



# TOWN OF MOSEL \* SPRING 2013 NEWSLETTER

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## Town of Mosel Annual Meeting Tuesday, April 16, 2013 - 7:30 p.m.

Some of the agenda items will include:

- ⇒ A report from a Sheboygan County Sheriff Deputy on law enforcement protocol in the Town of Mosel.
- ⇒ A "State of the Town" Update.
- ⇒ A brief year-end financial update.
- ⇒ A discussion of road repair options, with a chance for important input from residents.
- ⇒ A recognition of Retiring Supervisor Wayne Warnecke's years of service.

Refreshments will be provided by  
Cleveland State Bank

**Join Your Neighbors and Friends!  
Please Attend the Annual Meeting**

***DON'T FORGET TO VOTE APRIL 2, 2013***

## CLERK-TREASURER OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday & Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
***Hours are subject to change.***

Please call the Town Hall at 565-3700 to verify hours. Hours are also posted on the Town Hall door.

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## INFORMATION SESSION ON COUNTY ROAD LS RECONSTRUCTION

Progress on the relocation of County Road LS between County Road MM and Orchard Road continues, although perhaps a bit slower than some of us might have wished.

As a recap, Sheboygan County is planning on relocating County Road LS approximately 1/4 mile east between County Road MM and Orchard Road. Erosion along the Lake Michigan shoreline is undercutting the current road, creating unsafe conditions that must be addressed. Since this is a Sheboygan County project, the Town of Mosel government is not directly involved, but we are focusing on making sure communication lines stay open and affected residents' concerns are addressed as quickly as possible.

Sheboygan County has hired the consulting firm of Ayres Associates to manage the project. In early December Ayres had crews

surveying the terrain. This data is being inputted and we expect that affected residents will be contacted shortly to work through specific items relating to their homesteads. After that, negotiations regarding purchase of right-of-way will begin. Construction is scheduled to take place in 2014.

**On Tuesday, May 14, 2013, the Sheboygan County will conduct an information session on the County Road LS Relocation project at the Mosel Town Hall. Information will be displayed and representatives of the County and Ayres will be available to answer any questions people might have. This meeting is open to the public and all Mosel residents are encouraged to attend to get a better idea about this significant project.**

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## CHAIR'S COMMENTS

During the first half of last December, I spent 40 hours traveling around the Town of Mosel, collecting nomination signatures and talking to over 225 Mosel residents about their interests and concerns.



Several mentioned that our area was in a “sweet spot” where we had just enough moisture while vast areas of the country were experiencing severe drought.

It was an enlightening experience. We talked about many things. We shared the sorrow of parents or spouses who had died in the past year, concerns over various health problems, as well as the joys of children being married or grandchildren being born. What a great way to discover what our Mosel residents are thinking.

Somewhat surprising to me, at least 5 households mentioned that they had problems with their wells over the past summer. As a Town Board, we will have to pay careful attention to this.

Residents were very interested in the upcoming relocation of County Road LS and wanted an update about the Town’s plans for Dairyland Drive. People expressed concerns about several abandoned buildings which they considered unsafe and about unlicensed vehicles in the Town.

Several people had unpleasant experiences with the DNR over the past year. This is disconcerting. I reminded them, and I want to remind all residents, that if you believe a government agency is being unresponsive, let your Town government know, and we will attempt to establish better communications to try to solve the problem.

Business people in the Town, in general, were still worried about the state of the economy and its impact on their businesses. Farmers, however, were thankful for a good year.

The overwhelming sentiment of our residents, however, was that Mosel is a very pleasant place to live. From my standpoint, it is an honor to be your Town Chair. I will continue to work hard to assure that Mosel remains one of the best places in Wisconsin to live.

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## SUPERVISOR WAYNE WARNECKE RETIRING

Last November, Supervisor Wayne Warnecke announced that he would not stand for re-election in the Spring 2013 elections and would be stepping down from the Town Board when his term expired in mid-April, 2013.

Wayne served on the Mosel Town Board between 2003 and 2013. As the former chief financial officer of Lakeland College, Wayne provided valuable input on developing each year’s budget.

