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MONTHLY MEETINGS

(Unless Otherwise Posted)

Board 2nd Tues.
1st Responders 3rd Mon.
Fire Dept. 3rd Tues.

RECYCLING/GARBAGE

Advanced Disposal picks up every Thursday. If you have any questions or concerns please call Eric Vogel at 715-573-8518.

HALL RENTAL FEES

Lg. Room (100 people)
\$300 + \$200 deposit
Sm. Room (50 people)
\$200 + \$200 deposit
Both Rooms
\$500 + \$300 deposit

Please call Eric Vogel at 715-573-8518 for the rental of the hall.

Town of

May 2024

HAMBURG

**HAMBURG
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**TRACTOR
PULLS**

SAT., JUNE 22, 2024
HAMBURG FIRE STATION

WEIGH IN STARTS AT 9 AM • PULLING STARTS AT 11 AM

FOOD AND BEVERAGE WILL BE AVAILABLE ALL DAY
BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT STARTING AROUND 5 PM
LIVE MUSIC STARTING @ 6PM

NEW THIS YEAR: FIREWORKS AT DUSK



If you have received this newsletter and the address is incorrect or you know someone living in the township who is not receiving a newsletter please call Eric Vogel to have it corrected.



A Note from the Chairman,

Happy spring everyone!! As always, I'd like to thank the Board, our Town employees and the Fire and EMR department for your dedication to the Town of Hamburg this past year!!

The Town was able to purchase a used excavator this past year. It will be used for installing culverts, cleaning ditches, brushing and digging gravel in the Town pit. The last 4-5 years we had this subcontracted out. Having our own excavator again will save the Town some money and provide flexibility in getting much needed ditching done around Town. We were able to pay for it with money that is set aside every year for equipment needs.

In much the same way, the Fire Department sold an older tanker truck and purchased a newer used tanker that can also be used as a pump truck.

New garage doors for the Town shed were purchased this past year from monies left over from the covid pandemic. Combined with the new roof and insulation from the year before, it is costing a lot less to heat the Town shed during the winter and helps keep it cooler in the summer.

Speaking of covid money, we still have some to spend by the end of the year or give it back. We have about \$30,000 to spend. We are currently looking into new windows at the Town hall and possibly installing air conditioning there. New windows will be about \$15,000, based on a quote we have received so far. If you know of anyone that can replace our windows, please let one of us know so we can get another quote or two. Or if you have a better suggestion for the covid money use, let us know.

You probably have noticed broadband installation going on around town this past year. We found out the hard way that we had no control over this process. Without an ordinance in place, we could not regulate the installation process. It was all through the county. We did pass an ordinance at the beginning of this year to allow us to be informed of any Town roadside work that will be performed in the future before it occurs. We are trying to work with the county to ensure that the messes in the ditches from installing broadband tubing and wires gets properly cleaned up.

The Town renewed its contract with Advanced Disposal this past fall for 5 more years. Trash pickup is now on Thursdays. As with what seems to be everything these days, trash pickup costs have increased. You will pay for this service when you pay your taxes.

Feel free to reach out to me anytime with thoughts or concerns! 715-573-8518 cell. I try to respond as quick as I can. Voice messages are ok, but sometimes take a day or two to appear on my phone. Texting is best or call my landline at 715-539-3781 and leave a message.

Have a great summer,
Eric Vogel

FIRE DANGER

Check out the sign at the fire station to stay informed what the fire danger is for the day. The DNR updates the danger level at 11:00 am every day so you may also check out their website. Just google Wisconsin DNR Fire Danger. Stay safe; make sure you have a burning permit & call the number on that permit before burning. (there is not a charge for permits)

ROAD UPDATES

Granite will be applied to schoolhouse lane and deer creek lane north of rainbow drive and to county line road west from hwy S for 1 mile. Einert creek and grass creek north of rainbow drive may be spread as well depending on our budget this year.

SMOKE AND CO DETECTORS

Now is a good time to replace the batteries and check your smoke and CO detectors to make sure they are working properly.

