



# City of Mosinee

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## SPRINKLER CREDIT

If you water your lawn with city water you may be able to save some money!

When you sign up for the sprinkler credit, the City will compare your water and sewer usage during the summer and winter quarters. If your summer usage is higher due to watering your garden, flowers or lawn, you will pay the average amount of your sewer usage from your winter quarters and the full amount of any water used. For every 1,000 gallons of water used above your winter average, you save \$7.40 in sewer charges.

The Water and Sewer Utility can provide you with a savings worksheet if you are interested in this option. The sprinkler credit has a one-time setup charge of \$50.

For more information, please call or email City Hall – 715-693-2275 or email: [clerks@mosinee.wi.us](mailto:clerks@mosinee.wi.us)

## BUILDING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

The following projects require a building permit:

- New Single Family House, Duplex, Apartment, Commercial, Manufacturing Building
- Additions to existing buildings
- Upgrades to electrical / plumbing services
- Garages / Sheds
- Interior remodeling (new walls, bathroom & kitchen upgrades, finishing basement, etc)
- Siding
- Roof (no charge for permit – permit required)
- Decks, Patios, Porches
- Fences, Swimming Pools (Greater than 18" deep), Driveways
- Moving buildings into/thru City

Visit the Building Permits section of our City website:

[www.mosinee.wi.us](http://www.mosinee.wi.us), call City Hall @ 715-693-2275 or stop at City Hall for more information.



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Dear Mosinee Resident:

I hope this monthly update finds you well. I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with an update on several matters addressed at our regular June Common Council meeting.

First, the Council approved a development incentive agreement with a company that will be seeking to renovate the former Discount Liquidator building in downtown – also known as the former IGA – with the intent of opening a local brewery. The property is part of our tax incremental district. Increased tax revenue from property improvements in this district is used to fund additional improvements. In this instance, a large portion of the development incentive for this business will come from its own property tax revenue to be created by its own property improvements to the subject building.

In additional action, the Council also approved the purchase of an additional corner lot in the downtown business district. Excess tax increment from our second tax increment district in the business park will largely be used to acquire this location. The goal will be to flip the property to a developer interested in improving the lot. By acquiring the property, the City will be able to control development on that parcel.

Turning to our very successful Central Wisconsin Business Park, the City Council gave final approval to site and building plans submitted by a transport refrigeration sales and service business to construct a new, approximately 15,000 square foot building in the park on a vacant parcel. The business will be moving to our community from Plover. The company will employ several full time people on site and add real and personal property tax revenue to our tax rolls.

In public works news, the Council approved a utility rate study for our water and sewer utilities. Several years ago, many residents will recall that the City was forced to impose a substantial, double digit rate increase for water rates. Shortly before that, sewer rates were substantially increased. The increases come with large capital projects and turn on basic financial management of the utility over the long term. This utility rate study will focus on long range capital planning, ongoing operational expense, and the impact that inflationary adjustments may have on the financial integrity of the utility.

In public safety news, and in response to concerns I fielded while visiting with several residents earlier this year, I recommended further research into adding yield signs to several uncontrolled intersections near our schools. Traffic patterns are generally heavier in these areas during the school year and traffic incidents justified the addition of yield signs in these locations. While this may not be a total solution, I do try to remind residents that we have a small police force, often staffed with only one officer on duty, that works hard to cover many different areas.

Finally, the Wisconsin State Legislature is working towards finalizing the state budget. As part of the budget process municipalities may be affected, directly and indirectly, in numerous ways. During the biennial budget discussions that have been occurring over the past several months, the Joint Finance Committee and legislators from both parties have been debating transportation funding, K-12 public education funding, and taxes. When the budget is finalized I hope to have an opportunity in future updates to discuss these topics and the impact they have on our community in greater detail along with other ongoing City news.

I hope you are enjoying your summer and I look forward to updating you again next month.

Mayor Brent Jacobson