

Town of Rock

Town of Rock's New Website will be up and running soon!

We are very excited to share the news that the Town of Rock has been working on building a new website for our residents! The new site will be a great resource for Zoning Ordinances, meeting schedules, agendas, minutes, as well as any Town news. It will also have all of the contact information for Town officials and staff, applications for licenses, Election information, and details on some great local businesses. The website is a work in progress, but the hope is to have it up and running before the end of 2022. Please be sure to check it out at www.townofrockwi.gov. In the meantime, information is still available for a limited time on our current website www.tn.rock.wi.gov.

A Letter From Your Chairman

To the Residents of the Town of Rock,

On behalf of the town of Rock board, I would like to bring you up to date on the year's activities in the township. The board remains the same as I continue to act as your Town Chairman together with Tony Dubanowich and Pete Parker as Supervisors. Judy Thostenson remains the Constable. Please use the town website for information at www.tn.rock.wi.gov

Kristina Bennett has been hired as the Clerk/Treasurer and acts as the recycling coordinator and handles the Rock Town Cemetery. Deb Bennett acts as our Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.

There is a new sign at the Town Park through a donation from the Polzin Family at Budget Truck and Auto, Inc.

The Town will again host two e-waste pickups with the coordination of Waste Management. The pickups will be at Waste Management's location on Townline Road on April 22, 2023, and on September 16, 2023. As in the past, a notice will be mailed to each resident.

The road projects in 2022 included paving Ehrlinger Road, grader patched South River Road from County D to the Highway 11 Bypass intersection, grader patched corner of Tracey and Eau Claire Road and crack-filled O'Leary Road. We applied for funds at the state level for the federal infrastructure bill but were not chosen to receive the funds.

Thank you to the poll workers for offering their services in the election this year. We had a large turnout for the fall election, and we could not do it without the workers' willingness to serve.

Remember to use the Afton Post Office when mailing your packages. The walk-up window is open in the afternoons.

Wishing you Happy and Healthy Year,

Mark Gunn, Chairman



Dog Licenses

Dogs that are more than 5 months of age are required to be licensed (Wis. Statute 174.05). To apply for a license, send the required information with your payment to the Town of Rock, Po Box 25, Afton, WI 53501. When applying for a dog license, include the owner's name, address, and phone number, as well as the dog's name, age, breed, color, and proof of alteration. A copy of the certificate of rabies must accompany your application.

Fees: \$5.00/ altered dog, \$10.00/unaltered, \$5.00/puppy. To ensure all of the necessary information is included, the official Dog License Application can be obtained on the Town's website. Applications made after March 31, 2023 will incur a late fee of \$5.00.

Protect Wisconsin Waterways

In 2022, the Town of Rock joined the Rock River Storm Water Group, a group of communities from Waupun to Beloit committed to improving the health of the Rock River and other Wisconsin waterways by reducing storm water runoff pollution. **Learn simple things you can do around your property to reduce storm water runoff** and help Protect Wisconsin's Waterways at www.protectwiwaterways.org.



Save the date and join a Rock County area waterway clean up on **September 23, 2023!**

What is Storm Water Runoff & Why It Matters?

Storm water runoff is rain and melting snow that flows off building rooftops, driveways, lawns, streets, parking lots, construction sites, and industrial storage yards. Storm water runoff goes directly into our waterways – but is not clean water. Storm water runoff often carries pollutants that can seriously harm our waterways and wildlife. It can also cause erosion. **Own waterfront property? Minimize your shoreline erosion** by following the tips at protectwiwaterways.org.

WHEN REGISTERING YOUR VEHICLES BE SURE TO REPORT THAT YOUR VEHICLE IS KEPT IN THE TOWN OF ROCK.

In case of Emergency, dial 911. Non-Emergency, dial (608) 757-2244



Are you interested in becoming a Poll Worker?

Working at the polling place on Election Day is a great way to serve your community!

What are the responsibilities of a poll worker? Poll workers conduct assigned duties at the polling site on Election Day. Duties can include issuing ballots to registered voters, registering voters, monitoring the voting equipment, and explaining how to mark the ballot or use the voting equipment. There is also other ways to get involved, even outside of Election Day.

