

TOWN OF NEW DENMARK NEWSLETTER

August 2008

Upcoming Meeting/Event Dates

8/18 Board Meeting, 7 pm *NEW DATE*
9/8 Board Meeting, 7 pm
9/9 *Fall Primary - Election*
10/13 Board Meeting, 7 pm
11/4 *Presidential Election*
11/10 Board Meeting, 7 pm

Annual Town Meeting - April

A number of residents turned for the Annual Town meeting which was held on April 8, 2008 to conduct "official town business." The following motions were made and approved by the residents: Motion for the Town to proceed with the development of a webpage for 2008; Motion to donate \$1,000 to the Denmark Senior Center; and Motion to contribute \$1,200 to the Denmark Memorial Shelter House.

The Town Webpage Is Here

With much a do, the Town has moved forward with the development of their webpage and the official address is: www.townofnewdenmark.com. The webpage will include almost everything you will want to know and provides access to: Agendas, Notices, Minutes, the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Ordinances, Forms and Permits, Contact Information and various links – making information available at your fingertips. Information will be added to the site in the upcoming weeks. I am also *looking for resident input* for a photograph or suggestion as to what should be pictured on the Home page. A suggestion was made to have the Home page change with the seasons. So snap away and email me your pictures at michwallerius@gmail.com. I believe we have many scenic and beautiful locations in the township that would highlight our municipality.

Road Projects for 2008

Supervisor Rabas reports a stretch of Langes Corner Road from Maribel Road to County Highway P will be closed for the majority of July and into early August in order to replace an old culvert and re-surface the road. Alternative routes should be used during this time if possible.

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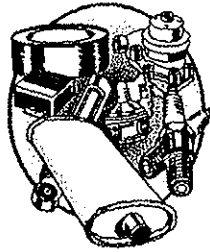
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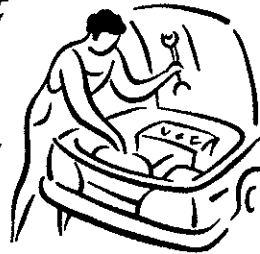
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Letter from the Chairman

Hello to all our town residents.

Well summer is at its peak or winding down and hope everyone is having a great and enjoyable summer. As I tour the town, I see many gardens full of great fruits and vegetables. For those who don't have that opportunity to grow your own, there are a lot of wonderful farmers markets.

The town roads area being improved and the culverts and bridges upgraded; a big thank you to Francis and Dick in dealing with these matters. One thing to remember is, that all culverts installed or removals have to have Town Board approval. Anything in the "right-of-way" is governed by the Town.

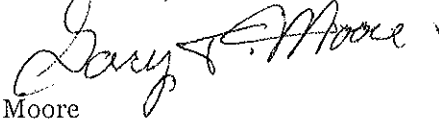
The board has been approving several informational building permits. They are then sent to our building inspector for the proper set-backs and code compliance issues. One important thing to remember, always contact the Board before starting your project to alleviate any problems. No individual member will give you permission, and this will only be decided by "Board vote."

I would like to thank Michelle, our great Town Clerk for her hard work in keeping ahead of our town issues, as well as our treasurer Dawn, for a great job keeping our funds in order and the financial responsibilities. Also a big thank-you to all the various committee members for all their time, hard work, and great ideas they put forth for the betterment of township. There are always decisions which are controversial and not always to ones liking. But they do their utmost best despite some trying times and difficult decisions.

Last week I received an interesting call from George which really opened my eyes and made me aware of an important concern. He asked if I was aware of wild parsnips growing wild in the township. After he told me about the severe burns it inflicts. I researched it and found several articles concerning this terrible plant. It would behoove all town residents to investigate this ever growing threat. Thanks, George for your awareness.

Well, enough of my rambling. Hope all is well with each and everyone, and enjoy the rest of this beautiful summer.

Your Town Chairman,



Gary T. Moore

Stray Dogs and Animals at Large

The Town has received an increasing number of complaints about stray dogs and animals running a large. Since April of 2008, the Town Constable has handled 10 plus calls for stray dogs. Residents are reminded Wis. State Statute §174.02 prohibits dogs running at large and owners are required to maintain control of their pets at all times. Please be advised the constable is paid a \$20.00 fee for each animal pick-up. The Board would like to remind residents of this statutory requirement and encourage resident cooperation in an attempt to reduce this added expense and avoid neighborly conflicts.

Charles Winnekens, the Town Constable can be reached at (920) 569-6234

(Please note this number as his telephone number is unlisted in the phone directory)

Town Newsletter

Ideas or suggestions for topics in the Town Newsletter are always welcome. I would like to encourage any resident who has an email address to sign-up to receive future newsletters via email in order to offset postage cost. Also, if you would like to receive notice of upcoming meetings and monthly agendas, please contact me at michwallerius@gmail.com to have your email address added to the mailing list.

