

Town of Ellington



December 2020

Property Taxes

Taxes are due in full by January 31, 2021, 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, 2021. 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, 2021, and must be sent to the Outagamie County Treasurer, 320 S. Walnut Street, Appleton, WI 54911.

Payments postmarked December 31 will be credited for 2020.

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.

Drop Box—A secure box is located outside the door of the Ellington Community Center. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope if a receipt is needed.

Wolf River Community Bank will be accepting tax payments at their locations—drive-thru only:

Hortonville—309 E. Main Street

Greenville—W6490 Greenville Drive

New London—1008 N. Shawano Street

Shiocton—N5579 State Road 76

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

Saturday, December 19	12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 26	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 31	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 20	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 30	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Please make your check payable to: Town of Ellington
Cash is not accepted.

Hello everyone, it's been a long year as far as maintaining normal goes. The town is trying to respond to all concerns without putting anyone in harm's way of the virus. We have been working on a lot of different projects that will benefit the town with the different funding available.

1. The town went after FEMA money for the tornado damage from last year in July. Bonnie and myself worked hand in hand with a person from the Federal government to get the required material to them. This took nearly four to six months of work, we had to document all of the hours worked, along with all of the equipment used with the rate that is charged at. The Federal government has their own rate of charge out, so we had to convert everything over to their rate. Once it was approved by them, the information goes to the State of Wisconsin where they get a chance to review the claim. The state will then pay 12.5% of the claim. The Feds pay 75% of the claim and the town or local government shares the responsibility of the other 12.5% . We did receive a \$7,000 check for reimbursement of the fire department role in the cleanup. The town is still waiting for the remainder of the money that we put in with the claim of a sum of \$38,000. We hope to receive it within the next few weeks.
2. We worked on R2R which stands for Road to Recovery. The town was allowed \$54,000 dollars to improve working conditions or town hall improvements to help with COVID-19 related items. We used a portion of the money to install all hands-free soap and paper toweling dispensers in all of the bathrooms, along with hands free faucet dispenser, and hands-free urinal dispensers in the town hall. We also replaced the three furnaces and central air unit which will have electronic air cleaners and UV lights. The furnaces will run continuously to recirculate the air throughout the town and fire department meeting rooms. There were other minor items included in this grant that we submitted and are hoping to receive it very shortly. They claim the time frame is a two-week turnover for reimbursement.
3. We were informed that the bridge on Market Road is starting to fail or deteriorate. The wooden piles are starting to fail or in other words they are starting to rot away. The first step is to do a test on them to determine how much of the piles are rotted away. We will be working with the state DOT with this because they have the equipment to do this type of work. Once this is finished, they can give us a recommendation on what we should post the bridge at, to keep all of the excessive truck traffic off of the bridge. By doing the test we can use that information towards funding we will be applying for in the next cycle. The funding will be 80% federal government, 10% county, and 10% town, it doesn't seem like a lot at 10%, but the total cost of the bridge could exceed 1 million dollars!
4. The town had to upgrade their fuel system, because we were out of compliance. The two fuel tanks we had were in a containment that didn't provide enough space between the tanks. We put in a new above ground, double lined fuel tank with a system to show what truck took the fuel along with what person took it. The system is a better way to track the fuel and gas being used. The cost of the upgrade came at a price tag of \$25,000. The old tanks and containment will be sold, we have a vender working with us to accomplish this.
5. We installed a new electronic message sign in front of the town hall which displays upcoming events and meetings.
6. Paving that we did this year consisted of reclaiming, shaping, and paved a binder mat on Wege Road from Mayflower Road to Greenwood Road. On Pohlman Road we ground back a couple hundred feet from Wege Road to help improve the intersection grade. We also paved the top coat of blacktop in Fox View Heights subdivision. MCC was low bid and performed the work for us at a cost of \$201,000.
7. We did a lot of ditch cleaning, and replaced pipes that crossed the roadway that rotted out, some did qualify for county aid which we utilized. We still have more ditch cleaning to be performed in the future, but just trying to get to the worst areas first and what we can afford.
8. Winter is upon us and just a friendly reminder DO NOT push snow across or in the road. If people don't listen to the friendly reminder the town will have no other alternative but to call law enforcement to help us to stay in compliance. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
9. Finally, the town did pass the ATV/UTV ordinance. The town will adopt the ordinance the county has created. There is a group of people on the committee, including myself representing the towns and law enforcement keeping in mind the safety of all people on ATV/UTV, and the general public using the roadway.

Dog License

All dogs need to be licensed by March 31, 2021, 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:

Spayed or neutered dogs—\$5.00

Unspayed Female or Unneutered Male—\$10.00

Send to:

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

TOP REASONS TO LICENSE YOUR DOG:

1. It greatly improves your chance of getting your dog back if it goes missing.
2. It lets people know your dog is up to date on its rabies vaccine.
3. It's the law!



