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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 – Rush Lake Watershed Restoration, Inc. (RLWRI) is receiving a \$25,000 DNR grant to develop a Lake Management Plan (LMP). The DNR ranked RLWRI's project the highest in the state of all 2019 Large Scale Planning projects. The LMP will highlight the challenges and needs of Rush Lake which will help make future implementation grants possible. Organizational partners like Stantec, UW-Stevens Point, and Ducks Unlimited will participate in a project kick-off meeting which is scheduled for Saturday, March 30, at 9:00 a.m. A general meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the Nepeuskun Town Hall. An engaged citizenry throughout this process is critical to ensure development and implementation of an effective LMP. Everyone is welcome to be a part of these efforts! You can find more information at www.rushlakewi.com, on Facebook @RushLakeWI, or by contacting the Town of Nepeuskun's Directors: Brett Helmbrecht, Bob LaBuda, and Ron Bahn.

VOTE - VOTE - VOTE – PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR PHOTO ID TO VOTE! Tuesday, April 2, 2019 is Spring Election Day! The ballot will include: Justice of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals Judge, Town offices including: Chairperson, Supervisor 1, Supervisor 2, Clerk, Treasurer and Constable and School District School Boards. At this time, there has not been anyone who has filed nomination papers for Chairperson or Supervisor 1, so no name(s) for these offices will be shown on the ballot. As always, a write-in line is provided. Anyone desiring to be a write-in candidate should contact the Town Clerk prior to March 31. It is then up to the write-in candidate to inform voters of their candidacy. 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. till 8 p.m. Sample ballots will be published in the Oshkosh Northwestern.

2019 ANNUAL MEETING - The Annual Meeting for the Town of Nepeuskun will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at the Town Hall, 1475 County Rd E at 7:00 p.m. The agenda will contain approval of minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting, presentation and review of the 2018 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!!!!!!**

THANK YOU!!

To Ron Bahn, for 18 years of service as Town Chairman and 6 years as Supervisor. Join us for cake & ice-cream at the Annual Meeting, Tuesday, April 16 at the Town Hall.

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION - The Plan Commission is in need of several new members. The Plan Commission is required by State Law for those municipalities that desire to have the authority to develop a Comprehensive Plan and support it with zoning ordinances. The sentiment in Nepeuskun has been that local control of planning and zoning matters should be maintained. The alternative would be to have Winnebago County handle Planning and Zoning matters. In that case, town residents would be going to County offices in Oshkosh to meet with the appropriate officials there rather than coming to the Town Hall and dealing with your neighbors on the Plan Commission and Town Board. Fees charged for the various permits tend to be much lower at the Town level. The Plan Commission deals with the Comprehensive Plan development that sets a vision for the future of the Nepeuskun. If you have not served on the Town Plan Commission, you certainly should consider it! **Monday evening meetings an average of once per month for 2 hours is all you need to devote! CONTACT ANY TOWN OFFICIAL IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.**

FARMLAND PRESERVATION - Nepeuskun is hoping to have a DATCP certified Farmland Preservation Plan and the next step of a Farmland Preservation (FP) ordinance/zoning map completed by the end of 2019 so that landowners can receive tax credits for 2019. If the FP Plan is approved, a public hearing will be held when Nepeuskun updates its FP zoning ordinance and map (A-1). If your land is eventually zoned for FP – tax credit is completely voluntary. Limited non-farm residential development is allowed. A landowner does need to meet the performance standards required by the State (mainly a Nutrient Management Plan) to qualify for the credit of \$7.50 per acre. Pasture, woods, and marsh acreage does qualify. Contact Town Chair Ronald Bahn at 920-570-3296 with questions.

4H NEWS - Our youth are starting another 4-H year and their projects for the upcoming fair. We will be having our Annual Father's Day Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 16, from 3:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Come and meet and socialize with your neighbors. If anyone is interested in joining 4-H, you can contact Kathy Wunrow @ 920-290-2664.

OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW - Since Nepeuskun is doing a revaluation for 2019 and it will not be completed until late summer, these meetings will not be held until late August or September. Please check the website and public notices for dates.



BUILDING INFORMATION - Spring typically is a time when people begin to take action to build and/or remodel. If you are planning to build or remodel in the Town Nepeuskun you will need a Zoning Permit and if you are building a new home you will also need a State of Wisconsin Building Permit. The exception to the requirement of needing a Zoning Permit are projects costing less than \$2,000 dollars and replacement of a roofing surface [note: siding and window replacement require a Zoning Permit]. A Zoning Permit can be obtained by contacting Jerry Trochinski, Town of Nepeuskun Zoning Administrator by e-mail trochinski@gmail.com or 920-216-5717. The main reasons for obtaining a Zoning Permit are 1) fairness in taxation for all property owners in the Town and 2) to insure all requirements for placement and zoning are planned to be met prior to beginning excavation/construction.

Requirements include setbacks from property lines, type of construction allowed for the zoning designation for the property, and additional requirements that may be necessary to meet such as: ‘shoreland’ zoning, erosion control, restriction for human burial grounds, high water level, ability to replace or remodel existing buildings and other considerations. The Zoning Administrator will help identify requirements and steps to take prior to beginning any excavation or filling. Sanitary Permit requirements may also impact future remodeling/new construction. There are additional requirements for remodeling/construction in excess of \$40,000 dollars. **If you are planning for a new home it is important to contact the Zoning Administrator at least 2 months prior to the date you intend to begin excavation/construction. A new home requires State Approved Building Permit to meet Uniform Dwelling Codes and a Nepeuskun Site Plan Review.**

A home [residence] must be present before an auxiliary building [shed – barn—etc.] can be placed on a property in the Town of Nepeuskun. Special code requirements are also in place for buildings that are considered personal property – cabins etc. that are located on leased property. Property located in areas designated ‘shoreland’ are also subject to Winnebago County Zoning requirements.

Seeking a Zoning Permit in advance of any excavation or construction will help land owners avoid fines and penalties and create fairness within the tax system.

BEFORE YOU DIG notify Diggers Hotline of your intent to dig:

- Call 811 or
- Visit [Diggers Hotline](#)
- Hearing Impaired (TDD) call 800-542-2289

FROM THE TREASURER - You may have missed the Dog License information in the Tax Notice that was included with your property tax bill, especially if your escrow account pays directly for your property taxes. It is not too late to license your dog!

Pursuant to Section 174.052 Wisconsin Statutes, notice is hereby given to all owners of dogs in Winnebago County that rabies vaccinations and dog license are required.

<u>DOG TAX EXTRA:</u> Neutered males / Spayed females	\$ 3.00
Unneutered males / Unspayed females	\$ 8.00
Multiple Dog License (includes up to 12 tags)	\$35.00 (+ additional \$3.00 per tag over 12 tags)

I MUST HAVE YOUR VETERINARIAN’S CERTIFICATE VERIFYING THE DOG’S NAME, COLOR, BREED, WHETHER IT’S MALE OR FEMALE, (NEUTERED OR SPAYED) and DATE OF LAST RABIES SHOT, EXPIRATION DATE, TYPE OF VACCINE & MANUFACTURER’S SERIAL NUMBER BEFORE ISSUING A LICENSE. The certificate WILL be returned to you. If the dog is a combination of breeds, I must have a GOOD DESCRIPTION of the dog. Checks should be made payable to the Town of Nepeuskun and mailed to me at Town of Nepeuskun, Missy Gravunder, Treasurer, 2301 Wall Street, Berlin, WI 54923.

Dates To Remember

SPRING ELECTION - Polls are open on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Town Hall. Voter ID required.

RUSH LAKE PROJECT MEETINGS - Project Kickoff meeting is Saturday, March 30, 2019, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Town Hall. General meeting is Thursday, April 18, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall.

ANNUAL MEETING - Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall

4H FATHER'S DAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Sunday, June 16, 2019, from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

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 (second Monday during Holiday weekends).

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

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.

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.