DOG LICENSING

All dogs need to be licensed in Marathon County. Please call Teri to get them licensed. Despite this, nearly all the lost dogs we get called about do not have a license, making it difficult to locate the owners. In an effort to reduce this as well, we now have a *local ordinance* in place with enforcement options.

PLOWING ACROSS THE ROAD

Plowing across any road in Wisconsin is illegal because it creates a safety issue for our drivers and increases the likelihood that our equipment will be damaged, costing all of us money. Please stop if you've done that in the past. In an effort to reduce this practice, we now have a *local ordinance* in place with enforcement options.

MAPLE GROVE NEEDS YOU

The Maple Grove Charter School has three open positions on the Governance Board. This is a great opportunity to get involved in our Hamburg community. Board members promote and advance Maple Grove's mission, oversee the goals of the charter school contract, and work with school leadership to support staff and students. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Maple Grove Charter School.

If you are interested in serving on this board, please email your resume and letter of intent to Kelly Hirn, khirn@athens1.org. Applications are due by Thursday, June 6, 2024. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kelly Hirn, Maple Grove Charter School Governance Board President!

POLL WORKERS NEEDED

We have positions open for election workers. Men and women are encouraged to apply. If interested, call Dawn at 715-536-3638.

PIT RUN PROCEDURES

Each household in the Town of Hamburg is authorized to receive 200 yards of pit run. The price is \$3 per yard if you haul it or \$5 per yard if the town loader is used. We have put up cameras to better monitor who is coming & going into the town pit.

TIRE RECYCLING

Any and all tires are not accepted at the Town shed for recycling!!! If you dropped some off there, please come get them and dispose of them yourself!!! The town has to pay for disposal of them just like you. Bee line auto salvage a few miles south of highway 29 on highway 97 takes them for a fee.

LAWN CLIPPING IN DITCHES

Please don't throw your yard waste in the road ditches as it wrecks havoc with our ditch mower and water runoff.

TOWN OF HAMBURG USAGE RATES

The Town of Hamburg establishes the following usage rates for their equipment inventory & services that are commonly used & requested. The list below outlines the equipment usage rates that the Town of Hamburg will charge for local residents & surrounding townships requesting support.

- 1) Truck: \$100.00 per hour (\$100.00 minimum)
- 2) Grader: \$150.00 per hour (\$100.00 minimum)
- 3) End Loader: \$100.00 per hour
- 4) Sanding: \$35.00 flat rate (no charge to Maple Grove school & local churches)
Businesses: \$50.00 flat rate
- 5) Culvert installation: Cost of culvert and materials, plus equipment rate usage listed above
- 6) Steamer: \$60.00 per hour
- 7) Labor \$25.00 per hour
- 8) There will be NO private driveway plowing.

BUILDING PERMITS:
Building permits are needed for all NEW home construction. The business to contact is Northwinds Inspections at 715-539-3000 to get the proper paperwork. The permit is required by the state. We will keep you posted as changes may take affect after the first of the year.

BURNING PERMITS:
All fires, including burn barrels need a burning permit which are available annually at no charge. For more information please contact Jodi Bloch at 715-257-7632.

FIRE FEES: \$750 for the first hour & \$375 for each hour after. Please check with your insurance to verify coverage.



FIREWORK PERMITS

A permit, per state statute 167.10 is needed for all fireworks that leave the ground. Permits are free of charge and can be acquired by Eric Vogel.

DRIVEWAY PERMITS

A permit is needed for new driveways in the town. Permits are free of charge & can be acquired through Jordan Artus or John Stubbe.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 16, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Vogel at 7:00 PM. Vogel thanked all for attending. We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Twenty-five residents were in attendance.

Clerk Dawn Czech read the minutes from the 2023 Annual meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Schara and seconded by John Sturm. Motion carries.

Czech also read the 2023 Financial report. Motion was made by John Sturm and seconded by Bill Rauen to accept the report as read. Motion carries.

Kevin Borchardt, Hamburg Assistant Fire Chief, gave a Fire Department Report.

