

## March Newsletter -2017



### Spring Election – Tuesday, April 4th

The Spring Election will be held on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. All polls are open 7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.

#### Where to Vote:

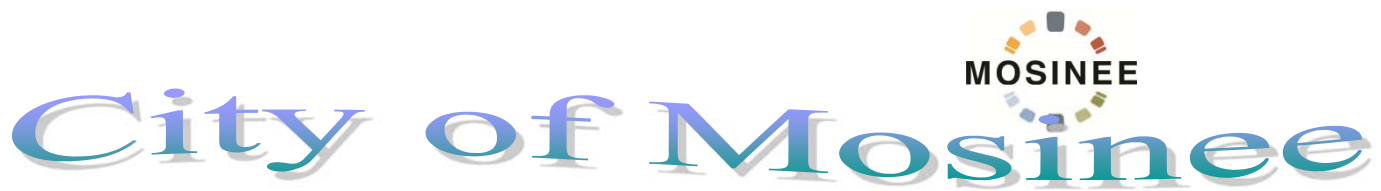
- District 1 – Wards 1,2, 6 and 7 City Hall – 225 Main Street
- District 2 – Ward 3, 4 and 5 WI National Guard Armory – 1000 Jackson St

Sample ballots will be available for viewing on our City website by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Absentee ballots are available (Starting March 15<sup>th</sup>) for anyone that is unwilling or unable to vote at the poll site locations on Election Day. Applications for absentee ballots are available at City Hall and on our website ([www.mosinee.wi.us](http://www.mosinee.wi.us))

If you have any questions regarding elections or absentee ballots please contact the City Clerk’s office at 715-693-2275.

#### NOTICE – DOG/CAT OWNER

Dogs and Cats are required to be licensed by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The license period runs from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. State law requires that all dogs must be licensed yearly AND City ordinances require cats to be licensed yearly. Before a license can be issued, you must furnish a rabies vaccination certificate to show proof of vaccination against rabies.



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Dear Mosinee Resident:

I am happy to provide you with another monthly update from the Mayor's Office. It was a busy February and there are many items to report on. It was a pleasure to start the month with a visit from several of our local cub scouts. As one of the scouts' projects they had to meet with an elected official and learn about issues facing the community. I took the opportunity to give the scouts an overview of local government and answered many good questions about everything that goes into keeping our community running on a daily basis.

Later in the month I was honored to join the Mosinee Papermakers in welcoming Minnesota Warriors Hockey to Mosinee and drop the ceremonial puck. The Minnesota Warriors made their second visit to Mosinee to play the Papermakers. The group is dedicated to raising money for wounded veterans and their families and I am happy that Mosinee was able to serve as a venue for the second year in a row. I thanked the group for their visit and welcomed them back in the future.

In other news from February, as the Wisconsin State Legislature is hard at work in session, particularly following the Governor's biennial budget proposal, there are many different bills circulating through the system that have potential positive and negative impacts on local government, some of which are more relevant to our community than others. With so many issues up for discussion, Administrator Gates and I recently took the opportunity to travel to Madison for a day to meet with our representatives in the Legislature. I would like to thank Senator Petrowski and Representative Spiros for taking the time to hear from us. We discussed important issues, including elimination of the personal property tax, additional revenue sources for addressing lead water lines, the need for a long-term transportation aid solution, and the benefits of more flexibility for local governments in areas like tax incremental financing, which has allowed us to improve many roads in our business park and store fronts in our downtown business district.

Toward the end of the month, I was happy to join staff and students from Mosinee High School to learn more about the many career and technical education opportunities MHS has to offer. From courses that span agriculture, business and marketing, family and consumer education, and industrial technology, we learned that our students have many wonderful opportunities to prepare them for the world ahead. I want to thank the students and staff for their presentation.

Finally, in recent updates I have mentioned the new Mosinee Tourism Commission. The purpose of the Commission is to oversee the proper appropriation of our room tax dollars in accordance with state law. State law requires that the dollars be spent on tourism promotion and development activity. Local groups that organize events that have the reasonable potential to generate travel to our community for recreation, business or education should consider contacting the Mayor's Office for additional information on the possibility of securing a contribution toward certain aspects of the event. Tourism grant applications can also be found online at <http://www.mosinee.wi.us/forms.html>.

I hope your 2017 is off to a great start and with spring just around the corner I am looking forward to updating you again next month.

Mayor Brent Jacobson