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Town Website: Visit www.townofnepeuskun.org The website has zoning ordinances, permits, Town Board & Plan Commission meeting minutes & agendas, land use ordinances, history, and much more. Check it out!

RUSH LAKE PROJECT – Improvements to the North Landing are currently underway. Better access including boat launching should result. Removal of cattails at the South Landing was recently done. A brat fry fundraiser will be held at Webster’s Marketplace on Saturday, July 8, 2017. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at the Waukau Youth Center. The public is always welcome. Please contact the **Rush Lake Watershed Restoration, Inc. Directors from the Town of Nepeuskun for more information and upcoming meeting dates: Brett Helmbrecht, Bob LaBuda and Ron Bahn. Visit the website <http://www.rushlakewi.com>, also on Facebook.**

THANK YOU!!

Jim Heise for eight years of service as a Town Board member!

Verna Heise for the cleaning services she has provided at the Town Hall!

VOTE - VOTE - VOTE – PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR PHOTO ID TO VOTE!

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 is Spring Election Day! The ballot will include: State Superintendent of Schools, Justice of the State Supreme Court, Court of Appeals Judge, Judges for District II Circuit Court Branch 2 & 6, County Executive, School Board members (Berlin, Ripon, Omro), and Town positions including Chairman, Supervisors 1 & 2, Clerk, Treasurer and Constable. Voter registration will be required for anyone not previously registered within the Town of Nepeuskun. Please bring required documentation. Information can be found at – myvote.wi.gov. **Polls at the Town Hall will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sample ballots will be published in the Oshkosh Northwestern.**

CLEANING SERVICES at the Town Hall. Needed only a few hours per month. Contact any Town Official if interested.

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION: Nepeuskun will need to replace one of the Plan Commission members in April. Meetings are the 1st Monday of the month at 7 p.m. The Plan Commission insures citizen involvement in most of the regulations the Town develops. Please consider becoming involved in the future of your community. Contact chairman Ronald Bahn if you are interested.

FIRST RESPONDERS: Nepeuskun is currently covered on its very eastern portion by the Utica Fire Dept. First Responders. If there are any interested persons who live or work in the other areas of the Town, the coverage could be expanded. You do not need to be a medical services employee to be a First Responder. Almost anyone who is willing to take the training can become one. Contact any Town official with your interest or questions.

BRUSH CUTTING CREW: We need additional members for the Town brush cutting crew. Specifically people who would be available during daytime hours on weekdays. So, if you have somewhat of a flexible schedule (retired, self-employed, night shift worker, etc.) please contact Chairman Ron Bahn. The Town greatly reduces its brush cutting costs with resident employees and hopes to continue to do so.

2017 ANNUAL MEETING –The Annual Meeting for the Town of Nepeuskun will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at the Town Hall, 1475 County Rd E, at 7:00 p.m. The agenda will contain approval of minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting, presentation and review of the 2016 Annual Report (Financial Statement) for the Town, and followed by any statutory or advisory matters as desired by the electors present. **Please plan to attend!**

4-H NEWS – Some of the things the youth did this past fall included the fall mum sale and grocery shopping for the Eureka food pantry. Now that the new year has begun, the youth will be starting to work on their fair projects for the summer fair events. We will be going on an outing this spring. In the past, we have gone to the YMCA and to Badger Sports Park. We meet the 2nd Sunday of the month at the Nepeuskun Town Hall at 2:00 p.m. Hope to see you at the annual Father's Day Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 18, 2017, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Town Hall. If anyone is interested in joining 4-H, contact Kathy Wunrow at 920-290-2664.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY – My name is Emma Pinnow and I live in the town of Nepeuskun. I am a Girl Scout working towards completing my Silver Award project. My project will be building and registering a Little Free Library at the Nepeuskun Town Hall. I recently was approved by both the National Girl Scout Committee and Nepeuskun Town Board to move forward with my Little Free Library. You may ask what is a Little Free Library? A Little Free Library is a free take a book, leave a book system, and it belongs to everybody. It promotes literacy and the love of reading, and also builds a sense of community. Please join me at an open house to unveil my Little Free Library, Saturday, June 17th (recycling day) at 10:00 a.m. When you see the Little Free Library installed at the Town Hall, please go ahead and take a book and even share a book, if you have one.

