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A Message From Chairman Dan Hanson

Town roads...where do I begin? For as long as there have been town roads, road maintenance has been a topic for discussion. Mowing, plowing, sanding, repair and resurfacing are all subject to differing opinions. Road maintenance is the primary function of a township and we take pride in that. There are 66.2 miles of roads, 132.4 miles of shoulder, 300 culverts, 1342 driveways, 361 road signs, and 100's of street signs to maintain on a regular basis and when the call arises some special requests. The town shop, town employees, town equipment and a majority of the town budget are all designated to maintaining the aforementioned.

With that being said, our budget is not an endless pot of money like the federal government thinks it is nor does it contain enormous line items like the State has to raid from one to balance another. Our budget consists of our town levy which is based on property tax, State Transportation Aid and the State Shared Revenue. The State funding is generated here in Eau Claire County, sent on to the State and then returned to the local City, County or Town based on a convoluted formula which has been declining over the years...now that is a topic for another time.

With the rising cost of asphalt pavement, base course, chip seal, and equipment along with the decline in revenue it has become increasing challenging at the town level to maintain the degree of repair that we have all become accustomed to over the years. We continue to reconstruct or repave one mile of road per year, crack fill roads, chip seal one to two miles per year along with other miscellaneous blade patching and repairs throughout the year.

In an effort to maintain as many miles of road as possible with our available funds, we have been utilizing a double chip seal surface instead of asphalt when we reconstruct a road which allows us to resurface twice as many miles within the same budget. We have been installing the double chip seal the last three years and found that properly installed it is an acceptable surface that will give us years of durability at the best cost. This of course leads back to my opening comments...roads where do I end?

It is always a pleasure serving the Town of Pleasant Valley.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Dan Hanson, Town Chairman

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2017 Elections

**Spring Primary
February 21st**

**Spring Election
April 4th**

**Elections are held in
Cleghorn at the
Town Hall/Fire
Station.**

Dog Licenses Required Annually



WI Statute 174.05 states the owner of any dog five months of age or older shall annually on or before the first day of January apply for a license from the Town Treasurer.

If you licensed your dog in 2016, in early December you will receive a blue postcard with your dog's information printed on it reminding you to license your dog in 2017. Current rabies information from your vet must be included with your application. If you did not receive a postcard, but own a dog, you can print an application at www.townofpleasantvalley.com under forms and permits or contact the town office at (715)878-4645.

Fines and court costs for keeping an unlicensed dog can approach \$275. Make sure your dog is licensed!

Snow Removal, Safety and Town Right-of-Way

'Tis the season of snow removal. WI Stat. 346.95(5) states that no person may place or cause to be placed upon any highway any substance that is or may be injurious to any vehicle. This includes piles of snow. Please do not place any snow from your driveway anywhere within the road right of way. For safety reasons, our plow drivers will issue warnings followed by citations if this is a problem on your property.

Please do not let children build tunnels or play on the snow plow piles left in the town right-of-ways. Our plow crews can be out any time of the day or night clearing roads, widening roadways or cleaning cul-de-sacs. At times, the plow drivers have limited visibility and may not see your children. Children playing in or near the snowbanks can be seriously injured or killed.

For your own safety, please make sure your fire number signs are always visible to the roadway. Emergency personnel rely on these signs to expedite emergency services to you and your property.

Garbage cans continue to be a problem on our road right of ways. If it is your garbage day, make sure your garbage can and recycling bin are located on your property and off of the road right-of-way, which is typically 33 ft. from the center line. Placing your bins across the road from your driveway poses a hazard for traffic and makes the plowing efforts more difficult. Thank you for your cooperation with these matters.

2017 Property Tax Collections

Public Tax Collection Dates

Thursday, December 29, 3-7pm

Saturday, January 28, 9-11am

Monday, January 30, 4-6pm

Mail 1st payments to:
Jen Meyer, Clerk/Treasurer
W165 Woodridge Dr
Eau Claire, WI 54701

A receipt will be mailed back to you.

Public collections are located at the Town Hall, S10414 Cty HH/I in Cleghorn. Checks, cashier checks and money orders are preferred. Cash is not recommended. Exact amounts only. The first payment is due by January 31st. Checks payable to: **Town of Pleasant Valley** Credit cards are not accepted.

Reminder: 2nd Installments are due July 31st and are sent directly to the Eau Claire County Treasurer.

