



City of Mosinee

May Newsletter – 2019

Dear Mosinee Resident:

May is here and with it a new term of the Common Council. In April, we honored the 20 years of service of our colleague and friend, Alderperson Keith Biedermann. Mr. Biedermann served the 5th Ward for two decades from 1999 through his retirement last month. During that time, Keith served on numerous committees in addition to serving on the Common Council, including the Planning Commission, Personnel and Finance Committee, Building Committee and Mosinee Fire District Board. Keith was dedicated to his position and all of his constituents. We wish him all the best.

In April, we also welcomed Pete Nievinski as the 5th Ward's new Alderperson. Mr. Nievinski will serve on our Personnel and Finance Committee and Parks and Recreation. Pete has been a great community servant prior to joining the Council and we are fortunate to have him serve our City in local government. Please remember that each April we appoint community members to positions on a variety of committees and applicants are always welcome. If you are interested in learning more about open positions, I encourage you to contact City Administrator, Jeff Gates at City Hall and to consider applying.

In other news, it has been an honor to serve as Chairperson of the Mosinee Fire District Board the past two years. At the end of May, I will rotate off of that position and welcome my colleague, Town of Mosinee Chairperson, Steve Hagman, to the role. The Mosinee Fire District consists of the City, Town of Mosinee, Town of Bergen and Town of Knowlton. Every two years we rotate chairpersons. In my last two years, it has been a pleasure working with the Board and staff on fire and EMS protection. We welcomed a new chief and new assistant chiefs, we restructured and replaced some of our major equipment and were fortunate to generate extra income last year to establish a new restricted fund account in excess of \$100,000 for future major equipment needs.

In regional and state news, in April I spoke with our representatives in the State Legislature regarding some state budget concerns for our community. I asked our representative to support increases in transportation aid and general aid to local governments, to consider giving cities greater power to deal with tax delinquent properties, and to back legislation that would provide tax credits to fire and EMS volunteers. In April, I also met with local leaders from Central Wisconsin to re-start a discussion on how we can start focusing on our collective goals that cross our boundaries for the betterment of Central Wisconsin as a whole. Our group plans to meet regularly to continue to develop our goals and be a voice for Central Wisconsin from local government.

Finally, I would like to remind residents of our lead line replacement program. If you live in an older part of the City your home may be serviced by a lead line. The City has secured \$450,000 in grant money to assist residents with the cost of replacing lead water service lines up to \$2,500. The average cost we are seeing is approximately \$2,300. In April, the Common Council voted to make replacement of lead lines mandatory. Lead lines are a health hazard and the day could and likely eventually will come when the state or federal government mandates replacement. A large part of the grant money the City received will be lost if not used this year. We do not want to see residents under a state or federal mandate to replace lines someday knowing there was a time when we had funds to provide residents to cover all or most of the cost. These factors prompted our decision to mandate replacement. If you would like more information on how to determine if you have a lead line, please contact City Hall where you can also receive information on how to access funding from the City in the event your line needs to be replaced.

I hope you are having a good start to your spring, and I look forward to updating you again next month.

Mayor Jacobson

OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULED

- Open Book – Thursday, May 9th 1pm to 3pm
- Board of Review – Tuesday, May 28th 3pm to 5pm

Homeowners who would like their property assessment reviewed by our City assessor are encouraged to attend the Open Book session which will be held on Thursday, May 9th from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at City Hall.

You will need to schedule an appointment to discuss your assessment with our assessor. To schedule an appointment, please call Accurate Appraisal at 800-770-3927.

If after the Open Book session you wish to contest the assessed value, please call the City Clerk's Office at 715-693-2275 at least 48 hours prior to Board of Review to obtain an "Objection to Real Property Assessment" form and to make an appointment for the Board of Review. This form must be filled out in its entirety. No objections will be heard at the Board of Review without a prior appointment. The Board of Review is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28th, 2019 from 3:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. The Board of Review functions like a court in that it is required to evaluate evidence based on facts. You must provide factual information showing your property is incorrectly assessed.

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, call City Hall @ 715-693-2275 or stop at City Hall for more information.