

# Town of Menomonie 2024 Newsletter

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**Summary of the major events in 2024:** We received our new single axle plow truck after waiting two years for delivery and received our new tractor and mower to replace our 24-year-old tractor and mower. The Rudiger Road (390<sup>th</sup> St) bridge deck update was completed and 80% funded by a state grant. Turkey Road (330<sup>th</sup> St) between County Hwy P and K has had its first layer of black top completed and the second and final layer will be completed in the summer of 2025. This project was partially funded through a state grant. We had two joint clean sweeps with the City of Menomonie and the Town of Red Cedar this year, one for electronics in May and the second in September for chemicals. Plans are in the works to have these again in 2025.

**Solid Waste/Recycling Site:** This year the solid waste fee will not be increasing! We will be monitoring the costs this year to see if we need an increase for 2026. **To help keep our costs down and provide better service, the amount of household items such as mattresses, furniture and small demolition loads are limited to 1 mattress set, one piece of furniture or 1 yard of demolition (approximately ½ pickup bed) per day.** We have limited space and if too much is dropped off at a time it causes issues for others and is expensive if we need to call for a special pick-up. If you have large amounts of demolition or household items, you can contact one of the local haulers for a demolition roll off, take it to Seven Mile Land Fill near Eau Claire or to the Barron County Incinerator located by Almena. The site in Almena also takes many other items. You can find information on prices and hours on the Barron County website. We do not take light bulbs or electronics, TV's etc. There are places in Eau Claire that will take these items or hold on to the items and watch for information on our electronics clean sweep that will be posted on our website.

**Animal Control:** Please keep your pets on your property. Pick up after them. Wild and stray cats may be trapped and taken to The Humane Society. We do not pick up dogs or cats. If you capture one, you may take it to the Humane Society stating you are from the Town of Menomonie. The Sheriff's Department will pick up captured dogs in some cases.

**Burn Permits:** You do not need a burning permit for campfires. For brush and clean lumber, one must contact the Menomonie Fire Department non-emergency number 715-232-2414 or go on their website and obtain a permit. Do a search for Menomonie Fire Dept Burn Permits and a form will come up for you to complete online. **THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT ISSUE A PERMIT IF THERE IS A FIRE BAN.**

**Snow Plowing:** Please do not plow your snow across the road. It leaves piles on the highway and fills up the shoulders causing problems for motorists if they must use the shoulder of the roadway. It also causes problems with snowplowing when we must wing the snow off the road. If we must come back for removal, you will be charged for the expense.

**County Zoning and Town Permitting:** We are under the county zoning so before building anything contact their office or the chairperson to see if you need their services. Also note any building needs a permit from the town. All new driveways for town road access need a permit.

**Board Meeting Dates:** The Board normally meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6:00 pm. Please check our web site townofmenomonie.com or the town hall noticeboard for times, date and agenda. Our annual meeting will be April 17th, 2025.

**Fire & EMS services:** We are required by law to provide Fire and EMS services. Our Town receives our services through the Menomonie Rural Fire & EMS District. This is a group of 9 municipalities that contract with the City of Menomonie for these services. This year we all signed a new agreement to replace the outdated agreement from 1958. Part of the new agreement was the towns would bill full cost for a fire call and the proceeds would be used to offset the cost of equipment purchases for The District. Currently we charge \$500 per call and the district pays the difference. The charge now will be the full amount of the call billed. This new billing will go into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The City of Menomonie is going to substantially increase the service fee to The District over 5 years starting in 2026. We plan on having a special meeting next year to explain what impact this will have on our Town.

**Reevaluation 2025:** This year our Town is required to complete a reevaluation as our assessed property values are below what is required by the state. This will mean our Assessor, Kevin, will be contacting every property owner to view and reassess your property. Your cooperation with this will help make the process easier. The last reassessment of the Town was in 2015.

**Retirement Announcement:** Jeff Sand who has been our Town's Patrolmen for over 25 years is retiring on February 1<sup>st</sup>. He has been an outstanding employee for our Town! Best wishes in your retirement Jeff!

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