In order to keep the Town Newsletter viable, business sponsors **are always** needed. To be a sponsor, please contact me directly. A quarter/half page advertisement is provided for this sponsorship fee and promotes local businesses. The Town will continue to pay for the Annual Newsletter at the end of the year.

Update of Zoning Map and Code

The Town Board has been working diligently for the past few months with the Brown County Planning Department to update the Town zoning map and Code. A preliminary review of the business parcels is complete and residential parcels are being reviewed at this time. Traditionally, the majority of parcels in the township have been zoned exclusively Agricultural even though your property tax bill may subdivide your parcel into two or three different “zoning” categories. The Town Plan Commission will ultimately review, revise and approve these proposed zoning changes before they are subject to a public hearing and final approval by the Town Board. Please watch the Denmark Press and the town webpage for notice of these upcoming hearings and what parcels are affected by these zoning changes.

Brown County Planning is also working with the Town to update the Zoning Code. The Zoning Code was last updated in 1974. Notice of future meetings will be posted on the town webpage and in the Denmark Press.

Deadline for Agenda Items

Reminder: Anyone wishing to place an item on the Town Board Agenda will need to contact Chairman Moore by the first Monday of the month with that request. Chairman Moore will make the final determination as to whether a specific item will be placed on the agenda for consideration.

Helpful Information for Residents

The Clerk has created a Welcome/Informational Pamphlet for new residents and will make every attempt to distribute them as new residents move into the community. The pamphlet will also be available to view online at the Town webpage.

Upcoming Election Information: Fall Partisan Primary and Presidential Election

Early Voter Registration: Residents are reminded Wisconsin has a 20-day deadline for completing voter registration through the mail. This means in order for the State to assign you a voter registration number, an Application for Voter Registration (EB-131) must be received by the Clerk prior to these deadlines: **August 20th** for the September 9th Partisan Primary and **October 15th** for the Presidential Election on November 4th. After these dates, residents may register in person with the Clerk or at the Town Hall on election day but should be aware their name **will not** be on the Voter Polling List which may result in delays when you arrive to vote. In other words, in order to expedite the voting process, please register early if at all possible.

New voters must provide their Wisconsin driver's license number/Wisconsin ID number or if they do not have either of these forms of identification, the last four digits of their Social Security number when registering. An Application for Voter Registration (EB-131) can be obtained from the Clerk or online at State of Wisconsin Government Accountability Board website by accessing <http://elections.state.wi.us> and searching under Forms EB-131. If you wish to mail in your completed application, please include a photocopy of your WI driver's license or ID.

Voters can also check their registration status by visiting <http://gab.wi.gov/>. Click on Elections Division, then Voter Information and Find Voter and Poll Information. Read the instructional information and click on "Voter Public Access" to see if you are a registered voter.

Tips for the September 9th Partisan Primary: The September 9th primary is considered a "party activity" which allows voters to assist a single party in choosing its nominee for the general election. What this means is an elector may only vote for candidates in one political party. For example: you if wish to vote for a Republican candidate, you must vote for only Republican candidates. Similarly, if wish to vote for a Democratic candidate, you can only vote Democratic. You must vote within party lines.

Request for Absentee Ballots: Residents are reminded all request for Absentee Ballots must be in writing and received by the Clerk no less than five days before the scheduled election. Fall Partisan Primary Deadline is: **September 4, 2008** and the Presidential Election Deadline is: **October 30, 2008**. You must be a registered voter to request an Absentee Ballot and Applications (EB-121) can be obtained online at the State website or by making a written request to the Town Clerk. In your letter please set forth the date of the election in which you are requesting an absentee ballot. The request must be signed by the person requesting the ballot, dated and received by the Clerk 5 days in advance of the upcoming election. Mail completed forms or requests to: Town of New Denmark, Michelle Wallerius, Clerk at 5993 W. Cherney Road, Denmark, WI 54208.

Town Board Actions

The following are **only highlights** of actions and discussions at the monthly Town Board meetings. For detailed Minutes, please visit www.townofnewdenmark.com.