DOG LICENSE

Owner's Name _____

Owner's Address _____

Phone _____

Dog's Name _____

Breed _____

Color/Special Markings _____

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

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

Include:

1. Proof of rabies vaccination
2. Check—payable to **Town of Ellington**
3. Self-addressed stamped envelope.

Fire Department News by Jim Bentle, Fire Chief

This year 2020 is almost over...thank goodness! We all can hope that 2021 is better than the last one! This year has been a very trying time for all of us, as we try to live our lives and go on with our daily routines as best we can. This pandemic has changed many things in our lives, but one thing can be certain is that if you need help, both the Fire Department and First Responders will always be there for you. We have had to change some of the ways we do things as well this past year. When responding to calls, masks have to be worn on the fire trucks and when doing station duties such as cleaning and equipment checks. Social distancing and mask wearing is required by our personnel. Some meetings and trainings had to be canceled and postponed to help with large groups of emergency personnel being in one place. After calls, the trucks get wiped down along with the equipment used on that call to help stop the spread of the virus. Public education presentations, station tours, and many community events including parades and the annual "Fire Fest" had to be canceled. With all this being said, we are still here answering the calls and helping our neighbors out in their time of need. These are scary times for all of us, but if we remember to do our part in everyday practices to help stop the spread, we will get through this together.

1. Wear masks out in public.
2. Physically distance at least 6 feet from other people you don't live with.
3. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
4. Indoors—do not gather with people outside your household.
5. Outdoors—limit gathering to 10 people or fewer, physically distance and wear a mask.

If you get any type of symptoms, get tested and follow the public health official's guidelines.

We know that with the holiday season coming up, we all want to go out and meet our family and friends that we haven't seen for the past few months. Please follow the above guidelines and stay safe in what you choose to do.

Also with the holiday season upon us, please remember to practice fire safety in all your daily activities. This includes when we do our cooking, decorating our home, warming up our vehicles on cold mornings, running space heaters, furnaces or fire places to heat up our homes or garages, and making sure we have a plan in place if an emergency does happen. Have emergency numbers posted for: 911, your doctor's phone numbers, hospitals, poison control centers, furnace repair person, plumbers, and electricians. Have an emergency escape plan posted in your home for your guests to know what to do during an emergency.

Here are some other important safety topics to keep in mind every holiday season:

1. When you purchase those electronics for the holiday, pick up extra batteries to change out the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Remember to test them once a month.
2. Keep real Christmas trees watered. They can use over a gallon of water a day for some of the larger trees.
3. Make sure your holiday lights are working properly and don't have frayed wires. They can short out and cause a fire or an electrical shock.
4. Keep candles at a minimum and should be blown out when leaving your home. Make sure to have candles in a non combustible container or holder and that nearby decorations are kept far enough away to prevent a fire.
5. Be careful when hanging stockings and other items around fireplaces or chimneys.
6. Make sure your furnaces and chimneys are inspected and cleaned out before using them.
7. Do not leave holiday cooking unattended. Cooking is one of the leading causes of fires this time of year.

Besides from fire calls this time of year, medical calls are also a big concern.

1. Shovel sidewalks and driveways to prevent ice and snow from building up. Falls are always big this time of year.
2. Make sure exhaust pipes and vents are cleared of snow to prevent carbon monoxide from building up in your home. These symptoms feel just like having the flu.

Fire Department News (cont'd) by Jim Bentle, Fire Chief

3. When using snow blowers or other power equipment to clear snow, don't put hands or fingers near augers or moving parts to clear blocks. It only takes a second to be pulled into a machine and cause a serious injury.
4. Remember to bundle up and wear warm clothes this time of year. We know this should be common sense, but just a few minutes outside in the cold without proper clothes on can cause frost bite and hyperthermia.

We hope these safety topics help you and your family out during this time of year. We hope you never need to call for help from us, but please don't ever be afraid to call. We hear it all the time after a call that the public really didn't want to call for help because they felt they could handle the problem and didn't want to bother the Fire Department or First Responders. When in doubt, PLEASE call. We love to help out and protect our great community.

Again, remember to stay safe in all your daily activities and follow these guidelines so that we can have a Great Holiday Season!!!

Together we will get through these trying times and remember we are here for you.

