

# Nepeuskun News

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**Town Website:** A website has been established for the Town. The address is [www.townofnepeuskun.org](http://www.townofnepeuskun.org). Currently the site has some town history information, town official contact information, and the current Town Zoning ordinance. More information will be added soon, including meeting agendas and minutes.

The Town Board has developed a proposed budget for 2009 that would increase the Town tax levy from the 2008 amount of \$140,000.00 to the proposed 2009 amount of \$175,000.00, which is an increase of 25%. The main reason for this increase is to help cover the budget shortfall that occurred during 2008 for snow removal costs. The budgeted 2008 snow removal expenditure was \$25,000.00 and the actual costs to date are \$63, 793.08 with some additional expenditure possible for early winter (November snow removal work would be payable in December). The Town Board transferred funds from the Highway Maintenance account to cover this cost overrun, which resulted in no paving being done on any Town roads during 2008. The proposed budget also includes an expenditure of \$21,650.00 in consulting/legal fees to complete our “Smart Growth” Comprehensive Plan and revision of the Municipal Code (Town Ordinances). This Plan is required by State law and must be completed by 2010. The Town Board also proposes to increase the Highway Expenditures for 2009 from the 2008 amount of \$110,000.00 to the amount of \$125,000.00 for the 2009 budget due to increased costs for labor, equipment and materials needed for road maintenance. Budgeted expenditures for snow removal will also be increased from \$25,000.00 to \$35,000.00.

**What is this going to cost me?** Everyone has a different size of real estate tax bill but if we assume that the **TOWN** portion of your total real estate tax bill is approximately 15% **AND** if your total tax bill was \$2,000.00 last year, **AND NO OTHER TAXES INCREASED** (County, State, Local and Vocational School), then the increase would be approximately \$75.00 in higher **TOWN** tax.

**The Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of Town Electors will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Please plan to attend.**

## VOTE - VOTE – VOTE

Polls at the Town Hall will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4 for the Fall election. Offices up for election are: U.S. President and Vice- President, U.S. Congress District 6 Representative, State Senator District 18, State Assembly Representative District 53, and Winnebago County Offices of: District Attorney, Clerk, Treasurer, and Register of Deeds.

**Town-wide Curbside Garbage and Recyclables Pickup** - Households that desire this service may contact Dave Page at 361-9759 to arrange for service and all details. Recycling will continue as it has in the past with drop-off at the Town Hall the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Stray Dogs** – Richard Fernau has been appointed as Town Constable. Dick can be contacted at 920-748-9427 regarding stray dogs.

## THANK YOU! !

The Town extends a big “Thank You” to Marion Kuharski for painting the bulletin board units at the Public Notice posting sites in the Town (Koro Rd/Hwy 91 and County E & V in “downtown” Rush Lake).

And “Thank You” to Bob & Sue LaBuda for the GREAT popcorn they prepared and served at the Visioning Workshop on July 30.

**Rush Lake Project** – The most recent Board of Directors meeting for Rush Lake Watershed Restoration, Inc. was held on September 18, 2008. Northern Environmental reported on the post-drawdown vegetation survey. Tom Davis is the new director from the Town of Utica who replaces Lawrence Bradley, who recently passed away. Don Metko, director from the Town of Rushford was in attendance, after a lengthy illness and appears to be doing well. Doug Bohn informed the Board that a voluntary gizzard collection program will be done again this hunting season for lead assessment. Hunters are encouraged to collect and freeze gizzards from ducks harvested from Rush Lake with the date of harvest and type of duck recorded. An informal meeting of hunters with gizzards will be held after the close of the season to analyze them. Contact Ken Merk at 920-748-1322 for more info. The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., at the Waukau Youth Center. Please contact the Rush Lake Watershed Restoration, Inc. Directors from the Town of Nepeuskun for more information and upcoming meeting dates: Ken Merk, Rob Stone and Ron Bahn. For info on the Internet see: [www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife/rushlake/index.htm](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife/rushlake/index.htm)

**Town Comprehensive Plan** – Development of the Comprehensive Plan continues with the Plan Commission devoting the majority of their monthly meeting time to it. Enclosed with this newsletter is a survey that is very important to the Town Plan Commission as far as what the Comprehensive Plan will contain. Please take the time to fill it out and return it by mail by November 17<sup>th</sup>, or it can be dropped off at the Town Hall on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Dates To Remember

**FALL ELECTION** — Tuesday, November 4, at the Town Hall – Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.  
**BUDGET HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN ELECTORS** — Thursday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall  
**RUSH LAKE PROJECT MEETING** — Thursday, December 4, 2008 7:00 p.m., at the Waukau Youth Center  
**RECYCLING** — Every Third Saturday of the Month at the Town Hall 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS** — Every Third Monday of the Month at the Town Hall 7:00 p.m.  
**REGULAR MONTHLY PLAN COMMISSION MEETINGS** — Usually Every 1st Monday of the Month at the Town Hall, 7:00 p.m. Next meeting is Monday, November 10.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**IMPORTANT**

**SURVEY ENCLOSED**

## Town Hall Rental

The responsibility of doing the Town hall rental has changed from Ken and Kay Pinnow to Lyndon and Dolores Luker, 156 Koro Rd, Ripon, WI, telephone 920-748-2421. The town would like to thank Ken and Kay for having this responsibility since we opened the doors on our new Town Hall.

## New Town Official Nominating Process for 2009

The April 7, 2009 election will include the election of Town Officials. It was approved by the electors at the Annual Meeting, in 2007, to no longer hold a Caucus. Anyone wishing to run for an elected Town Official position will need to submit nomination papers.

Those interested in running for an elected position must first complete an EB-162, Declaration of Candidacy and an EB-1, Campaign Registration Statement. These forms can be found on the GAB website or can be obtained through the Town Clerk. Once these forms are completed and submitted to the Clerk, nomination papers can begin being circulated. The first day nomination papers can be circulated is December 1, 2008. Nomination papers must be filed with the Clerk no later than the first Tuesday in January, in this case, January 6, 2009. All Town offices require 20-100 signatures.

Nomination papers and forms can be obtained by contacting the Town Clerk, Rebecca Pinnow, at 920-748-3909, contacting the County Clerk, or by going to the Government Accountability Board website at <http://elections.state.wi.us/>

## Comprehensive Plan Community Survey

We need your help. We need about ten minutes of your time . . .

In 1997, the Town conducted a survey of all its residents to find out what people think about land use issues. The Town is now preparing a comprehensive plan, and it's time to hear your thoughts on these issues again. Development of the Comprehensive Plan gives you an opportunity, as a resident or business owner, to help guide Nepeuskun into the future. This survey, prepared by the Town Plan Commission, seeks your input on some of the key issues that will be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan.

The responses you give to this survey are intended to be anonymous. No signatures are needed. If more than one person in your household would like to fill out the survey, feel free to photocopy the survey, or download it from the Town website (<http://townofnepeuskun.org/>).

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey questions. Your answers and comments are very important and will provide critical input for the Comprehensive Plan! **Please complete the survey by November 17<sup>th</sup> and return it by mail as instructed on the back of the survey. You can also drop the survey off at the Town Hall on Election Day (November 4<sup>th</sup>).**

Thank you for your time!