For more details, contact your clerk today! Kristina Bennett, clerk@townofrockwi.gov, (608) 290-0118

Register of Deeds Sandy Disrud announces Free Service Property Fraud Alert

By subscribing to Property Fraud Alert (PFA), the subscriber will be notified any time there is a document recorded with their name as a party. PFA is a proactive service that gives property owners a better position against fraudsters. Whenever there is a recording activity associated with their name, whether it be a fraudulent deed, a lien on their property, or a legitimate document – PFA provides a prompt notification to the subscriber. PFA is a free service made available by the Rock County Register of Deeds Office. Subscribe online or by phone. www.PropertyFraudAlert.com 1.800.728.3858



TAX COLLECTION

FULL OR FIRST INSTALLMENT PAYMENT OF REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ARE DUE JANUARY 31, 2023. Any payments made now until January 31, 2023 must be made to the Town of Rock. Residents in Rockvale should contact their office for tax information. Payments may be made in person, by mail, or there is a drop box at the Town Hall, 5102 S County Road D, Afton. Payments by mail or the drop box should be a check or money order made out to: Town of Rock, Po Box 25, Afton, WI 53501. If you would like a receipt, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment. Please write your phone number on your payment. **PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE IN PERSON AT ROCK TOWN HALL, 5102 S COUNTY ROAD D, AFTON, WI ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

Wednesday, December 21, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm,

Thursday, December 29, 8:00 am-12:00 pm,

Saturday, December 31, 8:00 am-12:00 pm,

Friday, January 20, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm,

Wednesday, January 25, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

Tuesday, January 31, 8:00 am-12:00 pm

You can pay by credit card in person or go to www.tn.rock.wi.gov, click on the quick link on the right side of the home page that says GovPayNet-Property Taxes. Complete your information: name address, computer number (tax ID number), card number, expiration date, 3 digit security code. You will be charged a fee, the amount will depend on the amount you charge.

Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes

2022 Tax Levies

Rock County	\$1,147,659.66
Blackhawk Tax Levy	\$ 212,795.24
Janesville School Tax Levy	\$1,754,695.00
Parkview School Tax Levy	\$ 152,458.65
Town Tax Levy	\$ 382,246.00
School Tax Credit	\$ -321,488.77
Net Tax Levy	\$3,328,365.78

Lottery and First Dollar Credit

	<u>Lottery Credit</u>	<u>First Dollar Credit</u>
Janesville School District	\$206.82	\$63.01
Parkview School District	\$250.43	\$76.30

Town Hall or Park Rentals

To rent the Rock Town Hall, cost is based on the size of the event as follows:

Up to 50 People

Resident	\$100.00
Non-Resident	\$200.00

51-100 People

Resident	\$200.00
Non-Resident	\$350.00.

Over 100 People

Resident	\$300.00
Non-Resident	\$500.00

A \$250.00 deposit is required at booking if you are not having alcohol, with alcohol the deposit is \$500.00.

Park rent is \$50.00 for resident, and \$100.00 for nonresident. Contact Brenda Clifton at (608) 322-5507 for reservations for the Town Hall or Park.

Please check your tax bill for the lottery credit. If you owned your home and used it as your primary residence as of January 1, 2022, you are entitled to a Lottery tax credit on your real estate tax bill. Homeowners are required to sign a lottery credit application form to initially receive the credit on their tax bill.

Town Contacts

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Supervisor Pete Parker (608) 757-1118 pete.parker.rocktownship@gmail.com

Supervisor Tony Dubanowich (608) 931-2172 tony.dubanowich.rocktownship@gmail.com

Clerk/Treasurer Kristina Bennett (608) 290-0118 kristinabennett.rocktownclerk@gmail.com

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Deb Bennett (608) 362-0598 dbennett4185@hughes.net

Building, Plumbing and Electrical Inspector Bill Kienbaum (608) 295-7766 bldginsp.rocktownship@gmail.com

Assessor Grota Appraisal, LLC (262) 253-1142

Constable Judy Thostenson (608) 751-1440

Planning and Zoning Chair Tony Dubanowich (608) 931-2172 tony.dubanowich.rocktownship@gmail.com

Planning and Zoning Secretary Randy Gant (608) 756-4655 randy.gant.rocktownship@gmail.com

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Planning and Zoning Member John Case (608) 879-9251 john.case.rocktownship@gmail.com

Zoning Officer/Ordinance Violation Dave Diestler (608) 752-3200 dave.diestler.rocktownship@gmail.com

Zoning Officer/Zoning Permits Tony Dubanowich (608) 931-2172 tony.dubanowich.rocktownship@gmail.com

Town Hall/Park Custodian & Rentals Brenda Clifton (608) 322-5507

Recycling Coordinator/Cemetery Sexton Kristina Bennett (608) 290-0118 kristinabennett.rocktownclerk@gmail.com

Election Information Kristina Bennett (608) 290-0118 clerk@townofrockwi.gov

Rock Town Hall (608) 752-4292

Town Board Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Rock Town Hall, 5102 S. County Road D, Afton, WI- To be on the agenda, contact Mark Gunn

Planning and Zoning Meetings are the last Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Rock Town Hall, 5102 S. County Road D, Afton, WI- To be on the agenda, contact Tony Dubanowich