91% Voter Turnout - November 8, 2016

Voters in Pleasant Valley historically turn out in numbers higher than predicted at the County, State and Federal levels. During the past General Election we had:

- 2431 pre-registered voters with 201 new registrations on Election Day
- 303 Absentee ballots were issued prior to the Election with 285 returned and counted on Election Day.
- Total voter turnout was an all-time high of 2196

Solar Panels for Park - Thank you!

The Town Board and the Park Committee would like to express our appreciation to the Cleghorn Lions Club, 4H Older Youth Council, Pleasant Valley 4H and the Pleasant Valley Clovers 4H clubs for their donations of funds to acquire solar panels through Eau Claire Energy Cooperative. By the end of 2016 we will have 17 of the recommended 17-21 panels necessary to cover electrical usage at the park. This is an impressive example of residents working together to make Pleasant Valley a great place to live. THANK YOU!

A Message From the Pleasant Valley Historical Committee



The Town of Pleasant Valley Historical Committee is looking for old historical articles, pictures and smaller items to display in the Museum. Items of interest include: the railroad, the stagecoach, one room schools, fire department, cemeteries, creamery, churches, stores, hotels, dance halls, farming, feed mill, the pickle business. We are also interested in information on local sport leagues and local clubs. i.e. 4H, Scouts, Homemakers, Lions, Snowmobile Club. If anyone has any local genealogy information, family write-ups or local cookbooks, we would welcome that sort of information too!

Original articles and pictures can be donated or can be copied so you can retain the original.

We appreciate your continued help in this project. In order to keep our small space presentable, please contact a committee member for approval of your donations.

The committee meets on the first Monday of every month at the Pleasant Valley Community Center at 1pm.

Betty Myren 715-287-4123 Sharon Hazen 715-287-4740

*****PLEASE DO NOT DROP ITEMS OFF AT THE MUSEUM*****

Park Committee Members Needed

Are you interested in volunteering for the Town of Pleasant Valley? The Park Committee is an advisory committee to the Town Board and is in need of two volunteers to fill two vacant 3-year terms beginning in January 2017.

The committee meets a few times a year to determine needs associated with the park and to allocate park funds towards approved projects. Please contact Dan Hanson at 715-878-4847 or Jen Meyer at 715-878-4645 for more information or if you would like to join the committee.

What You Should Know and Do This Flu Season



Eau Claire City-County
Health Department

For millions of people every season, influenza (flu) can mean a fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, fatigue, and miserable days spent in bed. Every year, flu spreads across the country, from person to person, among families and communities. The flu is a respiratory disease that can lead to serious illness, hospitalization, or even death.

Every flu season is different, and influenza can affect one person differently than another person. People at higher risk for serious illness include those 65 years and older, young children, and pregnant women. However, even healthy people can get very sick from the flu.

Actions to Take

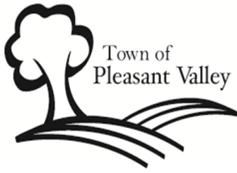
Get your flu shot. The best way to prevent the flu is with a flu shot. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older get a flu shot each year.

An annual flu shot is recommended because the shot is updated each flu season to protect against the flu viruses that research indicates will be most common. The 2016-2017 vaccine has been updated from last season's vaccine to match viruses that are circulating now.

Practice good health habits. Cover coughs, wash your hands often, and avoid people who are sick. Eat healthy, exercise, and drink plenty of fluids.

Seek medical advice quickly if you develop flu symptoms. It is important that antiviral medications be used early to treat people who are very sick with influenza, especially those who have a greater chance of serious complications.

Flu season typically peaks between December and February, but flu activity can continue as late as May. If you have not yet had a flu shot, now is the time. Protect yourself, protect your family, and enjoy a healthy winter.



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Town Shop (715)878-9461
Burning Permits (715)834-6868
Burning Regulations: www.townshipfire.org

Town Board Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the Town Hall.

12th Annual Pleasant Valley 4-H Cookie Walk and Craft Sale

Cookies by the pound!
Mr. and Mrs. Claus!
Hot lunch!
Local vendors!

Pleasant Valley Community Center
S10414 Cty Rd HHI

Sat. December 10, 2016

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Facebook: Pleasant Valley 4-H Cleghorn, Wi

www.townofpleasantvalley.com

Visit our website and you will find all valuable information including: calendars, meeting agendas and minutes, facts, notices, forms and permits, frequently asked questions, budget information and more.

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