

December 2017



Town of Ellington

Property Taxes

Outagamie County has implemented a new software for collecting taxes. It may take longer than usual to pay your taxes; your patience will be appreciated!

Taxes are due in full by January 31, 2018, or you may use the installment plan. If you pay your taxes using the installment plan, the due date for the 1st installment is January 31, 2018. Please be sure to pay the amount as stated on the 1st installment stub. You only need to send the stub along with your payment. There is no need to send the entire tax bill.

Full payment or the 1st installment should be sent to Sherri Fassbender, Treasurer, W7826 Mason Street, Hortonville, WI 54944. The second installment is due July 31, 2018, and must be sent to the Outagamie County Courthouse, 410 S. Walnut Street, Appleton, WI 54911.

Payments postmarked December 31 will be credited for 2017.

If you would like a receipt, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment.



Tax Payment Options

Payment of taxes by mail is encouraged. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope if a receipt is needed.

Wolf River Community Bank will be accepting tax payments at their locations:

Hortonville—309 E. Main Street

Greenville—W6490 Greenville Drive

New London—1008 N. Shawano Street

Ellington Community Center—Collection of taxes will take place on the following dates and times:

Wednesday, December 20	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 23	12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 28	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 30	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 17	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 27	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Please make your check payable to: Town of Ellington

Dog License

All dogs need to be licensed by March 31, 2018, to avoid a late penalty.

Proof of rabies vaccination is required—***no tags will be issued without it.***

Dog tags can also be issued by mail. Submit proof of rabies vaccination (will be returned with tag) along with the form below. The form is also available on the town's website www.townofellington.org under the Forms tab.

Fees:

\$5.00 for spayed or neutered dogs

\$10 for dogs not spayed or neutered.

Send to:

Sherri Fassbender
Town of Ellington Treasurer
W7826 Mason Street
Hortonville, WI 54944



DOG LICENSE – DUE MARCH 31, 2018

Owner's Name _____

Owner's Address _____

Dog's Name _____

Breed _____

Color/Special Markings _____

_____ Male - \$10.00 _____ Neutered - \$5.00

_____ Female – \$10.00 _____ Spayed - \$5.00

Send proof of rabies vaccination, check (payable to Town of Ellington) and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

The town has ended on a positive note financially. We were able to complete all of our road projects we anticipated on doing this year, such as smear patching a large amount of roads. This is just a band aid to carry us over until we are able to either reconstruct, or repave the roads in desperate needs.

Four roads in Stephenville were milled and paved that were so broken up it would be nearly impossible to snow plow. This work was performed by Northeast Asphalt.

We did various ditching projects this year throughout the town, along with replacing two big culverts that received county aid to cover the cost of the pipe and labor for installation.

Numerous roads were painted this year because of the fading of the paint that happens because of the time span from the last time they have been painted. We have received many compliments on how nice it is to see the roadway during adverse weather with the painting of the roads in our township.

The town completed all of the tree trimming we wanted to do, we know there is more to do, but we are planning on doing some more next year.

The town board has quarterly meetings with the fire department which we listen to any of their concerns they may have. This year we have updated the fire hall with new more energy efficient lighting. The concern was when people walked into the fire hall it was so dark, we installed motion sensor light so they wouldn't have to enter the building in the dark. We also changed the water fill pipe for the trucks so they can be filled from the ground instead of having to climb up on top of the trucks to perform these duties. The Fire Department has brought it to the board's attention that they may be looking at replacing a truck and water truck with one truck, but the cost is projected to be \$750,000. We advised them that we should let the residents towns people know about the cost and how we are going to fund such a large purchase. The Fire Department is doing a great job in keeping us safe...THANK YOU!

The town is going to petition the sewer district to provide sewer service to the parks pavilion. At this time it is being served with a holding tank. We have been experiencing some problems with water seeping into the tank and the pavilion being rented out every weekend from spring through fall we had to pump it weekly. The town was advised by our attorney that the sewer district could bill us for all of the cost to put the sewer line in. The town had a cost estimate from years ago which was \$540,000 dollars. We are going to have to do something sooner than later. The town is trying to find some funding that may be available for these improvements. We already checked into what the interest rate may be to borrow money from the Trust Fund. The rate is between 2.75% and 3.00%. The town has borrowed money numerous times from the Trust Fund which has a very favorable interest rate.

We are just putting out a friendly reminder that pushing snow across any road is prohibited. If this happens, the town will have to take legal action against them. This is just a reminder to protect the general public that uses our roads that there aren't any obstacles that may be hit.

The town also has a no bare road policy. We understand that at times the roadways could be slippery or snow covered, but we will try the best to make the roads safe for the general public.