April 2008	May 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Motion by Sup. Bradley to approve to K. Petri CSM dated 4-14-08. MC * Motion by Sup. Bradley to approve M. Goetsch CSM dated 4-14-08. MC * Motion by Sup. Rabas to approve 2008 Fire contract with Denmark Volunteer Fire Dept. MC * Motion by Sup. Rabas to donate \$1,000 to County Bridge Fund and designate \$9,000 to Town Bridge Fund. MC * Grass cutting applications from F. Wiltman and F. Rabas reviewed. Motion by Chairman Moore and seconded by Sup. Rabas to throw out both bids and re-bid for next month. MC * G. Hinz of Schenck provides recap of 2007 Annual Report. Town fund balance at \$553,000. * Motion by Sup. Rabas to appt S. Olsen, G. Moore and K. Janssen to 1 yr terms to Plan Commission and M. Calewarts added as second alternate. MC * Motion by Sup. Bradley to appt J. Wavrunek to 1 yr term, D. Ullman, O. Moore to 2 yr terms and R. Bradley as alternate to Appeal Committee. MC * Informational Building Permit Form reviewed and approved for R. Taicher. MC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Intro from Julie Knier – Br. Cty Supervisor for Dist. 17 * Request from R. Larsen of Northern Concrete for review of banner type sign on silo and request for approval of Informational Building Permit to construct digester on 6601 Cty Hwy R. Property already zoned business per 9/27/04 CSM. Motion by Sup. Rabas to table until next month. MC * Bd of Review date: May 22, 2008 from 6:30-8:30 pm * Motion to accept Information Building Permit from Wireless Planning Consultants to erect 6 additional antennas for US Cellular and construct 12x20 shelter at current site. MC *Motion by Sup. Bradley to appt. Atty James Sickel legal counsel for Town. MC *Sup. Rabas met with DNR and paperwork needs to be prepared by engineering firm prior to addressing repairs to N. Town Hall Bridge. * Seasonal grass cutting applicants reviewed. Motion by Chairman Moore to split the duties between F. Rabas and C. Winnekens. MC * Web site proposals reviewed from D. Cherney, C. Graf, Town Web Design, Inc. and R. Manwiller. Motion by Sup. Rabas to table until next month for review of sites. * Update by Chairman Moore as to discussions with County and Viking as to consulting agreement. *Lir from Br. Cty Sheriff re: sex offender: M. Lukensymer to reside at 6482 Cty Hwy T, Denmark.
June 2008	July 2008 (Mtg held June 26, 2008)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Informational Building Permit from K&L submitted to Plan Commission for preliminary vote/public hrg before Town Bd will approve/deny. *Town lawyer provides legal opinion as to Connor Lane – well/tree in right-of-way creates liability/safety hazard. To be discussed with property owners for resolution. * Safety study conducted by Br. Cty at Maribel/North Avenue intersection. Larger signs to be added with cedar trees to be trimmed/removed. *Rep. Ron DeGrand updates Bd as to Br. Cty Planning Commission Bd. actions. Br. Cty Park/Rec Plan being updated and Town to provide input for Neshota Park. * Bd of Review finalized and all reports filed with State. * Motion by Sup. Rabas to employ Town Web Design to create webpage. MC * Approval of Class A/Class B liquor/ beer licenses for Circle Tap, 20th, Wise Guys, Twin Oaks and Basil's II. * Informational Building Permit forms reviewed and approved: B. Ehnerd; and Image Advantage Sign for KS Energy Services. Permit denied for D. Rosek due to noncompliance w/ setbacks. *2007-2008 bridge inspection to be completed by Br. Cty. * Langes Corner Rd closed due to deteriorated culvert and wash-out. *Motion by Sup. Rabas to accept Ayres Associates proposal to complete engineering reports for Phase I as to needed repairs to N. Town Hall Rd Bridge. * Motion by Sup. Bradley to accept Scott Construction's bid for road repairs. MC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Motion by Sup. Rabas to meet with Village of Denmark and County Rescue to explore options as to possible service contract. * Discussion whether street lights should be added by Langes Corner and railroad crossing. Motion by Sup. Bradley to table until later date. * Motion by Sup. Rabas to approve Informational Building Permit Form from K&L Associates to construct anaerobic digester at Northern Concrete site with following conditions: 1) Quarterly report to Town as to number of trucks hauling waste; 2) Report where byproduct is being hauled/used; 3) If Town receives complaint re: noise/odor, Bd will be allowed access to facility to inspect; 4) Copy of quarterly chemical report when filed with DNR; and 5) Periodic water testing of Larsen well and neighboring property owners to ensure quality. Second by Sup. Bradley with above conditions. MC * Motion by Sup. Bradley to adopt Resolution extending municipal judge term from 2 to 4 yrs. MC * Request by G. Vincent to review variance and split of parcel ND-25 (4845 Hidden Acres Lane) by J. Pfeiffer in 1989. Tabled for further review. *Motion by Sup. Bradley to accept the lower bid of Scott Construction to resurface 1.8 miles of roadway. MC

Town Board Members

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Francis Rabas	863-2194
Michelle Wallerius, Clerk	863-5523
Dawn Chervenka, Treasurer	863-6677
Charles Winnekens, Constable	569-6234
Gary Taicher, Assessor	863-2913
Norb Buresh, Building Inspector	468-0487

The goal of this newsletter is to promote resident awareness and involvement in township government and community affairs.

If you have any criticisms, comments, requests or suggestions, please contact Michelle Wallerius at 863-5523 or at Michwallerius@gmail.com

The Town Board meets at **7 p.m.** on the second Monday of each month. Residents are invited to attend these public meetings and may place items on the agenda by calling the Town Chairman.

Notice of hearings and agendas are posted at the Town Hall, Denmark State Bank and M&I Bank.

The **Plan Commission** and **Variance Committee** will meet as zoning issues arises. Notice of hearings will be published in the Denmark Press.

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