

TOWN OF WRIGHTSTOWN

SPRING NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024

This newsletter provides town residents with useful information and updates on the **Town of Wrightstown**. Included are the 2023 Financial Summaries for the Town and Sanitary District #1, a garbage and recycling schedule and additional information on items of interest.

The **Town Board** meets 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

The **Planning Commission** meets at 6:00 pm on the 1st Monday of each month.

The **Zoning Board of Appeals** meets as zoning issues arise. Notice of hearings are published in the Wrightstown Spirit.

Sanitary District #1 meets at 6:00p.m., the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

All monthly meetings are held at the Town Hall, 1527 Day Street, Greenleaf, Wisconsin.

The **Annual Town Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, **April 16, 2024, 6:30 p.m.** This meeting is intended to give residents an opportunity to voice their concerns. Everyone is welcome to participate!

Agendas for all meetings are posted at the Town Hall, Dick's Family Foods and the Town website at www.townofwrightstown.org Residents are invited to attend these public meetings, all meetings are held at the Town Hall. If you wish to stay informed, you can be added to residents that receive agendas by email. Send your request to the Town Clerk at townclerk@townofwrightstown.org

During April 2024 the Assessor, Joe Denor, will be viewing all new construction that took place in 2023. The Assessor may contact you to view your property if you made changes during 2023. A notice of assessment will be mailed in May to the property owners whose assessments will be changing for 2024.

The 2024 Open Book is scheduled for May 15, 2024, 2 – 4 pm. at the Town Hall. Open Book is the opportunity for property owners to meet with the assessor and discuss their assessment. If you have concerns about your assessment, this is your opportunity.

The 2024 Board of Review is scheduled for May 23, 2024, 6 – 8 pm., Town Hall. BOR is the opportunity for property owners to appeal their assessment. Information can be obtained at <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/DOR%20Publications/pb060.pdf>

Please take the time to visit our website at www.townofwrightstown.org for information on our Town, minutes from all meetings, and a calendar of events.

Town Board Members Are:

Bill Verbeten, Chairman (920)371-7482

Jesse Juedes, Supervisor (920)371-1403

Ron Diny, Supervisor (920)366-2530

Marty Johnson, Bldg Insp(920)410-6756

Jeanette Roskom, Treasurer (920)664-3119

Rick Gerbers, ZoningAdmin(920)680-2070

Donna Martzahl, Clerk (920)532-0607

Town Assessor (920)468-9698

SANITARY DISTRICT #1 – Greenleaf Hamlet

Sanitary District No. 1 utility questions should be addressed to Stephanie Owen at (920) 309-1483 or sowentwsd@hotmail.com - including questions regarding early readings or meter problems. **IMPORTANT** before watering a new lawn or filling a swimming pool, contact Stephanie Owen for meter reading. Adjustments cannot be made after you've used the water.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has mandated The Town of Wrightstown Sanitary District to reduce the level of Chloride it discharges at its Wastewater Treatment Facility. Chloride that is found in wastewater is attributed to salt use. Two common ways chlorides levels can be higher in wastewater is through improper maintenance of water softeners and salting of driveways, sidewalks and parking lots. Only certified technicians should be used to work on water softeners. Contact us for a list of certified technicians. **According to the Department of Natural Resources it only takes 1 tablespoon of salt to pollute 5 gallons of water to a level that is toxic for freshwater ecosystems.**

Salt tips for Wisconsin Residents:

Shovel: Clear walkways and other areas before the snow turns to ice.

Scatter: When using salt, scatter it so there is space between the grains. A 12-ounce coffee mug of salt is enough to treat an entire 20-foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares.

Switch: Salt won't work when pavement temperatures drop below 15 degrees. Switch to sand for traction, or a different ice melter that works at lower temperatures. Please feel free to contact us if you have additional questions.

The Wrightstown Sanitary District Greenleaf would like to remind customers about certain items that should not enter the sanitary sewer system. Unacceptable items entering the sewer collection system can lead to higher sewer user fees to cover repair expenses. Unacceptable items can also cause plugging in homeowners' laterals which is the homeowner's responsibility to repair.

One of the most common items that can cause issues within the sewer system is disposable cleaning wipes. While the packaging may indicate that the wipes are flushable, these wipes are durable and do not break down. Instead, they can accumulate in pipes and in addition to these disposable wipes, some other unacceptable items are listed below:

CHEMICALS – Motor oil and auto fluids, pesticides, fertilizers and lawn care products, bleach and disinfectants, beauty products, medicine, paint, varnish, paint remover, and photographic chemicals.

