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### Hwy 41 Bypass Ceremony

The following are excerpts from the November 12, 2009 ribbon cutting ceremony speech given by Karen Sylvester, Town of Peshtigo Supervisor and Vice Chair.

"We're here to experience the final connection of US Highway 41 after a 20 year wait. Since 2005 the Town Board has been planning for and working toward this momentous occasion. I contacted Kim Rudat and Steve Noel from the Wis. Dept. of Transportation for some fun facts about the town's portion of the highway. The estimated cost for the two grading and paving projects within the Town of Peshtigo was \$46,100,000. Laying that many dollar bills end to end would extend 4,429 miles - enough to get you from Chicago to Paris with a little left over.

In 1-1/2 years here is what contractors did in the Town of Peshtigo:

- \* They built ten major bridges including two over the Peshtigo River.
- \* They created over a dozen ponds and moved 4,500,000 cubic yards of dirt; that's enough dirt to fill one football field 2,100 ft deep.
- \* They placed 271,000 tons of road gravel. If you were to build a fairly typical 15 foot wide gravel driveway that's enough gravel to make that driveway 100 miles long.
- \* They set 27,680 feet of concrete girders which is equal to 5 ¼ miles of girders.
- \* They drove 18,280 feet of piling into the ground to support the ten bridges; that's 3 ½ miles of steel piling.
- \* They stripped off and put back over 1,040,000 square yards of topsoil. That

equates to having enough topsoil to put in a lawn 253 feet wide extending from Peshtigo to Marinette! And they seeded the right of way with 47 tons of grass seed.

\* They also replaced wetlands filled in by the project. So in the Town of Peshtigo alone about 100 acres of wetlands were created and 60,000 trees planted.

I thought these statistics were mind boggling and provide all of us a better understanding of what this project entailed. The Town Board wants to express their gratitude to all those who had a hand in the construction of this project - the employees of the WDOT and their many contractors, and to you, the taxpayers of the State of Wisconsin for funding the \$120,000,000 it cost to complete this portion of the highway.

The Town Board is aware this construction project has been an inconvenience for the town's people as well as those traveling through the town. We hope this highway project will not only provide a safer thoroughfare to travel, but will also immeasurably help business and industry to grow and ultimately provide much needed jobs to the area."

## Folger Named Fire Chief

At a ceremony held at the Peshtigo Fire Department on January 1, 2010, Michael Folger was sworn in as the town's new fire chief. Folger is replacing Clarence Coble who stepped down from the position after 21 years. During the ceremony, Coble who has been with the Town of Peshtigo Fire Department for almost 39 years, recalled all of the progress made over the years and how things have changed. Coble will continue to serve on the fire department.

Coble presented Folger with the fire chief's badge and insignia. Town Vice Chair, Karen Sylvester administered the oath of office. They were joined for the ceremony by town chairperson, Herman Pottratz, members of the town board, fire commission members, several firefighters, friends and family.

Folger, a 24 year veteran of the town's volunteer fire department, has served as a firefighter, lieutenant, captain, and assistant chief. He thanked Coble for his years of leadership as chief and thanked all others present for their support. Folger stated he was looking forward to working together as the fire department continually strives to improve operations, serve the needs of the town and face the many challenges ahead.

Folger and his wife, Anita, live on Steven Lane in the Town of Peshtigo. They have four grown children; three sons currently serving in the military, and a daughter presently attending UW-Whitewater.



## New Fire Truck

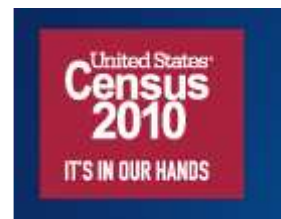
The Town of Peshtigo Fire Department expects delivery of a new fire truck sometime in March. The truck is being purchased through Jefferson Fire Safety in Middleton, WI and will replace a 35 year old pumper which will be taken out of service and sold. Construction of the new truck is currently underway at the Rosenbauer America plant in Lyons, South Dakota. Several fire department representatives have traveled to South Dakota in early February to inspect the truck, view the progress, and make final construction changes. The new truck, built to town specifications, will meet current NFPA standards and provide a much more efficient and safe apparatus to protect our town residents. Total cost will be around \$210,000.

## 2010 Census

The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years.

