



TOWN OF MOSEL * FALL 2010 NEWSLETTER

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DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

General Election - Tuesday, November 2

Voting takes place at the Town Hall, W982 County Road FF from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED to be able to vote. Pre-registering will save you time on Election Day. You will need to provide, if you have one, your driver's license number or state ID card number or social security number and proof of residence when you register. Proof of residence would include drivers license, utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, etc.

If you are unsure if you are registered, you can go to vpa.wi.gov, enter your name and date of birth and it will show the address you are registered at or you can call the Clerk-Treasurer.

You may request an absentee ballot by calling the Clerk-Treasurer for an application. ***You must be registered to be able to request an absentee ballot.***

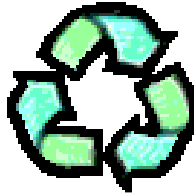
Please attend Town of Mosel's 2011 BUDGET HEARING NOVEMBER 11, 2010 7:00 P.M.

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⇒ **DO YOU HAVE A DOG? SEE PAGE 7!**

E-WASTE RECYCLING

Wisconsin's electronics recycling law went into effect January 2010. As of September 1, 2010 you can no longer drop off electronics at the Transfer Station. Earth Wise Recycling, LLC will be at the Transfer Station **Saturday November 6 from 9 a.m.-11 a.m.** to collect the following recyclable items: computer hard drives, key boards, telephones, digital cameras and camcorders, VCR players, rechargeable and



lead sealed batteries, and non-PCB light ballasts at no cost to you. They will also take the following items for a fee:

- Televisions - \$20.00 each
- Printers - \$5.00 each
- Computer monitors - \$10.00 each
- Copiers - \$10.00 each

This is for one day only! Additional drop off dates may be added.

MOSEL ELECTIONS THIS SPRING

In April, 2011, Mosel will hold elections for the offices of chair, 2 supervisors, and constable. Nomination papers can begin to be circulated December 1, 2010. Any Mosel residents wanting additional information should contact the Town's Clerk-Treasurer.

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.

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.

NEW RURAL NUMBERING SYSTEM COMING

In early 2010 the Sheboygan County Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance requiring all Sheboygan County residents living in unincorporated areas (all of Mosel) to install new rural address signs. All rural residences must comply by 2015.

Your Town Board has been monitoring this initiative. While some towns have installed new signs this year, your Town Board decided to wait until next year to “get the kinks ironed out”.

The following are guidelines for the rural address signs:

1. All signs shall be a flag type with lettering on both sides.
2. All signs shall be located perpendicular to the public road centerline.
3. All signs shall have reflective white letters and numerals no less than 3 inches in height (Mosel's will be 3 1/2 inches) on a solid background. The background color shall be



uniform in each town. Mosel's color will be blue.

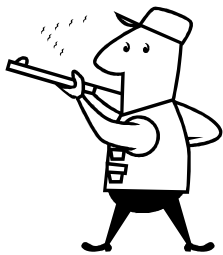
4. The name of the road will be located above the address number.

5. Signs must be on a steel channel post and located within 35 feet from the centerline of the roadway and within 10 feet of the right driveway. Signs shall be attached to the post at a height of 4 feet.

Your Town Board will coordinate the sign installation negotiations with Sheboygan County. Either the Town or the County will contract with a single installer. It is estimated that the cost will be approximately \$40-\$60 per sign. This amount will show up as a separate item on your tax bill.

A uniform numbering system will improve the safety of our residents because it will be much easier for firefighters or law enforcement to find the property if any emergency occurs. It will also make it easier for out of the area visitors to find us.

HUNTING CARDS AVAILABLE 24/7



We remind everyone that written permission is required from property owners to hunt on land in the Town of Mosel.

Hunting cards are available **24 hours a day, 7 days a week** in the Mosel Drop Box located at the Town Hall, W982 County Road FF, Haven. If someone asks for permission to hunt on your property, please let them know where to obtain the cards.

CLERK-TREASURER OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday and Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

****Hours are subject to change.***

To verify hours, please call the Town Hall at 565-3700. Hours will also be posted on the Town Hall door.