TRASH – Disposable cleaning wipes, paper towels, dental floss, Q-tips, feminine hygiene products & applicators, cat litter, cigarettes and all types of disposable diapers. Paper and plastic trash items such as these should be put in the garbage can or dumpster.

FATS, OILS AND GREASE – Fats, oil and grease that are poured down the drain can harden into a plug and cause blockage.

FOOD WASTE – Food waste such as meat scraps, bones, fruit and vegetable scraps can cause clogs and block pipes, and should be disposed of in the garbage

VERY IMPORTANT – DO NOT PUT ANY ASHES IN YOUR GARBAGE CAN

Recycling/Garbage Pickup Schedule

Trash pickup is *every* Wednesday - Recycling pickup is *every other* Wednesday

2024 DATE:

April 3 Trash
 10 Trash/Recycle
 17 Trash
 24 Trash/Recycle
May 1 Trash
 8 Trash/Recycle
 15 Trash
 22 Trash/Recycle
 29 Trash
June 5 Trash/Recycle
 12 Trash
 19 Trash/Recycle
 26 Trash
January 2 Trash/Recycle
2025 8 Trash
 15 Trash/Recycle
 22 Trash
 29 Trash/Recycle

DATE:

July 3 Trash/Recycle
 10 Trash
 17 Trash/Recycle
 24 Trash
 31 Trash/Recycle
August 7 Trash
 14 Trash/Recycle
 21 Trash
 28 Trash/Recycle
Sept 4 Trash
 11 Trash/Recycle
 18 Trash
 25 Trash/Recycle
Feb 5 Trash
2025 12 Trash/Recycle
 19 Trash
 26 Trash/Recycle

DATE:

October 2 Trash
 9 Trash/Recycle
 16 Trash
 23 Trash/Recycle
 30 Trash
November 6 Trash/Recycle
 13 Trash
 20 Trash/Recycle
 27 Trash
December 4 Trash/Recycle
 11 Trash
 18 Trash /Recycle
 26 Trash
March 5 Trash
2025 12 Trash/Recycle
 19 Trash
 26 Trash/Recycle

If scheduled pick-up day lands on a Holiday, you will receive next day service.

*The Town of Wrightstown has contracted with **Deyo Disposal, Inc.** to provide your recycling and trash service. Please have your containers at the end of your driveway by **5:00 a.m.** Remember to place your recycling containers and your garbage dumpster a minimum of 6 feet apart. Please feel free to contact Yvonne at Deyo Disposal (920) 864-5808 if you have any questions. Deyo will also work with you for disposal of large items. Here is a link to the Tri-County Website <https://recyclemoretricounty.org/> for information on recycling.*

No need to wonder if you can recycle sour cream containers, milk cartons or deli containers. Any plastic tub, container or bottle can be recycled along with your paper, metal, and glass. A brief list of acceptable items to put in your curbside recycling can be found here. No need to check for a number.

- ❖ **All Plastic bottles, tubs and containers accepted.**
- ❖ Household bottles, jars & jugs. Dairy containers & lids - Produce, bakery & deli containers & lids.
Rinse, empty and replace caps & lids
- ❖ **Paper** - Newspapers & inserts - Cardboard & paperboard (food boxes) - Milk, juice & soup cartons - Office & school paper - Junk mail & catalogs - Phonebooks, books (including hardcover) & magazine.
- ❖ **Metal** - Aluminum bottles & cans -Steel & tin cans
- ❖ **Glass** -Food and beverage bottles & jars

Unacceptable materials include:

- ❖ Plastic bags or wrap * Shredded paper * Motor oil bottles * Styrofoam * Tissue paper * Window glass and drinking glasses * Scrap metal * Aluminum pans or foil * Propane tanks * Empty paint cans *Paper towels * Receipts* Paper contaminated with food or grease.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Deyo Disposal at 864-5808. Each household is provided a garbage bin and recycle bin when the home is built. If replacement bins are needed, the resident will be charged the cost to the town for the bin – approximately \$95 per bin.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

Election inspectors are all trained and ready to roll for this election year. Mark your calendars for the following election dates: The Town of Wrightstown did not have a Spring Primary in February. The Spring Election/Presidential Primary is on Tuesday, April 2; Partisan Primary is Tuesday, August 13; General Election is Tuesday, November 5. Polls open 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Voting takes place at Town Hall, 1527 Day Street, Greenleaf.