Over the last few years, Wayne was the Town’s designated insurance manager and negotiated all the Town’s insurance contracts with our various providers.

For many years Wayne also represented the Town on the county committee of the Bay-Lakes Regional Planning Commission, serving as chair of that committee.

Most importantly, however, Wayne always showed an understanding of the Town and its needs, and provided a quiet wisdom as the Board tackled various challenges. He will be missed.

I am sure all Town of Mosel residents join with the Board in thanking Wayne for his many years of service and wishing Wayne and his wife Gail all the best.

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## 2013 “THE YEAR OF THE ROADS”



Your Town Board has informally designated 2013 as “The Year of the Roads” for Town of Mosel government.

This means that every monthly Board meeting agenda will include the item “Discussion and Possible Action on Town Road Maintenance and Repair.” At each meeting we will discuss what needs to be done with the roads and seek input from Town residents.

There are some momentous decisions that need to be made that could have a dramatic impact on Town taxes. Your Town Board wants these discussions to be as transparent and as inclusive as possible. Our hope is to reach a general consensus, move forward on some of the smaller projects, and hold a binding referendum on repair of Dairyland Drive in Spring of 2014.

By far the biggest project is Dairyland Drive. If we did a total repair of the full 6 miles, the cost would be in the range of \$2,000,000. If we borrowed most of this money, our Town taxes could almost double. Obviously, this

project needs a lot of research and a lot of discussion with Town residents.

The Town Board will also attempt to get a Town Road Improvement Program (TRIP) grant to assist in the repair of Garton Road between Dairyland Drive and I-43. This portion of Garton Road is in bad repair.

The Town is also considering repairing Playbird Road between Dairyland Drive and County Road LS. Although this road is on the border between the Town of Mosel and the Town of Sheboygan, Mosel is responsible for the upkeep of this particular portion.

Finally, your Town Board will play an oversight and communications role in the relocation of County Road LS between County Road MM and Orchard Road. This is a Sheboygan County project, paid for by Sheboygan County taxpayers, but your Board is working with County representatives to make this project as smooth as possible.

Input from Town residents is critical. We want to hear from you!

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## OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW DATES SET

If you have questions about the assessment of your Town of Mosel property, representatives of the Town’s appraiser, Associated Appraisal, will be available at the Town Hall on **April 23, 2013 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. for Open Book**. Part of the purpose of an “open book” is to allow you to examine other parcels and homes in the Town that you think are equivalent to your property.



If after discussions with the appraiser you still believe your property was improperly assessed, you can set up an appointment with the **Board of Review** which is scheduled to meet **May 22, 2013 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

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## BOOKMOBILE STOPS IN HAVEN



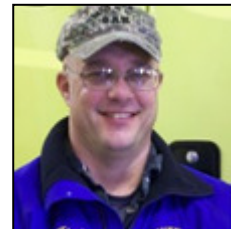
Bookmobile will be stopping at the Town Hall from 12:15-12:45 p.m. on April 3, April 17, May 1, May 15 & May 29. You can request books via the internet at [www.easicat.net](http://www.easicat.net). Call 208-4900, ext. 15 for more information.

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## HAVEN FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

As snow was falling outside, Town Chair Dirk Zylman and Clerk-Treasurer Rachel Rehbein sat down with Haven Fire Department Chief Thad Athorp to get an update on the Haven Fire Department.



### **Good Morning Thad. Tell us a bit about the Haven Fire Department.**

We are a volunteer fire department that covers the Town of Mosel and provides mutual aid to a number of surrounding townships. We have been in existence since 1931.

Haven Fire Department (HFD) owns and operates 4 trucks. There is a main fire engine, an engine tender (tanker), a tender, and a rescue truck.

### **How often does the fire department get called out?**

We average about 20-25 calls a year. The calls cover the gamut from auto accidents, to downed power lines, to structural fires, to something as small as a CO2 detector going off.

### **What do you see as the biggest challenge for HFD?**

Probably recruiting new people. Currently we have 23 active members, ranging in age from 18 to 68. We are always looking to add members.