MOSEL BOARD HAPPENINGS

Your Mosel Board members realize that most Mosel residents, although interested in what is going on in the town, don't have time to attend Board meetings. We will try to use this space to let you know what the Board has been working on over the past 6 months.

During late spring and summer, we spent quite a bit of time preparing for the PGA. Our attorney drafted a Special Land Use Permit document detailing what the PGA could or could not do. Our main focus was protecting the interests of town residents, and attempting to minimize the disruption to their lives. We expanded the number of permits we could give to our residents and their guests and set in place procedures to quickly address any concerns our residents might have.

A number of residents asked whether the town received any financial benefit from hosting the PGA. Unfortunately, the answer is not much. We did receive \$10,000 from Levy Restaurants for issuing them a Class B liquor license and we also received some nominal net income from issuing bartenders licenses to approximately 150 individuals working at the PGA.

A significant portion of the town budget is road maintenance. In 2010 we budgeted approximately \$114,000 for this item. During the summer, we repaired Garton Road from County Road Y east to I-43 at a cost of approximately \$40,000. Road maintenance costs are going up much faster than inflation or town revenues. This is a major concern for your Board.

During the year, we striped many of the town roads. We also negotiated with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and got them to agree to keep all the construction equipment involved with the Rowe Road interchange off town roads. We also contracted for crack filling on Garton Road between LS and

Dairyland Drive. We also repaired culverts and potholes as they developed.

While the warm, moist summer was great for our farmers, it also caused the grass in our right of ways to grow faster than usual. Because of this, we spent more than usual on mowing during the summer.

The Board also deals with Zoning Issues and Building Permits. Construction activity in the town was down because of the weak economy but the Board held a number of special hearings on issues ranging from the proposed cabin on the Kohler Bird Hunting Preserve and a request for a 16 inch gauge miniature railroad from the Christopher Farms.

Currently, the Board is examining whether we need to involve our building inspector on home remodeling that exceed a certain amount (yet to be determined). There are health and safety issues, particularly with electrical repairs. Our building inspector came to the October Board meeting to discuss with us what other towns are doing.

We continue to try to approve our communications. A town resident expressed concern that it took too long to get the Board minutes on our website. We checked with our attorney, determined that we could post *draft* minutes, and now these minutes are generally on the web within a week of the Board meetings.

The town also organized a town meeting about the PGA traffic, and sent letters to all residents (paid by the PGA) inviting them to come. We are gratified that over 80 people attended.

Please feel welcome to attend our board meetings, but if you can't, read our minutes on our website: **townofmosel.com**.

Your Board always welcomes input from our residents.



TOWN BOARD RECOMMENDS 2011 BUDGET



The Mosel Town Board is recommending approval of a 2011 budget for the Town of Mosel that calls for a balanced budget with a tax

levy of 177,462.00 a slight decrease from the 2010 levy of \$177,535.71.

In 2011, the town is projecting revenue of \$280,035.00. This represents a revenue decrease of 10.68%. In 2010 we received a state grant of \$14,319.74 from the state to help pay for the Garton Road repair. We do not anticipate another grant in 2011. For 2010, we also budgeted approximately \$15,000 for PGA related revenues, another non-recurring item. Finally, we are anticipating less interest income on our road reserve fund.

For next year, the town is projecting \$280,035.00 in expenses, a slight (1.15%) increase from the 2010 budgeted amount of

\$276,843.74. For 2011, we have proposed a \$20,000 payment on our fire truck debt. The money used to purchase the fire truck was borrowed from our road reserve funds, so we are, in essence, paying ourselves back.

We are also leaving the \$100,000 for road maintenance and snow /ice removal unchanged. The Board is concerned about this, because road maintenance costs are increasing faster than inflation, but we feel we can, with careful monitoring, hold the line one more year.

If revenues and expenditures remain on budget, the Town of Mosel is projecting a balanced budget.

A public hearing on this proposed budget, as well as a review of 2010 revenues and expenditures will be held on Thursday, November 11, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall. We encourage our residents to come.