Any qualified elector can request an absentee ballot. The elector must be a registered voter in order to receive an absentee ballot. The request is made to the municipal clerk by **THE ELECTOR** in written or email form or by visiting the MyVote website at www.myvote.wi.gov Electors must indicate the address they want the ballot to be mailed, if different than residence. A copy of the elector's **valid photo identification must accompany the request unless the elector has voted absentee in the past.** Email requests are also acceptable if accompanied by the proper voter id and sent from the elector.

In Person Absentee Voting begins 15 days prior to each election. Please contact Donna Martzahl (920)532-0607 or email townclerk@townofwrightstown.org to schedule an appointment to vote absentee or if you have any other questions.



DOG LICENSES

GOT A DOG? YOU NEED A LICENSE! Dog License in the Town of Wrightstown are purchased from the Town Treasurer. Pursuant to Wisconsin statutes, **all dogs over 5 months of age must be licensed.** Fees for spayed or neutered dogs are \$5.00, while intact male or female dogs are \$10.00. License requests must be accompanied with the proof of rabies *certificate*. Make check payable to Town of Wrightstown and mailed to Town of Wrightstown

Treasurer, P.O. Box 175, Greenleaf, WI 54126. The proof of rabies vaccine will be returned to you with your license tag. **License requests after April 1 should include a \$5 late fee.**

FROM THE GREENLEAF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Between January 25 and February 20, we posted 3 separate articles on lithium-ion batteries to Facebook. These batteries power cell phones, laptops, tablets, e-bikes, scooters, feed carts and electric vehicles to name a few. Lithium-ion batteries are generally safe but can become a safety issue for homeowners, recyclers, garbage haulers, landfill operators and fire departments if not properly used, charged, stored or disposed of. Please review the wealth of information we have posted on these batteries. It is definitely an eye opener!

The life of a CO detector or smoke alarm is 10 years so be sure to test them regularly and replace them when needed. Practice a home fire escape plan with your family and be sure everyone knows what to do in the event of severe weather or a tornado.

Each year, citizens make donations to the fire department or leave monetary contributions when doing their estate planning. Because scammers are out there, eliminate fraudulent activities, and only send donations to our official mailing address which is P. O. Box 57, Greenleaf, WI, 54126-0057.

Should you ever have any questions, email us at office@greenleaffire.com. You can call 920-864-2200 for a recorded message regarding who to call to rent the park/hall, or how to reach the Fire Chief or Assistant Chief. Remember, if you have an emergency, an urgent situation or need to speak to someone immediately, call 911!



PROVIDING A MANURE MANAGEMENT TOOL FOR OUR 11 FARM PARTNERS

RNG Injection | All 16 anaerobic digesters continuously produce biogas at the designed

Fiber Bedding Distribution | Nearly all participating farms at BC Organics have transitioned from sand bedding to the fiber bedding produced as a byproduct of the AD process.

Clean Water into East River | Began discharging clean water into the East River daily.



In an overview of 2023, BC Organics, the anaerobic digestion facility owned and operated by Dynamic Renewables, highlights significant progress and community engagement. Building on previous achievements, BC Organics partnered with Fox Valley Technical College to initiate a controlled burn on the prairie along the East River, promoting wildlife habitat and reducing soil erosion into the river. In addition, the facility achieved a milestone by meeting DNR specifications for clean water discharge into the East River, a testament to its dedication to environmental standards.

From 2023 to now, nearly all farms have transitioned to dried fiber bedding, which is a byproduct of the anaerobic digestion process. The undigested solids are removed from the liquid and dried to provide a clean comfortable bedding for the farm's cows to lay on in their feestalls. BC Organics continues to make strides toward environmental sustainability.

BC Organics is in the process of expanding operations staff, doubling the employee count from 7 to 16 and counting throughout 2023. Community collaboration remains a priority, and in 2023 was exemplified by equipment donations to the Greenleaf Volunteer Fire & Rescue. This is in addition to ongoing training drills for confined space safety utilizing our BC Organics facility to implement those practices.

Furthermore, BC Organics actively fosters partnerships with our local farmers, as part of our commitment to sustainable agriculture and community involvement. Notably, representatives from Wiese Brother's Farm and Country Aire Dairy joined Karl Crave at the Dairy Business Association's Dairy Strong Conference in the first quarter of 2023 to discuss their involvement in this project. Looking ahead to 2024, we look forward to an education display at the upcoming Breakfast on the Farm event hosted at Wiese Brother's Farm on Sunday, June 2nd, 2024, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. This event provides a unique opportunity for community members to learn about BC Organics and our initiatives firsthand.