Borchardt detailed the Fire Department's Annual report that gives an accounting of the Fundraising efforts of the FD members. Income in 2023 was \$40,761.25. The Department was called to 65 total calls last year, of which 48 were EMS and 17 Fire. There are 31 members on the Department and they all appreciate the Township's support in all of the Department's endeavors. This year's upcoming Tractor Pull Fundraiser Day is scheduled for June 22.

Borchardt also gave an Emergency Medical Responder Report for EMR captain Kari Moodie who was attending the Town of Berlin Annual Meeting.

The EMR group has 18 members from Hamburg and surrounding townships. Their annual fundraisers consist of helping at the Fire Dept tractor pull, providing EMS coverage at the Edgar Steam show, and a Fall Mum sale. In 2023, the ending EMR checking balance was \$10,572.26, savings balance was \$4,293.77.

Motion made by Jeff Artus and seconded by Jim Schara to accept the Fire Department and EMR report. Motion carries.

Resident Cindy Artus thanked the Fire Department for their outreach into the local community. She highlighted Maple Grove's weekly Fire Up to Read program and the Halloween Trick or Treat event at the Fire Station.

Motion made to accept the Fire Department and EMR reports by Jim Schara, seconded by Jeff Artus. Motion carries.

2023 Supervisors Report.

Jordan Artus, Supervisor, reported on the 2023 highlights:

-Diabase was spread on Einert Creek Lane, Grass Creek Lane, and Deer Creek Lane.

-New large garage doors were installed at the Town shed using federal ARPA funds.

-Supervisors answered a question on Diabase vs. Granite's use as a road surface material. They felt that for the cost, diabase has held up better. Granite does have a place on the less traveled roads on the northern end of the township.

Motion to approve the Supervisors report by Bill Rauen, seconded by Jim Schara. Motion carries.

Vogel presented the Chairman's Report.

Vogel thanked the assembled residents for coming. Things have been quiet for the most part in the township. Highlights of the past year include:

A new residential garbage and recycling contract was signed with Waste Management for a five-year term in Fall of 2023. Please contact Vogel with any issues with pickup or service.

The new doors were installed at the Town Shed, and paid for by the Federal ARPA funds.

A used excavator was purchased in 2023 for \$198,000. Additional total monies were approved by residents at a Special Town Meeting on August 23rd.

A \$90,000 Fire Department tanker/pumper was purchased in September, using monies from the FD fund savings. A Special Town Meeting was held on September 12th to authorized this purchase. This is a 2000 International truck bought from a Fire Department in Northern Wisconsin.

Granite, Road Base and Dust control Bids were opened last week at the April Town Board Meeting. Accepted were a granite bid of \$9.75 a cubic yard from Kafka Road Materials and a Diabase bid of

\$10.60/ton from Haas, Inc. A Dust Control bid was accepted for \$1.44 a gallon from Kafka Dust Busters.

There has been no Town Board action on the Wind Turbine issue. Rib Falls has passed a regulating Ordinance on Wind Turbines and is looking into possible Solar panel restrictions. There have been no Rib Falls residents signing paperwork to allow construction on their properties.

Cindy Artus made a motion to have the Hamburg Town Board explore creating an ordinance stating, "As a Township, residents are against putting up Wind Turbines in Hamburg." Motion seconded by Jim Schara. Motion carries.

Motion was made by Kevin Borchardt, seconded by Jim Schara to accept the Chairman's Report. Motion carries.

New Business

-Treasurer Teri Tucker reports that People's State Bank has notified us that the Town checking account will be no longer earning interest as of April 15, 2024. This account has earned over \$13,000 in interest alone in the last year. Tucker has spoken to Forward Financial Bank in Athens and is open to other ideas from residents as to banking options.

Motion made by Bonnie Nofsinger and seconded by Cindy Artus to switch banking institutions to Forward Financial Bank. Motion carries.

-Vogel reports that the Township has approximately \$30,000 of ARPA funds remaining. These will have to be used by December, 2024 or be returned to the Federal Government. Suggestions are to replace the windows/sills and install air conditioning at the Town Hall. The Town Board will explore these options.

