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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 – This project continues to succeed at many of its goals – but one of them continues to elude – that being reduction of invasive cattail and re-establishment of the native bulrush. The focus has turned to more aggressively pursue this goal. A new, focused Lake Management Plan is starting to be developed. A brat fry fundraiser will be held on Saturday, July 14, at Webster’s Marketplace in Ripon (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.). **The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the Waukau Youth Center. The public is always welcome to attend and provide feedback. 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.** Also see www.rushlakewi.com and Facebook @RushLakeWI.

THANK YOU!!

Election workers! You have a busy year. Thank you for your long hours at the February polls due to being short staffed.

Town Residents! Be safe picking up garbage along our roads. Thank you for keeping our township clean.

VOTE - VOTE - VOTE – PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR PHOTO ID TO VOTE! Tuesday, April 3, 2018 is Spring Election Day! The ballot will include Justice of the State Supreme Court, Judges for Circuit Court Branch 1 & 4, County Supervisor District 33, School Board members (Berlin, Ripon, Omro). 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.

REVIEW OF TOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - Nepeuskun developed a Comprehensive Plan in 2009 in accordance with the State requirements under WI Statutes 66.1001. A review is required every 10 years. The Plan Commission is now starting this review. “Comprehensive” means complete and wide-ranging. A community has many aspects that contribute to its success as a place to live and play and work and run a business. The role of the planning process is to consider all the various aspects and issues of the community, facilitate agreement on common goals, and lay out a path to achieve and/or react to them. So, the “Comprehensive Plan” records facts, documents a vision for the future, and aids in the allocation of financial and human resources; but “comprehensive planning” brings people together to talk about what responsible growth looks and feels like. It encourages discussion among citizens, agencies, and governments. It is an opportunity to discuss options and develop common goals. You can use the Town website to participate if you cannot attend the meetings. The process is expected to take about a year to complete. Comments are welcomed at any time during the planning process and can be

left under the “Contact Us” section of this web site. Leave a comment. We would be happy to respond.

2018 ANNUAL MEETING – The Annual Meeting for the Town of Nepeuskun will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at the Town Hall, 1475 County Rd E, at 7:00 p.m. The agenda will contain approval of minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting, presentation and review of the 2017 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!**

Agri-Tourism personifies the coming together of the continual agricultural use of land and the open character of the Town with the desire of visitors to experience the outdoors, the leisure pace of life and enjoy the nutrition of locally sourced food and products. The Town is working on a municipal code addition focused on Agri-Tourism. If you are interested in receiving Agri-Tourism updates and potential gathering of persons interested in offering Agri-Tourism, please visit the Town of Nepeuskun website to register. Look for the Email Sign Up Tab. Your information will not be shared.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Nepeuskun has elected to partner with **Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation (GO-EDC)** to support and enhance efforts related to workforce development, business expansion and retention initiatives within Winnebago County, Oshkosh and the Township. On Saturday, February 17, 2018, Greater Oshkosh hosted **Talent Take Off**, at the Menominee Nation Arena. This was a STEM-level college recruitment event, where area students looking to secure their first job could meet local employers. Also, in February, Greater Oshkosh distributed the last loan available through the first round of the **Capital Catalyst Fund** program. This milestone recognizes over \$250,000 that was allocated to local area businesses as start-up financing. Within the region, a multi-county meeting, hosted by East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, was held earlier in February, to discuss report findings and strategies for fostering collaboration along the I-41 corridor. More important is our efforts to continue promoting **Winnebago County**, Oshkosh and the surrounding area, as a great place to work, live and raise a family! We offer many advantages and opportunities -- Let's continue to spread that message. Town Zoning Administrator, Jerry Trochinski, has been asked to meet with staff members of Greater Oshkosh in March to explore ways to collaborate for the enhancement of Township projects and initiatives.

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SPRING ELECTION - Tuesday, April 3, 2018, polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Voter ID required.

ANNUAL MEETING - Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall

RUSH LAKE PROJECT MEETING - Thursday, April 19, 2018, 7:00 p.m., at the Waukau Youth Center

OPEN BOOK - Saturday, May 5, 2018, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Town Hall

BOARD OF REVIEW – Tuesday, May 22, 2018, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Town Hall

FATHER'S DAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Sunday, June 17, 2018, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Town Hall

RUSH LAKE PROJECT BRAT FRY - Saturday, July 14, 2018, 9 a.m. to 2 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, 6:30 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, May 5, 2018, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Board of Review will be held Tuesday, May 22, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

PLANNING ON “BUILDING” OR “DREAMING” OF A NEW HOME? Planning to build a new home should be considered a journey. Not only will you be selecting location, contractors, suppliers and making many decisions along the way you will also need to acquire the required permits. You should plan on a minimum of 60 days prior to beginning construction to acquire the following required permits:

Site Plan Approval—issued by the Town of Nepeuskun Planning Commission

Sanitary Permit [Septic System – POWTS] issued by Winnebago Cty.

Erosion Control Permit – issued by Winnebago Cty.

Building Permit [Uniform Dwelling Code – UDC] issued by the State of WI

Zoning Permit –issued by the Town of Nepeuskun Zoning Administrator

In addition to the permits listed above it may be necessary to also permit driveway and culvert, fresh water for home and special Winnebago County requirements for space designated as ‘shoreland’.

As soon as you are thinking about building a new home contact Zoning Administrator, Jerry Trochinski jerrytrochinski@gmail.com or call 920-216-5717

NOTE: All buildings [structures] or remodeling in excess of \$2,000 requires a minimum of a Zoning Permit. County erosion control permits and special ‘shoreland’ requirements may also apply. Any building or remodeling valued at \$40,000 or more also requires Site Plan Approval. Failure to seek proper permits may result in work stoppage, penalties, and structure removal. Contact the Town Zoning Administrator if you are planning to build or remodel or to discuss your intended project, permits, setbacks, and zoning requirements.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION - Since Winnebago County provided for signup on a

completely voluntary basis, approval by the State was questionable. And, unfortunately for current and intended participants, the State (DATCP) did reject the Winnebago County Farmland Preservation Plan mainly because it did not show a great enough area planned for farmland preservation. There could be a possibility to restore the program for those wanting to participate but it looks unlikely. Those who have received the credits the past 5 years will be able to claim them for 2018 due to a one year extension that was granted. Those who signed up during the recent sign up period will most likely not be able to receive any tax credits in the future. If there is any change in this status, those landowners desiring participation will be contacted.

Contact Brian O'Rourke at Winnebago County Planning Dept. at (920) 232-3340 or Town Chair Ronald Bahn at (920)570-3296 with questions.