the striking vehicle to prevent severe damage to the vehicle or injury to the traveling public. If possible, all newspaper tubes and mailboxes shall be placed on the same post to avoid unnecessary posts.

\* Nothing shall be attached to the mailbox, newspaper tube, or its support.

\* Use of a semi-arch or extended arm-type support which allows snowplows to sweep near or under mailboxes without damaging supports is recommended.

\* When newspaper tubes are used other than those provided by the newspaper, the Highway Commissioner shall have the exclusive authority to approve the newspaper tube.

\* The Washington County Highway Department will repair or replace mailboxes that are physically struck by a county highway department truck, standard size and design boxes will be used. We will not repair mailboxes damaged by snow.

\* Please see Washington County Code, Chapter 12.04

\* Mailboxes should be mounted at a height of 41 to 45 inches from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or point of mail entry.

\* Mailboxes should be set back 6 to 8 inches from the front face of the curb or edge of the shoulder to the mailbox door.

## **WI-FI**

Wi-Fi is now available in the Town of Wayne. Contact Hiercomm Networks for more information 262-563-9362 or <http://www.hiercommnetworks.com/>. You will get an answering machine, leave a number where you can be contacted and they will most likely contact you in the evening hours.

## **WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES**

In response to consumer demand for wireless communication services and requirements of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), wireless communications providers wish to establish their systems as quickly and efficiently as possible. This will result in more antennas and towers across the visual landscape. In order to provide for appropriate location and network development, to minimize adverse visual effects through careful design, siting, co-location of providers and screening, and to maximize public safety, specific sites for wireless communication facilities may be granted by conditional use permit. If a wireless communication provider contacts you to request to install an antenna on your property,

please direct them to the town board to obtain a conditional use permit for the installation of the equipment.

### **RECYCLING PROGRAM**

Town of Wayne has an active recycling program. What follows is a summary of what was collected in 2023. ALL plastic containers are now collected, along with glass, cardboard, tin, aluminum and newspaper. We also collect oil filters and tires. The town has an electronics recycling program in place.

Recyclables are collected during the times the transfer station is open. There is a charge to recycle electronics.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

What follows (after the recycling report) is the year to date financial report.