TOWN TAX RATES LOWER

As many town residents are aware, town tax rates are lower than those of cities and villages. According to a Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance analysis, the average city tax rate was \$7.25 for every \$1,000 of property value. The average village rate was \$5.02 per \$1,000 while the average town rate was \$1.88 per \$1,000. The Town of Mosel's tax rate was \$1.57 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

A significant reason for this differential is that towns generally offer fewer services than cities and villages. Your Town Board continues to work hard on holding the line on taxes for our residents.

Source: Wisconsin Towns Association, September 2010 Report.

BOOKMOBILE STOPS IN HAVEN

Every other Wednesday from 3:45-4:30 p.m. the Eastern Shores Library System Bookmobile stops at the Mosel Town Hall. You can get books from the Bookmobile's collection or they will bring you books from any library in the Eastern Shores Library system. You can



even request books via the internet at www.easicat.net. You can contact the Bookmobile for more information at 920-208-4900, ext. 15. The 2010 scheduled dates are:

Nov. 3, Nov. 17, Dec. 1 & Dec. 15

WHEN DO I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

Anything that is an improvement to your property requires a Building Permit. If the cost will be less than \$1,000 a permit is not required. As per Chapter 8 of the Town of Mosel Ordinances, this would include new



buildings, additions, plumbing, electrical, heating, ventilation installations or replacements, fencing, paving, concrete work, driveways (except gravel), siding, roofing,

new windows, interior remodeling, construction around the culvert, pool, etc.

The permit is only good for what is stated on the application.

Additional work would need a separate building permit. The fees for a permit are

based on \$10 Administrative Fee plus \$2 per \$1,000 or fraction thereof, in cost. **The cost for a late permit is \$25 plus permit fee if you report it after you begin work. If you do not report it the fee is \$25 plus double permit fees.**

Permits are good for one year. After one year, they may be extended for 6 months for an Administrative Fee of \$10. If the work is still not completed after the 6 month extension, it will be treated as a new application. A permit is also required for razing or demolition. That fee is \$10.

Building Permit Applications can be obtained from the Clerk-Treasurer's office or on the website.

ALWAYS CALL FIRST TO SEE IF YOU NEED A BUILDING PERMIT!!

ORANGE CROSS TO CONTINUE SERVING MOSEL

At its October meeting, the Mosel Board authorized sending a letter of support to the Sheboygan County Board, indicating its desire to continue to work with Orange Cross in providing emergency ambulance service and transportation to residents and workers in the Town of Mosel.

The Sheboygan County Board recently signed a 3 year contract with Orange Cross, assuring that Mosel and other smaller communities in the northeastern part of Sheboygan County will have service through the end of 2014.

Your Town Board is impressed with Orange Cross's continued dedication and commitment to enhance the training and professionalism of its ambulance crews. Mosel Chair Dirk Zylman serves on the Coalition Ambulance Quality Assurance Committee.

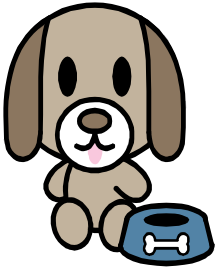
In 2009, Orange Cross responded to 30 calls in the town. The average response time to arrive at the scene of the emergency was 12.0 minutes. Through September 30, 2010, Orange Cross has responded to 18 calls. The average response time was 9.9 minutes.

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS



This newsletter is mailed to Mosel residents, property owners, and other interested people. Please contact the Clerk-Treasurer if there are any address corrections or if you know of anyone who would like to receive this newsletter and did not.

2011 DOG LICENSING INFORMATION



Dog licenses for 2011 will be available in the Clerk-Treasurer's office beginning **DECEMBER 27, 2010**. If you own or keep a dog in the Town of Mosel over 5 months old, you must obtain a license.

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, 2011****

An application for a Dog License is below and on the website.

To obtain a license, please return the application, 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, 2011 regardless of when they were issued during the year.

You can obtain the Dog License form under permits on the website.

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