-The Town Board will be looking at the Hamburg Comprehensive Plan to possibly update minimum lot size/ acreage to build a home and how close to the lot lines that build can be.

-Brad Borchardt recommended the Township increase the Fire Department Fund annual payment from \$27,000 to \$40,000 due to the rising cost of equipment. After some discussion, it was decided to table this topic until the annual Budget meeting in October.

The Town Board is thanked for being good stewards of the people's money.

-Bill Rauen questions the large increase last year in Rental Fees for the Town Hall. Discussion was had to the impact on rental income, as well as the cost of repairs. The Town Board will look into this issue.

-John Sturm wonders if the Roads could be plowed earlier in order for residents to get to work in a more-timely manner.

-Cindy Artus reports that the K-5 Maple Grove Charter School is doing well. Enrollment has increased from 72 students in 2022, to 105 students this year. This increase is expected to continue in the upcoming years. There is a 125-student maximum capacity in the building, and at that point a lottery system would be instituted to determine the students who could attend. The Marathon School district is currently at its student capacity. Maple Grove is benefiting from its proximity to Marathon and its innovative learning style.

The Maple Grove Foundation exists to raise monies to support the vision of the Maple Grove Charter School. All monies that are raised are invested in the building or its programs. The Foundation recently paid 2/3 the cost of updating the buildings heating system, as well as other maintenance needs. Fund raising options include the sale of Kwik Trip Script cards. All donations are tax exempt. Over 400 people were served at the most recent Maple Grove Pancake Breakfast. Monies raised there will benefit syrup production at Maple Grove in the future.

-Residents question if the area ditches will be cleaned up after the Broad Band installation is complete. Vogel states he will be attending an upcoming Western Towns Association meeting and will get more information on the installation plan.

Vogel announces the next Annual Meeting is set for April 15, 2025 at 7pm at the Town Hall.

Jim Schara made the motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm, seconded by Bonnie Nofsinger. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn R. Czech

WHAT CAN YOU RECYCLE IN YOUR BIN?

ACCEPTABLE

 CARDBOARD	 PAPER	 MAGAZINES
 FOOD CANS	 BEVERAGE CANS	 PLASTIC JARS
 FOOD BOXES	 MAIL	 GLASS JARS
 JUGS	 PLASTIC BOTTLES & CAPS (#1 - #7)	

MORE HELPFUL TIPS

PLACE ALL RECYCLABLES LOOSE IN THE RECYCLING BIN OR CART.



RINSE PLASTIC AND METAL CONTAINERS TO REMOVE ALL REMAINING RESIDUE.

DO NOT PLACE YARD WASTE IN YOUR RECYCLING CART.



ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN YOUR CART OR BIN TO BE COLLECTED. DO NOT PLACE RECYCLABLES ON TOP OF OR AROUND YOUR CONTAINER.


















BOTTLE CAPS CAN REMAIN ON THE ITEM AND CAN BE RECYCLED TOO!

IF YOUR RECYCLING PROGRAM ACCEPTS GLASS, YES, ALL COLORS ARE ACCEPTABLE.



WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT (IN THE GARBAGE).