Your family, friends and neighbors in Fire and EMS safety,

Ellington Fire Department and Ellington First Responders

Ellington Community Club

The Club will once again have its \$1,000 scholarship for 2021. Deadline for applications will be April 16, before our April 19, 2021 meeting. The scholarship is open to any resident of the Town of Ellington. Preference points will be awarded to a 2021 graduating senior. The scholarship is available for any continuing education: College, Tech, Apprenticeship programs, Beauty school and the like. Text your application request to Helen (920) 450-7009 (text is best) or email: ellingtoncc@gmail.com



The 2020 recipient was Morgan Brux, a graduate from Shiocton High School.

Ellington Community Club has awarded over \$10,000 in scholarships since its inception in 2014! If you or your business would like to support the Ellington Community Club and its projects, please contact a member!

Our regular meetings are the 3rd Monday of every month (except for November, December and January).

Please LIKE and follow us on Facebook: Pres Ellington and Ellington Community Club



Save the Date: Easter Egg Hunt—Saturday, April 3—Farmers Park

Curbside Recycling Guide

Place recyclables loosely in your bin. **No plastic bags!**

Plastic

ACCEPT:

ALL plastic bottles & containers

- Household bottles, jars & jugs
- ☐ Dairy containers & lids
- ☐ Produce, bakery & deli containers & lids

DO NOT ACCEPT:

- ☐ Plastic bags, wrap or film
- ☐ Motor oil bottles
- ☐ Styrofoam



empty, rinse & replace caps/lids

Paper

ACCEPT:

- ☐ Newspapers & inserts
- ☐ Cardboard & paperboard (food boxes)
- ☐ Milk, juice & soup cartons
- ☐ Office & school paper
- ☐ Junk mail & catalogs
- ☐ Phonebooks, books & magazines

DO NOT ACCEPT:

- ☐ Tissue paper
- ☐ Pet food bags

*flatten & cut boxes to
2 ft x 2 ft*

*put shredded paper in a
paperbag*



Metal

ACCEPT:

- ☐ Aluminum bottles & cans
- ☐ Steel & tin cans
- ☐ Empty aerosol cans

DO NOT ACCEPT:

- ☐ Aluminum pans or foil
- ☐ Empty paint cans
- ☐ Scrap metal



empty & rinse

Glass

ACCEPT:

- ☐ Food and beverage bottles & jars

DO NOT ACCEPT:

- ☐ Window glass
- ☐ Ceramics, china
- ☐ Drinking glasses

empty & rinse



www.RecycleMoreOutagamie.org



November Election

Ellington had 1,996 voters. That equals 95% of Ellington's voting population.

President

Joseph R. Biden = 475

Donald J. Trump = 1,483

Don Blankenship = 1

Jo Jorgensen = 24

Brian Carroll = 3

Representative in Congress

Amanda Stuck = 426

Mike Gallagher = 1,538

Town of Ellington
Issued 23 new home
building permits in 2020



2021 Ellington Recycling Calendar

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If you have a problem with your garbage or recycling not getting picked up,
please contact the appropriate company:

Garbage—Graichen Sanitation—982-4116

Recycling—Orion Waste Solutions—759-0501

Sherri Fassbender
W7826 Mason Street
Hortonville, WI 54944

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Permit No. 40

Return Service Requested

Town of Ellington

<p>Chairman, Joe Schumacher—(920) 739-8567 Supervisor, Bob Prunty—(920) 277-4599 Supervisor, Al Kaddatz—(920) 757-5269 Clerk, Bonnie Fischer—(920) 757-5333 or (920) 757-5912 Treasurer, Sherri Fassbender—(920) 757-6986 Constable (Interim), Joe Vermiglio—(920) 858-7035 Fire Chief, Jim Bentle—(920) 851-0108 First Responder Dir, Rachael Yogerst—(920) 810-1546</p> <p>Any questions concerning assessment of your property, please contact Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc.—(920) 749-1995</p> <p>Disturbance or Animal Problems Joe Vermiglio—(920) 858-7035</p> <p>Garbage Pick Up Graichen Sanitation—(920) 982-4116</p> <p>Building Permits For building permits and building inspections, contact Paul Hermes—(920) 858-0102</p>	<p>Raft Licenses—Entrance Permits Bonnie Fischer—(920) 757-5333 or (920) 757-5912</p>
	<p>Road Work and Snow Plowing Joe Schumacher—(920) 739-8567 Bob Prunty—(920) 277-4599 Al Kaddatz—(920) 757-5269</p>
	<p>Taxes and Dog Licenses Sherri Fassbender—(920) 757-6986</p>
	<p>Community Center, N3802 Hwy 76, Hortonville To rent the Community Center, contact Sherri Fassbender—(920) 757-6986</p>
	<p>Recycling Pick Up Orion Waste Solutions—(920) 759-0501</p>
	<p>Farmers Park To reserve the shelter or ball diamonds, contact Sherri Fassbender—(920) 757-6986</p>
<p>Town of Ellington Website: www.townofellington.org</p>	