

### Dear Mosinee Resident:

I hope this November update from the Mayor's Office finds you well. In addition to being hard at work in the middle of budget planning for next year, we have some exciting additional news to share with you.

In prior newsletters, I have updated you on our efforts to complete the permitting and planning process associated with the Wisconsin River Woods Trail Extension Project. This project will extend our beautiful riverside walking trail from Chuck's Boat Landing to Edgewood Park. The current trail extends from the bridge to Chuck's Boat Landing. After a lot of hard work by City staff members to navigate state and federal regulations associated with the project, construction is underway. I am also happy to report that we anticipate over half of the project being covered by grant funding. Depending on when the project is complete I am hoping to invite residents down for a ribbon cutting and first walk of the trail.

In other news, I am happy to report that if WPS approves our permit request and completes its work in time, we are planning to expand our holiday decorations from Fourth Street to part of Western Avenue this year. If the WPS process is not complete in time, those decorations will be expanded next year. When the Wisconsin River bridge work was completed several years ago, we were no longer able to use the holiday decorations that once lined the bridge light poles. We still have the former decorations and now intend to use them as part of this planned expansion.

I would also like to use this update as an opportunity to highlight two community events I attended this past month. First, I want to congratulate the Community Center of Hope on another great job at the annual banquet this past month to raise money to support the center. My wife Tessa and I had a wonderful evening. Second, I want to thank the fourth grade staff at the Mosinee School District for inviting me for a second year to speak to students about local government. I spoke to students about the structure of our government and took time to answer several questions from a very enthusiastic group of students.

In other news, I would like to update you at this time on the status of road repairs as another construction season comes to an end. By the time you read this letter, repaving should be complete or nearly complete for road projects in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> wards. These streets were long overdue for complete reconstruction. This season we were able to address four residential streets in these wards. In addition, after this construction season, we have now repaved six streets on the west side of Mosinee and four streets in our business park as part of our two year street plan. In total, we anticipate coming in significantly under budget, largely due to favorable asphalt prices.

Last month, I provided you with an overview of some of my short- and long-term budget goals as we started the 2017 budget planning process. Our final budget workshop was held on November 1, 2016. The 2017 budget will be presented to the Council for approval on November 29, 2016. Therefore, as part of my December update, I will provide you with an overview of the approved budget.

I want to wish all of you an enjoyable conclusion to the fall season, and I look forward to updating you again next month.





## Winter Snowplowing Information

Snow season is here and along with snow comes slippery streets and icy sidewalks. The Public Works Department plows approximately 40 miles of streets, 10 miles of alleys, parking lots and sidewalks. It takes about 15 hours to clear the City of snow, although the time may vary due to the depth and type of snow. Due to the fact that the State of Wisconsin has significantly cut

the amount of annual aid payments to the City and forced staff reductions, the City will again be snowplowing with one less driver. Similar to last year, it will take us approximately 4 hours longer to clear the City streets and alleys of snow.

In order to make the job of snowplowing and snow removal easier for the Public Works Department, residents should keep the following in mind: City ordinances prohibit blowing or shoveling snow onto or pushing snow across any City street. Parking is also prohibited if a snow emergency is declared.

All sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling. Failure to do so may result in fines to the property owner. Property owners are responsible for keeping sidewalks safe and clear.

The City is divided into five areas for plowing purposes. Each area has streets that are designated as Priority 1. Priority 1 routes are the City's major collector and arterial streets and have been laid out in such a manner that most residences are no more than four city blocks from a Priority 1 street. These streets are plowed first and are kept passable at all times, if possible. The City does have a Snow and Ice Removal Policy which addresses snow plowing issues. A copy of this policy, along with a map of plowing routes, can be viewed at City Hall.

Every snowfall or snowstorm is different but in general we begin to plow, salt and sand when snow accumulations are about 1 inch on hills and busy intersections and 2 inches elsewhere. During heavy snows, plows concentrate on the Priority 1 streets during the day. A night plowing operation is then scheduled to clean all City streets. If you have any questions or concerns relating to snow plowing operations, please call the Public Works Dept. at 715-693-3840.

## STREET PARKING RESTRICTED

Parking is not allowed during the hours of 2:00a.m. and 6:00a.m. on any street or highway from November 1 to April 1 in the City of Mosinee. For more information please contact the Mosinee Police Department – 715-693-2000

## SIDEWALKS - SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE

The owner, occupant or person in charge of each and every building or structure or unoccupied lot in the city fronting or abutting any street shall clean or cause to be cleaned the sidewalk in front of or adjoining each such home, building or unoccupied lot, as the case may be of snow or ice to the width of such sidewalk within 24 hours after the snow has ceased to fall and shall cause the sidewalk to be kept clear from ice and snow, provided that when the ice has formed on any sidewalk so that it cannot be immediately removed, the persons referred to in this section shall keep the sidewalk sprinkled with salt, sawdust or sand.



## November 2016



## NOTICE - DOG/CAT OWNER

Dogs and Cats are required to be licensed no later than March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. The license period runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Dog License tags will be available for sale starting December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. 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. *Male and Female Dogs - \$15 Neutered and Spayed Dogs - \$10 Cats - All - \$10* 

## WATER AND SEWER BILLING & PAYMENT OPTIONS – GO PAPERLESS

The Mosinee Water and Sewer Utility has two new options available to customers:

Paperless Billing is now available. If you choose this option – your water and sewer bill will be emailed to you around the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Contact City Hall 715-693-2275 or email: <a href="mailto:clerks@mosinee.wi.us">clerks@mosinee.wi.us</a> to get setup.

ACH Payment is now available. Customers can have their payment withdrawn from a checking or savings account on the due date of each month. Contact City Hall 715-693-2275 or email: <a href="clerks@mosinee.wi.us">clerks@mosinee.wi.us</a> to get setup.

## **AUTO-PAY YOUR WATER/SEWER BILL**

Customers of the Mosinee Water and Sewer Utility have the option to have their water and sewer bills directly deducted from their checking or savings accounts on the due date of each billing. We currently have over 325 customers using this option.

Customers will still receive a bill from the Utility, but it will be marked for Direct Payment. The ACH – Payment Authorization form is available on our website at www.mosinee.wi.us or at City Hall.

Completed forms can be dropped off or mailed to: City Hall – attn: Water and Sewer Utility – 225 Main Street, Mosinee, WI 54455.



# Sign Up for City Text Alerts

The City of Mosinee has setup a text alert program to notify residents of various issues/activities going on in the City. To receive City Text Alerts for various issues follow the instructions below:

- To Sign Up for CITY MEETING NOTIFICATIONS: Text "@mosmeeting" to 81010
- To Sign Up for WATER & SEWER ALERTS/NOTICES: Text "@mosineew" to 81010
- To Sign Up for POLICE DEPARTMENT ALERTS: Text "@mosineepd" to 81010
- To Sign Up for MOSINEE EVENT NOTICES: Text "@cityevents" to 81010

Don't want to receive a text – Not a problem...you can sign-up via email. Contact City Hall via the contact info below and we will sign you up with your email address.

For additional information, please visit our City website: <a href="www.mosinee.wi.us">www.mosinee.wi.us</a> or contact Mosinee City Clerk/Treasurer Bruce Jamroz at 715-693-2275 or by email at <a href="mailto:bjamroz@mosinee.wi.us">bjamroz@mosinee.wi.us</a>

#### CITY MEETING NOTIFICATIONS

#### **WATER & SEWER ALERTS**



#### POLICE DEPARTMENT ALERTS

#### **MOSINEE NEWS NOTICES**

