



# City of Mosinee

May Newsletter – 2020

Dear Mosinee Resident:

I hope this monthly update finds you well and that you are staying safe and healthy during this time. The City has had a busy last month. First, we successfully conducted the April 7<sup>th</sup> Spring Election despite all that is happening. I want to sincerely thank the poll workers and staff who did a tremendous job in ensuring a safe and smooth election. We took extra precautions including the use of glass barriers to protect poll workers and the use of individual pens for each voter who signed into the voting rolls.

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, I issued a proclamation declaring April 7<sup>th</sup> Poll Worker Appreciation Day in the City of Mosinee. This proclamation was intended to not only recognize those poll workers who volunteered to serve in this election during unusual times, but also to serve as a reminder of how fortunate we are to have citizens who regularly volunteer to serve as poll workers. We should never take it for granted that each election we appear to vote, poll workers are there to help. We have had many citizens over the years who I see regularly appearing at the polls to work each election and I want to sincerely thank them all.

The City has also been taking other action during these unfortunate times. Each year, the City budgets money for economic development. The funds are budgeted for and specifically designated for economic development initiatives in the City. However, recent history has shown that those funds are rarely used to any large extent. We have had many small businesses in the community impacted by the State's executive orders related to the COVID-19 health pandemic. Many have lost workers, substantial business and/or been forced to completely close their doors. We have enjoyed having these businesses in our community for many years. Many pay property taxes or rent to others who do and many live in our community.

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, the Common Council approved a small business grant program authorizing the use of \$25,000 to fund grants up to \$1,500 per business for unpaid business rent, business mortgage, and utilities for small, local, non-franchise businesses severely impacted by the shutdown orders related to COVID-19. Through the program we were able to help over 20 local businesses with grant funds. Our program caught the attention of other communities in Wisconsin, one as far as a couple hours away, that expressed interest in doing a similar program to help businesses in their communities.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the business of government has gone on at the City of Mosinee. On April 21<sup>st</sup>, we held our annual organizational meeting. At the meeting we welcomed our new Mosinee Municipal Judge and welcomed back three City Council members. We also appointed two new citizens to the Board of Review and re-appointed several citizens to various citizen committees. I am extremely excited to be working with this great group of people going forward.

The City has also continued to conduct regular meetings during this time. The meetings are attended in-person by some members and virtually by others. The community is still welcome to view and participate in Council meetings virtually if they choose. Each published meeting packet has instructions for computer and call-in options for citizens and we are experimenting with streaming the meetings live on Facebook.

Finally, I want to remind citizens that City Hall remains open and fully staffed to serve you. We simply ask that you consider calling in advance to see if your needs can be addressed without having to stop by in person. We remain committed to carry on the business of government as safely as possible during this time.

Mayor Brent Jacobson

## Spring Cleanup Scheduled

Spring Cleanup is scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup> through June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**All items must be dropped off at the City Garage, 1101 Main St.**

- Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> thru Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – 7:00a.m. to 7:00p.m.
- Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.

This collection program is for **City Residents only! No commercial/industrial items will be accepted.**

**Items that will be accepted at no charge include:** Computer printers, computer processing units (keyboards-CPU's-monitors), couches, chairs, beds, windows, boards, carpeting, building materials, water heaters, microwaves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, bicycles and rimless tires. Call the number below if you are unsure about an item.

**The following items will also be accepted on Saturday – (These items will also be accepted Wednesday thru Friday if paid in advance at City Hall)**

**For each of the following items dropped off, you will be charged \$10:** Refrigerators, welders, humidifiers, and dehumidifiers, freezers, air conditioners, television sets, water coolers, ice machines, VCR, DVR and L.P. tanks.

**For the disposal of fluorescent light bulbs, we will be charging \$1 per bulb.**

**Items that will not be accepted include: Leaves, brush, yard waste, newspapers, plastics, hazardous materials, paint, household garbage and recyclables.**

If you have any questions regarding Spring Cleanup, please contact Kevin Breit at 715-693-3840 or by email at [publicworks@mosinee.wi.us](mailto:publicworks@mosinee.wi.us)

## BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULED

- Board of Review – Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> 4pm to 6pm

Homeowners who would like their property assessment reviewed by our City assessor during the open book period of May 5<sup>th</sup> thru May 25<sup>th</sup> are encouraged to contact our assessor, 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 4:00p.m. to 6:00p.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.