



# City of Mosinee

February 2016

**From the Desk of Mayor Brent Jacobson**

Dear Mosinee Resident:

The business of 2016 is underway here at the City of Mosinee.

The Common Council had its first meeting of the year on January 11, 2016. At our Personnel and Finance Committee meeting I took the opportunity to provide committee members and other members of the Council with an update on recent changes to the room tax law that are scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2017. The City of Mosinee currently assesses a room tax of 5.5% on hotel guests. Over 50% of that amount is forwarded to a regional tourism entity. The remaining amount is retained by the City. Historically, the amount retained by the City has been used on annual budget commitments such as our 4<sup>th</sup> of July donation to the Chamber of Commerce, park improvements, and other related amenities. The current balance of revenue distribution has served the City well over the years. New legislation will require the City to forward additional room tax revenue to a designated tourism entity beginning next year. I advised the Personnel and Finance Committee of our various options under the new legislation. I also took the opportunity to send each member of the Wisconsin State Legislature a letter regarding the legislation and calling for reconsideration, a copy of which is available on the City of Mosinee home page.

At our January Common Council meeting, we were also joined by State Senator Jerry Petrowski. Senator Petrowski took the opportunity to provide us with an update on various state business and answer questions from Council members. Of note, as part of the state budget process last year, \$4 million was removed from the recycling grant program. Senator Petrowski noted that an effort is being made to restore 75% of those funds. Senator Petrowski also took the opportunity to solicit input from the Council on the room tax law changes I have mentioned above.

As you may recall, I have mentioned on several occasions that the City undertook a multi-million dollar bond issue to finance street repair and reconstruction over the next several years. Earlier last month I signed an engineering services proposal to proceed with projects at Edison, Super, and Hoyne streets. Repair projects will also continue in 2016 to streets within the business park.

The New Year also brings a change in our garbage and recycling collection services. Residents may have noticed Waste Management trucks around the community. We welcome Waste Management to the City and invite residents to be sure to let us know of any concerns with the new service. Aside from a change in collection days experienced by some residents, collection protocol has remained the same. For any further information, please do not hesitate to contact City Hall.

Finally, as you may recall, the City underwent a substantial water treatment facility upgrade project in 2014 and 2015. With that project now complete, the Public Works Department will be working with a specialist to investigate how water quality is changing as water goes through the treatment process and to ensure that the plant operates as efficiently as possible. This project is particularly important from both a cost and a quality perspective.

In addition to these monthly updates, I remind interested residents that I am happy to provide them with period e-mail updates on various City business. If interested, please e-mail [mayor@mosinee.wi.us](mailto:mayor@mosinee.wi.us) and simply type "Mayor Updates" in the subject line. I hope your 2016 is off to a great start and I look forward to updating you again next month.

Mayor Jacobson

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## CITY OF MOSINEE ELECTIONS

The City of Mosinee has two polling locations:

City Hall – 225 Main Street

Located on the corner of Main Street & 3<sup>rd</sup> ST  
Wards 1, 2, 6 & 7

Wisconsin National Guard – 1000 Jackson St

Located on the corner of Jackson and 11<sup>th</sup> ST  
Wards 3, 4, 5

Polling Hours: 7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.

For a Ward map to find out where you vote, please  
visit the Election tab on our city website:

[www.mosinee.wi.us](http://www.mosinee.wi.us)



VOTER ID FAQ'S AND INFO: <http://bringit.wisconsin.gov/>

**You can also check your voter registration, view your sample ballot and find out where to vote by visiting:**  
<https://myvote.wi.gov/>

**Voter Photo ID is required to receive a ballot in all special and regular elections.** Please be prepared with your photo ID at the next election. Election Inspectors will be required through legislative action to ask for Voter Photo ID, along with a voter's signature to receive a ballot.

As typical with past elections for Wisconsin State Voter Registration applications, voters are still required to provide proof of residence when registering to vote. A list of acceptable proof of residence documents are listed on the Government Accountability Board's website at <http://www.gab.wi.gov>.