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Next Steps in Village of Greenleaf Incorporation

After an historic election in June 2023, voters overwhelmingly said Yes to incorporating as the Village of Greenleaf. The incorporation referendum passed 109-9, allowing us to proceed to the legal phase of the incorporation process. Brown County courts have already approved incorporation, and we're currently awaiting State of Wisconsin approval.

Once the State gives the OK, constituents will elect a Village of Greenleaf Board consisting of three trustees, a clerk, a constable, and a treasurer. Anyone interested in running for office should contact Donna Martzahl, Town of Wrightstown Clerk, at 920-532-0607 or townclerk@townofwrightstown.org.

An election date will be set once we complete all of the necessary legal requirements. For the latest updates and election information, please visit the Town of Wrightstown website, TownOfWrightstown.org.

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

168th ANNUAL REPORT	2023 REVENUES	2023 EXPENDITURES
TOWN OF WRIGHTSTOWN	General property Tax	Board, clerk & treasurer
	Managed Forest Land	Board/Clerk/Treasurer Exp
We, the undersigned members of the	Mobile home	Assessor & Assessor Exp
of the Board of Audit, respectfully	PILT Digester	Elections Expenses
submit the following report of financial	Ag use penalties	Br Co Joint Municipal Court
condition of the Town of Wrightstown	Stadium Sales Tax	Legal fees
Brown County, Wisconsin, as of	Total Taxes	Insurance
as of December 31, 2023.	Shared Revenue	Town hall
	* Fire insurance dues	Audit
William Verbeten Chairman	Tax exempt computer aid	Town share FICA
Jesse Juedes, Supervisor	Transportation	Grant Expenses
Ron Diny, Supervisor	Recycling Grant	Total General Gov
Shelia Bowers, Treasurer	PILT - DNR	Ambulance
Donna Martzahl, Clerk	Transmission line fees	Building Inspections
	Election Grant/Video Aide	Public Fire Protection
Account Balances as of Dec 31, 2023.	MFL	*Fire Insurance Dues
Checking	Personal Prop	Fire Numbers
Greenleaf Savings	Total intergovernmental	Fire Protection
Local Gov. Investment Po	Licenses & Permits	Public Safety
Total Indebtedness of Tow	Dog	Recycling & Solid Waste
	Building Permits	Plowing/Maintenance
	Zoning	Road Repairs
	Franchise Fees	Brush and grass cutting
2023 Tax Levy Collected in 2024	Total licenses and permits	Culverts
Town of Wrightstown	Court fines and penalties	Other
Wrightstown Sch Dist.	Special Ass. Letters	Street Lighting
Unified District of DePere	Special Charges - Solid Waste	Public Works
N.W.T.C	Misc Public Charges	Health/Weed Commish
Sanitary District #1	Total Public Charges	Planning and zoning
Brown County	Interest	Incorporation
State of Wisconsin	Special Assessment Interest	Capital Outlay (Church)
	Total Miscellaneous	Debt Serv - Principal & Interest
* Denotes Pass Through Account	TOTAL REVENUE	TOTAL EXPENDITURES
	1,325,244	1,415,539

SANITARY DISTRICT – ANNUAL REPORT 2023

SANITARY DISTRICT # 1 – 2023	
RECEIPT SUMMARY	
Water & Sewer Revenue	\$241,859.77
Delinquent Water/Sewer & Interest	\$227.60
Tax Levy	\$52,900.00
Computer Aid	\$65.48
Public Fire Protection	\$55,899.00
Tower Rent	\$50,548.63
Interest Earned	\$29,322.14
Hook Up Fees	\$2,400.00
Re-reimbursement from Town (Loan Payment)	\$19,450.61
Misc	\$430.74
TOTAL	\$453,103.97
DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY	
Salaries: Maintenance	\$8,144.79
Secretary/Treasurer	\$11,609.04
Commissioners	\$5,485.59
Meter Reader	\$914.26
Taxes	\$4,989.46
Contracted Services	\$47,965.67
Insurance	\$6,138.50
WPSC	\$24,659.75
Other Utilities	\$1,217.31
Telephone / Internet	\$1,620.00
Maintenance/Repairs	\$46,101.24
Testing	\$16,821.38
Snow Removal/Lawn care	\$1,148.00
Testing Chemicals	\$4,348.04
Office Supplies/Fees/Publications	\$9,253.80
Audit	\$5,000.00
Truck Expense	\$223.67
Water Breaks	\$767.50
Loan Payments (principal & interest)	\$48,938.28
Sludge Hauling	\$7,257.60
Utility Locating	\$2,532.74
Prepaid Rent - Church	\$112,500.00
Robert E Lee (Dean LaFlaur)	\$97,061.27
Phosphorus Mangement- DNR Fees	\$1,117.00
TOTAL	\$465,814.89
INDEBTEDNESS	
Clean Water Fund Balance 12-31-23	\$156,631.00
*Town responsible for \$80,052.39 of Clean Water Fund	
Safe Drinking Fund Balance 12-31-23	\$242,531.00
*Town responsible for \$ 77,829.48 of Safe Drinking Fund	