Town of Nepeuskun
c/o Melissa Gravunder, Treasurer
2301 Wall Street
Berlin, WI 54923

SPRING ELECTION - Tuesday, April 4, 2017, polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Voter ID required

OPEN BOOK - Saturday, April 8, 2017, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Town Hall

ANNUAL MEETING - Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall

RUSH LAKE PROJECT MEETING - Thursday, April 20, 2017, 7:00 p.m., at the Waukau Youth Center

BOARD OF REVIEW – Monday, May 15, 2017, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Town Hall

FATHER'S DAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Sunday, June 18, 2017, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Town Hall

RUSH LAKE PROJECT BRAT FRY - Saturday, July 8, 2017, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Webster's Marketplace

RECYCLING – Every third Saturday of the month – 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS – Every third Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall

REGULAR MONTHLY PLAN COMMISSION MEETINGS – Usually every first Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall

Dates To Remember

WE NEED YOUR HELP – Town officials do not regularly travel all Town roads in order to observe hazards. If there is a down tree, pothole or gully, snow that was not plowed, etc. – Please contact any Town official to let them know.

GARBAGE PICKUP – Private garbage pickup is available in the Town. You may contact Jon Schure for more info at 920-361-2970.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS? The Town of Nepeuskun is continuing to compile a list of residents, landowners and any other interested parties who would desire to be contacted by email with public information. Please visit the Town of Nepeuskun website to register. Look for the Email Sign Up Tab. Your information will not be shared.

OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW – Many of your concerns can be handled at the Open Book session without having to file an objection at the Board of Review. Open Book will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Board of Review will be held Monday, May 15, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

BUILDING OR REMODELING? Zoning Permits are required by the Town of Nepeuskun Municipal Code for any construction or remodeling that exceeds a total project cost including labor of \$2,000, with the exception of a replacing roofing material of windows, doors, siding, interior remodeling, additions and new construction require a ‘Zoning Permit’ that is issued by the Zoning Administrator. Any construction exceeding \$40,000 also requires a site plan approval by the Town Plan Commission before a ‘Zoning Permit’. In addition to the Town of Nepeuskun requirements, Winnebago County may also require permits for erosion control, sanitary permit and others. the Town Zoning Administrator at 920-216-5717 or email jerrytrochinski@gmail.com as soon as you begin your planning process to discuss setbacks, permitting, and timelines for acquiring permits. the costly problems that can occur if you do not obtain the required permits. considering building a new home -- it is important begin your planning with the Zoning Administrator at least 3 months before you plan to begin construction.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION - Winnebago County is recertifying its Farmland Preservation Plan with the State. Landowners who signed up 5 years ago have received a letter from the County requesting their signup for the next 10 year program. Signup is open for all landowners for the next several months. In order to participate in the Winnebago County Farmland Preservation Plan and be eligible to claim the tax credit (\$7.50 per acre), you must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be a resident of the State of Wisconsin and property taxes current.
2. Property must be used for agriculture, natural resources, or open space. (Woods, marsh and untilled areas qualify).
3. Must be signed up in the County Plan and be zoned A-1 in the Town.
4. Property must be in compliance with a nutrient management plan (currently administered by the County Land and Water Conservation Department).
5. Must **gross** \$6,000 per year, or \$18,000 over past three years from farm revenue. (As little as 8 acres of hay or row crops and perhaps 1 acre of fresh market vegetables may qualify).
6. The “Base Farm Tract” (all contiguous land with one owner of record placed in the Plan) is allowed one “Farm Residence” and four (4) “Non-Farm Residences” (i.e. four (4) lot splits). The acreage for the “Base Farm Tract” may not be less than a ratio of 1:20 for

all “Non-Farm Residence” acreage; i.e. for every acre of “Non-Farm Residence” the remaining “Base Farm Tract” must have a minimum of 21 acres. In Nepeuskun, with a 2 acre minimum lot size, you will need 42 remaining non-developed acres per 2 acre lot you sell. With a larger lot of 4 acres you would “use up” 84 acres of the non-developed land on your “Base Farm Tract”. You will eventually run out of the non-developed land that you need to sell off any more building lots.

7. There is no minimum acreage requirement for the initial “Base Farm Tract”.
8. The previous conversion fee (last signup) of approximately \$600 per acre for conversion to non-ag use has been removed.

Contact Brian O’Rourke at Winnebago County Planning Dept. at 920-232-3340 or Town Chair Ronald Bahn at 920-570-3296 with questions. If enough landowners would like more information, an informational meeting could be set up at the Town Hall.

HELP WANTED

FIREWOOD FROM BRUSH CUTTING – The Town will be using a new policy regarding the firewood generated from brush cutting and down trees from storms. The firewood will be left in the ditch for at least 2 weeks after cutting. If the landowner desires to remove it, they may do so. The Town will then remove it after the 2 week period. The reason for this change is that it continues to be more difficult to contact the appropriate landowner. This is the policy Winnebago County also uses on the County roads.