We normally meet twice a month, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays from about 7:30-9:30 p.m. Most of the time is spent on training. It's neighbors helping neighbors.

We are very fortunate to have a great group of volunteers. Typically, our firefighters stay involved for a long time. Five HFD members have over 25 years of experience. But, we could always use more.

### **Thank you, Thad. Why don't you tell us a bit about yourself.**

I am a lifelong resident of the Town of Mosel. My brother and I own Eastwind Dairy where I live with my wife Chrissy and two sons aged 6 and 4. My father was a firefighter so I grew up with the fire department and joined when I was 18. It's in the family. I have two brothers and a nephew who are currently members of HFD.

**If you are interested in joining the Haven Fire Department or have any questions, please call Chief Thad Athorp at 980-1155.**



**FOLLOW HAVEN FIRE DEPARTMENT ON FACEBOOK!**

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## ATTEND A TOWN GOVERNMENT MEETING!

Meetings are held at the Mosel Town Hall, W982 County Road FF, and are scheduled as follows:

- ★ **Town Board**– 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.
- ★ **Planning & Zoning Commission**– 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month as needed.
- ★ **Board of Appeals** – As needed.

Check the website and posting places for any changes or for additional meetings that may be scheduled throughout the month.

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## FARMLAND PRESERVATION



Sheboygan County has continued to proceed on the Farmland Preservation Plan update. The plan is near completion of the rough draft stage and will soon be brought up for public input on the county level. We are planning on having a copy of this rough draft, a map of the Town of Mosel and a representative from Sheboygan County Planning at our Monthly Board meeting in April. **This will be an informational session at the**

**beginning of the meeting to be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

If you would like to know more about the Farmland Preservation program which now has the official title of Working Lands Initiative please go to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection website.

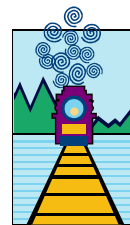
If you have specific questions to the Town of Mosel's involvement please contact Supervisor Aaron Anger.

[http://datcp.wi.gov/environment/working\\_lands\\_initiative](http://datcp.wi.gov/environment/working_lands_initiative)

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## UNION PACIFIC TO DISCONTINUE RAIL SERVICE THROUGH MOSEL

The Union Pacific Railroad, which owns the track that traverses the Town of Mosel, has filed a petition to discontinue service along this track. As many of our residents know, railroad traffic on this track has been quite minimal for a number of years.



At this time, the railroad plans only to discontinue service, not to totally abandon the track. The track structure will remain in place, in case there is a future reason for service to be restored.

The Sheboygan County Planning Department is giving some consideration to submitting a proposal to turn this stretch of track into a walking - hiking - biking trail. If you have any thoughts on this, your Mosel Board members would very much like to hear your input.

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## WHAT CAN I DROP OFF AT THE TRANSFER STATION?

Full information can be found on the Town's website at [www.townofmosel.com](http://www.townofmosel.com).

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## POSTING LOCATIONS



Information and legal notices are posted at the following locations:

- ★ **Mosel Town Hall** - W982 County Road FF
- ★ **Joe's Hometown Auto** – N7451 Werthmann Lane (off State Highway 42)
- ★ **The Transfer Station** on Rowe Road

Those matters that require publication are printed in *The Plymouth Review*. Anything that is required to be published will also be posted at all three posting locations.

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## 2013 DOG LICENSING INFORMATION

If you own or keep a dog in the Town of Mosel over 5 months old, you must obtain a license (per State Statute 174.05).

Neutered/Spayed dogs are **\$6**  
Unneutered/Unspayed dogs are **\$13**  
The cost for a kennel license is **\$60**

**\*\*A late fee of \$10 PER DOG will be charged after April 1, 2013\*\***

An application for a Dog License can be found on the website under permits.



To obtain a license, please return the application, copy of the rabies certificate (not the payment receipt), appropriate fee (payable to Town of Mosel), and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Town of Mosel, W982 County Road FF, Sheboygan, WI 53083. You may also request a dog license in person during office hours or place in drop box.

**All licenses expire December 31, 2013 regardless of when they were issued during the year.**

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