SUMMARY	
Checkbook Balance 1-1-23	\$221,444.97
Investment Account Balances 1-1-23	\$1,312,101.90
	\$1,533,546.87
Receipts for 2023	\$453,103.97
	\$1,986,650.84
Disbursements for 2023	\$465,814.89
Checkbook Balance 12-31-23	
Investment Account Balances 12-31-23	
	\$1,520,835.95
INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS	
Sewer Replacement	
Beginning Balance 1-1-23	\$296,979.49
Transfers to Account	\$4,625.00
Interest Earned	\$437.77
Transferred to LGIP # 01	\$141,042.26
Transferred to LGIP # 02	\$161,000.00
Ending Balance 2-28-23	\$0.00
Debt Service Account	
Beginning Balance 1-1-23	\$103,975.15
Transfers to Account	\$8,000.00
Interest Earned	\$155.90
Less Disbursements	\$112,131.05
Ending Balance 2-28-23	\$0.00
Savings *****	
Beginning Balance 1-1-23	\$155,837.88
Transfers to Account	\$112,580.00
Tower Rent	\$50,548.03
Interest Earned	\$2,971.42
Less Transfers	\$115,225.00
Ending Balance 12-31-23	\$196,712.33
Water Fund	
Beginning Balance 1-1-23	\$54,732.38
Interest Earned	\$65.65
Transfers from Account	\$54,798.03
Ending Balance 2-28-23	\$0.00

INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS	
LGIP Account # 01 -	
General Funds	
Beginning Balance 3-1-23	\$0.00
Transfer	\$360,296.54
Interest Earned	\$14,950.92
Ending Balance 12-31-23	\$375,249.46
LGIP Account # 02 -	
Sewer Replacement Account	
Beginning Balance 3-1-23	\$0.00
Transfer	\$161,000.00
Interest Earned	\$6,680.87
Ending Balance 12-31-23	\$167,680.87
LGIP Account # 03- Debt Service Account	
Debt Service Account	
Beginning Balance 3-1-23	\$0.00
Transfer	\$50,000.00
Interest Earned	\$2,074.81
Ending Balance 12-31-23	\$52,074.81
Nicolet National Bank	
Beginning Balance 2-28-23	\$0.00
15 Month Term -4% interest	
Transfers to Account (Unison)	\$600,000.00
Ending Balance 12-31-23	\$600,000.00
Unison Credit Union Account Closed Account	
Beginning Balance 1-1-23	\$700,571.98
Business Account	5.02
Interest Earned	\$1,774.20
Transferred to LGIP # 01	\$102,325.20
Transferred to Nicolet Bank	\$600,000.00
Wire Fee	\$26.00
Ending Balance 2-28-23	\$0.00

Town of Wrightstown

P O Box 175
Greenleaf WI 54126

RESIDENTS OF

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2024 DOG LICENSE REGISTRATION

Owners Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Fees for spayed or neutered dogs are \$5.00, intact male or female dogs are \$10.00. *License requests must be accompanied with current rabies vaccination **certificate (not the invoice)**.* **Make check payable to Town of Wrightstown** and mail to Town of Wrightstown Treasurer, P O Box 175, Greenleaf, WI 54126. The proof of rabies vaccine will be returned with the license. Dog license are due April 1st (per State Statute 174.052). Any license issued after April 1 will required an additional \$5 **LATE FEE**.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

*You Can Drop your license registration, certificate and payment off at the Town Hall on Election Day
on April 2*
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YOUR VOTE COUNTS!! Hope to see you on April 2