UNACCEPTABLE

 PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS	These are the most common item in the bin or cart that shouldn't be there, and they can be the most detrimental. When they get caught in the recycling sorter, they have to shut the whole system down and manually pull them out. Instead, consider recycling them by taking them back to grocery, pharmacy, or big-box stores where there are specially designated bins for recycling plastic bags.
 TAKE-OUT CONTAINERS & DONUT BOXES	Food residue can contaminate the boxes or other recyclable material. They can only be recycled if free of food waste and residue from food (think cheese from pizza).
 POLYSTYRENE (STYROFOAM)	Although Styrofoam is recyclable, it requires highly specialized equipment that single stream recycling facilities are not equipped with. Some restaurants (such as Chick-fil-A) accept their own Styrofoam cups for recycling.
 PAPER COFFEE CUPS	Although often thought of as a better alternative to Styrofoam, paper cups pose issues to recycling as well due to the plastic coating applied to prevent leaking. Your best bet is to bring your own mug!
 SHREDDED PAPER	Shredding paper reduces its size so dramatically that it ends up mixed with the residue or glass at recycling facilities. Because the machines sort broken glass and other debris by size, the shredded paper often gets destroyed or disposed of because it ends up in the wrong place. Once it is mixed with glass or residue, it cannot be recovered for recycling.
 PIZZA BOXES	This is one of the most common recycling mistakes. Although they are made of cardboard, the grease from the pizza contaminates the raw material. You can tear off the unvarnished parts and recycle them though!
 HOUSEHOLD GLASS	Items like window panes, mirrors, light bulbs and dishes are dangerous and should be left out of your recycling. Light bulbs can be recycled at many hardware and home improvements stores. Dishes, if not broken, can be donated to local charities.
 WET PAPER	Paper that has gotten wet can make recycling difficult or impossible. Take care to cover your recyclables to keep them safe from the elements. Wet paper should be discarded with the trash.
 MILK & JUICE CARTONS	These are often coated with a thin layer of wax but can still be recycled in many (but not all) communities. Best bet is to check with the local municipality, hauler or recycler to see if these can be recycled.
 BABY DIAPERS	The plastic and paper from them cannot be salvaged. Plus it's just plain gross!
 AEROSOL CANS	While these are made of metal, because of the chemicals used to pressurize the cans, they are classified as a household hazardous waste and should be discarded as such - not with recyclables or with the garbage.
 CERAMICS & POTTERY	This includes things like coffee mugs and old flower pots. Look into donating items like this if they are in alright shape, someone else may be able to reuse them!
 PAINT, PESTICIDES, AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS, DIESEL FUEL, GASOLINE, KEROSENE & CAR BATTERIES	They cannot be accepted and should be disposed of at a hazardous waste disposal facility.
 AUTOMOTIVE PARTS & SCRAP METALS	These are too large and cumbersome for recycling equipment and could cause injury.
 HYPODERMIC NEEDLES	At one time, people were told that it was safe to put needles into a plastic bottle. It is not safe. Our workers can be exposed to grave illness and blood borne diseases. People need to properly dispose of used needles.

Hamburg has a metal recycling container at the Hamburg Town Shed for ongoing usage.

Below is a list of items that can be recycled:

A/C CONDENSER CORES
AEROSOL CANS (Empty, Punctured)
AIR CONDITIONERS
ALTERNATORS/STARTERS
ALUMINUM - listed below:
Awnings, Cans, Gutters, Ladders,
Rims, Siding, Signs & Wire
APPLIANCES - ALL
AUTOMOBILES (Engines, Parts & Rims)
BALLASTS (No PCB'S)
BARRELS (Aluminum & Steel)
BATHTUBS (Cast Iron)
BATTERIES (Lead-Acid, UPS, Li-Ion,
Ni-Cd & Ni-Mh) & Steel Cased
BBQ GRILLS
BEVERAGE CANS
BICYCLES
BLENDERS
BLOWERS-LEAF, ETC (drained)
BOATS (Aluminum & Steel)
BRASS/BRONZE (All types)
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CABLE (Aluminum, Copper & Steel)
CANOES (Aluminum & Steel)
CANS (Aluminum & Steel)
CARBIDE-TOOLING, OTHER
CARS (Engines, Batteries & Rims)
CAST IRON (Bathtubs, Sinks, etc)
CATALYTIC CONVERTERS
COAXIAL CABLE
CHAIN SAWS (Gas & Oil free)
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
CIRCUIT BREAKERS
COAT HANGERS (Steel)
COMPRESSORS
CONDUIT PIPE (Aluminum & Steel)
COPPER
(All types: Gutters, Pipe, Tube & Wire)
CRUTCHES (Aluminum)
DEMOLITION SCRAP
DIESEL ENGINES/BLOCKS
DIECAST-ALL TYPES
DISHWASHERS
DRINK CANS
DRYERS/WASHING MACHINES
DUCT WORK
ELECTRIC METERS
ELECTRIC MOTORS
ELECTRIC WIRE
(stripped & unstripped)
ENGINES, CAR & MOWER, ETC
(drained)
EXERCISE EQUIPMENT (most accepted)
EXTENSION CORDS
FANS