Fire Department News by Jim Bentle, Fire Chief

Another year is almost in the books and we are in the middle of the holiday season. The members of the fire department want to thank everyone who came out to Firefest 2017 in September. Here are the top six winners of the raffle prizes this year:

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| 1. Tyler Ernst | 4. Garrett Kern |
| 2. Helen Johnson | 5. Chris Jentz |
| 3. Kate Fannin | 6. Chris Sekerka |

To keep your holidays fun and safe, here are a few great ideas to follow:

- ♦ Make sure to change your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector batteries and test them monthly. You should have a working smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector on each level of your home.
- ♦ Clean your chimneys, fireplaces and have your furnaces inspected once a year before using them.
- ♦ When using candles, make sure they are in a noncombustible container or holder and make sure they are blown out before leaving home or going to bed.
- ♦ When buying a real Christmas tree, be sure to pick a **FRESH** tree. You'll know it's fresh if the needles are firmly attached. Once you have your tree at home, keep plenty of water around the base. A dry tree is a source of many home fires every year. Some trees can take up to 3-4 gallons of water a day.
- ♦ Be bright about lights! Don't use lights with worn insulation, broken plugs and loose sockets. They can cause fires, shocks and even electrocutions!
- ♦ When using space heaters, give them space. Keep curtains, bedspreads, and furniture away from them and make sure children know they could get burnt if they touch them.
- ♦ Be careful when hanging stockings and other items around the fireplace or chimneys.
- ♦ When doing holiday cooking, make sure to not leave things in or on the stove unattended. Many fires around the holidays start in the kitchen and spread very quickly. Keep turkey fryers outside and away from combustible materials. Make sure to measure out the proper amount of oil to be used and always fry thawed foods. Frozen foods will cause the oil to erupt into a fire ball.
- ♦ Make sure to have emergency numbers and addresses posted by your phones. With family and friends coming over for the holidays, not everyone knows what numbers to call in case of an emergency. These numbers should also include plumbers, furnace repair companies, utility companies (gas and electric), local hospitals, and poison control. For emergencies for fire, police and medical – call **911**.

The Ellington Fire Department and Ellington First Responder members would like to thank ALL the residents for their continued support over the past years. As the town grows and the needs of the community are changing, the fire department has come up with a 20 year plan to start replacing equipment and vehicles. In the next year or two, we are looking to replace two older fire trucks and purchase one new one. The trucks that are looking to be replaced are a 1972 engine and a 1994 tender. These are the department's oldest vehicles in service and are starting to cost more and more money to keep them updated and maintained. The goal is to replace these with a pumper tender. At this time, the department is still getting prices and are just beginning to look at different options for this type of fire truck. The fire department will be bringing this topic up at the next Annual Town Meeting for more discussion.

As always, the main goals for the fire department and first responders are to protect the lives and property of this great community.

Again, remember to stay safe and have a great Holiday Season.

Your family, friends and neighbors in FIRE SAFETY and Emergency Medical Services,

The Ellington Fire Department and Ellington First Responders.

Attention Senior Citizens!

Ellington holds their Card Party/Potluck at the Ellington Community Center starting at Noon on the 4th Thursday of every month (except November and December is the 3rd Thursday).



Please come join us!

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Liesch at 757-5870

2018 Ellington Recycling Calendar

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Hortonville, WI 54944

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Town of Ellington

Chairman, Joe Schumacher—739-8567 Supervisor, Bob Prunty—277-4599 Supervisor, Al Kaddatz—757-5269 Clerk, Bonnie Fischer—757-5333 or 757-5912 Treasurer, Sherri Fassbender—757-6986 Constable, Adam Reichwald—740-4278 Fire Chief, Jim Bentle—757-1778 Asst. Fire Chief, Adam Reichwald—740-4278 First Responder Director—Rachael Yogerst—810-1546	Raft Licenses—Entrance Permits Bonnie Fischer—757-5333 or 757-5912
Any questions concerning assessment of your property, please contact Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc.—749-1995	Road Work and Snow Plowing Joe Schumacher—739-8567 Bob Prunty—277-4599 Al Kaddatz—757-5269
Disturbance or Animal Problems Adam Reichwald—740-4278	Taxes and Dog Licenses Sherri Fassbender—757-6986
Garbage Pick Up Graichen Sanitation—982-4116	Community Center, N3802 Hwy 76, Hortonville To rent the Community Center, contact Sherri Fassbender—757-6986
Building Permits For building permits and building inspections, contact Jim Emmons at 779-6810	Recycling Pick Up Inland Service Corp.—759-0501
	Farmers Park To reserve the shelter or ball diamonds, contact Sherri Fassbender—757-6986
Town of Ellington Website: www.townofellington.org	