## 2016 Elections

- \* February 16, 2016 - Spring Primary
- \* April 5, 2016 - Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote
- \* August 9, 2016 - Partisan Primary
- \* November 8, 2016 - Fall General / Presidential Election

## 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: [clerks@mosinee.wi.us](mailto:clerks@mosinee.wi.us) 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: [clerks@mosinee.wi.us](mailto:clerks@mosinee.wi.us) to get setup.

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## **WARNING - Do Not to Flush Anti-Bacterial Wipes/Cleaning Wipes!**

We all enjoy modern conveniences such as anti-bacterial wipes, flushable wipes, disposable diapers, etc. Our utility operators have seen an increase in rags and wipes in our sewer mains. Unfortunately, these items are notorious for plugging up wastewater pumps and can get caught on roots or other debris in sewer lines causing backups to occur. **We strongly advise against flushing these products.** While manufactures advertise them as biodegradable, it takes significant time to breakdown the fiber bonds. Before the fiber bonds breakdown this "cloth like" material can create blockages in sewer pipes and pumping equipment that will lead to sewer back-ups. These items do not break down like toilet paper does. When backups occur as a result of these types of items, it is often at the expense of the property owner.

Grease is another issue that causes problems. Grease should be wiped from pans and disposed of in the garbage prior to washing dishes. Using soaps that claim to eliminate grease, only breaks it down for a short period of time where it again congeals further down the sewer line, clinging to other debris such as rags or roots.

**Remember, the sewer line that backs up could be yours!**

## **Congratulations City Residents - Great Recycling!**

Congratulations to our City residents on your ongoing recycling efforts! You are making a difference! City residents set a new record in 2015 and recycled 54 more tons of recycling than in 2011, an increase of 16 tons from 2014. These increased recycling efforts are saving the City over \$2,000 in landfill fees each year. Continuing to recycle is not only good for the environment – its good for our City budget and your property tax bill.

Year	Pounds of Recycling	Tons of Recycling
2011	368,180 lbs	184.09 tons
2012	373,660 lbs	186.83 tons
2013	403,910 lbs	201.95 tons
2014	444,460 lbs	222.23 tons
2015	476,899 lbs	238.44 tons

**All recycling can be placed in one container** (as known as single stream/comingled recycling).

Below is a list of common household items you should be recycling – for a complete listing please visit our website: [www.mosinee.wi.us](http://www.mosinee.wi.us):

- Plastic milk bottles, Plastic water bottles, Plastic liquid laundry detergent bottles
- Plastic bottles and containers from Ketchup, jelly, butter, etc.
- Soda/Beer aluminum containers, glass
- Vegetable/Fruit/Soup steel cans
- Cardboard boxes, newspapers, office paper, boxes from all of your food products (noodles, cereal, other cardboard boxes)
- Magazines – take time to go through your magazines and recycling the magazines you don't want to keep!
- Junk Mail
- Egg cartons – Cardboard Only

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## SEE-CLICK-FIX

Do you have a pot hole in your street that needs to be filled, or a street light out?

You can now use our citizen reporting software to notify the City of non-emergency issues in your neighborhood.

Citizens can use the software to report:

- Sidewalks not shoveled
- Animal Complaint • Building without a Permit • Debris in Road
- Garbage cans full at Park • Garbage and Recycling Issues • Graffiti
- High Grass • Hydrant Leaking • Noise Complaint • Parking (Illegally Parked Vehicles) • Pothole
- Request for Speed Board Trailer • Sidewalk repair • Abandoned vehicles • Speeding
- Vehicle Issues • Street Light Out • Unregistered Vehicles • Property Maintenance
- Un-kept Property • Water main break and other requests!

Residents can use either a desktop computer or a mobile device. In the Apple Store search See Click Fix or visit this address for more details: <http://www.mosinee.wi.us/seeclickfix.html>

### NOTICE – DOG/CAT OWNER

Dogs and Cats are required to be licensed by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. The license period runs from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to December 31<sup>st</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.

## SIGN UP FOR CITY OF MOSINEE - TEXT ALERTS

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.

Visit our City website: [www.mosinee.wi.us](http://www.mosinee.wi.us) or contact Mosinee City Clerk/Treasurer Bruce Jamroz at 715.693.2275 or by email at [bjamroz@mosinee.wi.us](mailto:bjamroz@mosinee.wi.us).