FENCING (no concrete attached)
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
(cut or punctured)
FIREPLACE GRATES, DOORS
(no glass)
FORKLIFTS -TRUCKS, ETC.
FREEZERS
FUSE PANELS
FURNACES
GAS TANKS (cut in half only)
GENERATORS - Car, Home & Large
GUTTERS - Aluminum, Copper & Steel
HANGERS, COAT - Steel
HELIX
HOT WATER HEATERS
I-BEAMS - Steel
IRRIGATION PIPE - Aluminum & Steel
IRON CAST, OTHER
INSULATED WIRE -
Aluminum & Copper
LADDERS - Aluminum & Steel
LAWN MOWERS (gas & oil drained)
LAWN FURNITURE
LEAD - See Below:
Lead Weights, Wheel Weights,
Shields, etc.
LEAF BLOWERS (gas & oil drained)
LIGHT FIXTURES - with & without
ballasts/transformers
LITHO PLATES
MANGANESE
METAL - See Below:
Cast, Galvanized, Iron & Sheet, etc)
MICROWAVES No Charge/No Value
MIXERS
MOTORS & BLOCKS,
ELECTRIC & GAS
(must be drained of all fluids)
NAILS - Aluminum & Steel
OVENS - All Types
PLUMBING FIXTURES
PIPE - Copper, Galvanized & Steel
Lead Weights, Wheel Weights,
Shields, etc.
POLES - Aluminum & Steel
POP CANS
POTS & PANS
SCREENS - from Doors & Windows
SCREWS - Aluminum, Brass & Steel
SEALED UNITS/COMPRESSORS
SHELLS - Brass, Casings & Others
SIDING - Aluminum
SIGNS - Aluminum & Steel
SINKS - Cast Iron, Metal & Stainless
STARTERS/ALTERNATORS

SODA CANS
STAINLESS STEEL, ALL
(including sinks)
STARTERS & ALTERNATORS
STEEL - All types
Beams, Cabinets, Cans, Hangers, etc
STEEL Borings, Stampings & Turnings
STOVES Electric, Gas & Wood
STOVE TOPS
STRUCTURAL STEEL
TANKS (cut in half or 2ft. square cut in)
TELEPHONE WIRE
TIN
TIN FOIL (must be clean)
TOBACCO RACKS
TRACTORS Farm, Lawn & Other
TRANSFORMERS (oil free)
TRANSMISSIONS (must be drained)
TRIPLEX WIRE (Stripped & Insulated)
TRUCKS (all Truck Parts)
TUNGSTEN
VACUUM CLEANERS
No Charge/No Value
WASHING MACHINES/DRYERS
WATER HEATERS
WEED WACKERS (oil & gas free)
WHEEL & RIMS Aluminum & Steel
WHEEL WEIGHTS Lead & Steel
WIRE - Stripped or Insulated
Alum, Copper, Steel & Triplex,
Stripped & Insulated
WIRING HARNESS Car, Truck & other
WHITE GOODS Appliances
WROUGHT IRON
ZINC

*Additional Information:
We kindly accept and recycle the following items if the compressors are removed:
Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, LP tanks and drain oil.*

Due to new E-Scrap recycling regulations, we are unable to take any type of Televisions, including Tube, LCD, LED, etc. at this time.

DUST CONTROL

PAYMENT AND REQUEST MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 31, 2024

Our goal is to put dust control on all new surfaces.
Dust control will still be available to residents as it has been in the past.
The cost for each 300 foot strip will be \$150.00.
Please send payment along with the form below to:
Town of Hamburg, Attn: Eric Vogel, 244438 Schoolhouse Lane, Athens, WI 54411.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Strips Purchased _____ x \$150 = Total Due _____