

# City of Mosinee

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Dear Mosinee Resident:

I hope you are enjoying the pleasant days of summer. I am writing to provide you with this update from the City of Mosinee for the month of July.

During our June regular Common Council meeting, the Council had the opportunity to meet our new fire chief, Doug Jennings. As chief of the Mosinee Fire District, Chief Jennings is responsible for the City of Mosinee, the Town of Mosinee, the Town of Bergen, and the Town of Knowlton. Chief Jennings took the opportunity to share some of his background with the Council and it was a pleasure to have him in attendance. Earlier this year, I joined the Fire District and it has been a pleasure working with Chief Jennings so far. He has already identified several areas of infrastructure and equipment needs for the future that will help the district with long-range planning.

Our June meeting was also an opportunity to receive an update on the status of road repairs throughout the City. Repaving of several streets on the West side of Mosinee is now complete. Reconstruction of numerous streets on the East side continues. Fortunately, because of favorable asphalt prices, the City is coming in under budget on its reconstruction efforts. As a result, we were able to add one small additional section of residential road on the East side and one additional street in our Business Park, both of which were very much in need of repair.

Managing the demands of transportation infrastructure is as much a challenge in the City of Mosinee as it is for the decision makers in Madison. The transportation aid that Mosinee receives annually from the state approximates \$260,000. In addition to road repair, some of that money goes toward other items like salt and sand to keep our roads safe for travel in winter. However, reconstructing just 250 lineal feet of road can cost the City approximately \$100,000, or just under 40% of total transportation aid. At the same time only so much bonding can occur without overbearing our future generations with long-term debt obligations. Therefore, the City continues to work within the limited means it has to continue to address road repairs throughout the community.

In other news, as I have mentioned in the past, citizen participation in our local government is extremely important. We have many important boards and commissions in the city that make decisions concerning our parks, land usage, and property variances among other things. It was a pleasure to complete the appointment of two additional citizens this past month to join our Zoning Board of Appeals. While positions may be full, I always encourage residents to submit an application of interest to serve on a city board or commission. I keep all applications on file in the event a position opens up.

During our June meeting, I was honored to be present with other members of the Common Council and the public to see Police Chief Muelling bestow a Life Saving Merit pin and certificate upon Officer Shane Thatcher. Officer Thatcher and a Marathon County Sheriff's Deputy recently reacted quickly to save a woman's life from the dangerous waters of the Wisconsin River. These events remind us that even in a small municipality, our dedicated officers put their lives on the line each day to keep our community and its residents safe. I would like to personally thank Officer Thatcher for his heroism.

Finally, I want to thank the Mosinee Area Chamber of Commerce for inviting me to two ribbon cuttings this past month. I want to first welcome the new Smokehouse Barbeque Restaurant to Mosinee. I also want to congratulate Pit Stop Bar and Grill on its recent expansion with the addition of its seasonal patio space.

I hope you are enjoying the pleasant months of summer and I look forward to updating you again next month.

Mayor Jacobson

## DISPOSAL OF SMALL PROPANE TANKS



Small LP tanks should not go in the garbage or recycling. The Marathon County Clean Sweep program does accept the tanks – However, you must call to make an appointment to drop off your tanks at their Ringle drop off site – 715-446-3101 ext 10. Residents may also drop off tanks at LPG Service and Gifts. LPG Service and Gifts located at 1130 Mosinee Ave is now accepting/collecting small LP disposal cylinders. The fee for each tank dropped off is \$0.25 + tax. If you have any questions you can contact LPG directly at: 715-693-4057.

## SPRINKLER CREDIT

If you water your lawn with city water you may be able to save some money!

When you sign up for the sprinkler credit, the City will compare your water and sewer usage during the summer and winter quarters. If your summer usage is higher due to watering your garden, flowers or lawn, you will pay the average amount of your sewer usage from your winter quarters and the full amount of any water used. For every 1,000 gallons of water used above your winter average, you save \$7.40 in sewer charges.

The Water and Sewer Utility can provide you with a savings worksheet if you are interested in this option. The sprinkler credit has a one-time setup charge of \$50.

For more information, please call or email City Hall – 715-693-2275 or email: [clerks@mosinee.wi.us](mailto:clerks@mosinee.wi.us)

## 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](http://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.