**The 2010 Census will help communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year for things like:**

- Hospitals
- Job training centers
- Schools
- Senior centers
- Bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects
- Emergency services
- County board seats and state shared revenue



The data collected by the census also helps determine the number of seats your state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

**We can't move forward until you mail it back.**

**In March of 2010, census forms will be delivered to every residence in the United States and Puerto Rico. When you receive yours, just answer the 10 short questions and then mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker, who will ask you the questions from the form.**

## Staffing Changes

Ken Johnston, the Town's cleaning person and lead worker at the Recycling Center, retired October, 2009 after faithfully serving the Town of Peshtigo for at least the last 30 years. Virtually no one, and that includes Kenny himself, seems to remember what year he actually started working for the Town. We do, however know that he was a very reliable worker and always did an excellent job. We hope Ken enjoys his free hours and once the weather warms, has a great time out on the golf course with his buddies.

Jim Samplaski is taking over for Ken as lead worker at the Recycling Center. Jim started at the Recycling Center in July 2008. Bill Swanson was hired in November 2009 to assist Jim at the Recycling Center.

Jill Bedwell, owner and operator of I Kleen, has taken over the cleaning duties at the Town Hall. Jill has been under contract since October, 2009.

## Sylvester Not Seeking Re-election

Supervisor Karen Sylvester who served as Vice Chair is not seeking re-election in April 2010. From 1991 through 1995 Sylvester held the Supervisor 1 seat on the Town Board. In 2002 she was elected to the Supervisor 3 seat and has served in that capacity ever since. Sylvester was the first woman elected to the Board of Supervisors.

Sylvester's primary responsibility was the Recycling Center. Since taking over that area the site has been totally revamped and now accepts many items not previously taken, including white goods and televisions. A major responsibility was submitting the yearly WDNR Recycling Grant and completing the Accomplishment Report at the end of each year.

In the 14 years Sylvester has been on the Town Board two new fire trucks were purchased, an Administrative Assistant was hired, the Town Hall remodeled, a major addition to the Town Fire Station was approved, a Fire Commission established, a Town website developed, a Code of Ordinance was approved and has since had a major recodification, a 20-year Comprehensive Plan was approved, the Ed Kowalski Walking Trail developed, a Joint Municipal Court established, and the USH 41 bypass was prepared and planned for.

In 2009, Herman Pottratz, Town Board Chairman, appointed Karen to Chair the Town's Plan Commission. She will continue in that capacity after she leaves the Town Board.

Karen says, "For the most part, I've really enjoyed my 14 years as a Town Supervisor, but I really feel as if I'm being called in another direction. I've prayed about it and am feeling drawn to dedicate more of my time to Zion Lutheran Church in Marinette. I'm not positive exactly what I'll be doing but I'm sure God will guide me."

Besides being on the Town Board, Sylvester is the Chairman of the Board for the Marinette County Employees Credit Union, President of Zion's Church Council, Chairman of Zion's Stewardship Committee, a member of its Missional Planning Group, Church Property Committee and Church Choir. Since 2002, she's been a volunteer for Unity Hospice and Palliative Care since 2002.

She's been married to Jerry since 1969. They have a son; Derek married to Ellen and two wonderful granddaughters, Shelby and Katelyn.

## Pennings Retires

Grace Pennings has retired from the Town of Peshtigo Fire Department where she served for 33 years. She held the position of Assistant Chief and previously as the Acting Chief. Grace was the first woman to serve on the fire department. Grace was also the officer in charge of doing the fire inspections required for the businesses in the Town of Peshtigo.

Grace and her dedication will be missed and everyone wishes her the best in her retirement. Whatever she chooses to do, no less than 100% will be given.

## Snowplowing

Town of Peshtigo residents are reminded that Wisconsin State Statute 346.94(5) states that snow may not be plowed onto or across any public roadway.



## Do I Need a Permit?

Did you know that the Town of Peshtigo has ordinances that require permits? Examples of permits needed include; new structures, electrical and plumbing work, building additions, razing structures, ponds, outdoor solid fuel heating devices, driveways and all roads including private roads. To get more information on required permits, call Leo Krivickas at 715-938-1721 or check our website at [www.townofpeshtigo.org](http://www.townofpeshtigo.org).

## Website News

Have you recently visited our website? The address is [www.townofpeshtigo.org](http://www.townofpeshtigo.org). It is updated weekly by Town of Peshtigo Treasurer, Vilas Schroeder, and is full of useful information. The site includes agendas and minutes of meetings, newsletters, Peshtigo and Marinette school district maps, Town of Peshtigo zoning map, information on recycling, permits, ordinances, fire department information, property taxes, and links to other sites and local businesses.

If you would like your Town of Peshtigo business listed on the site, please call Vilas Schroeder at 715-582-4332 on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## Voter Registrations

This is a reminder to all Town of Peshtigo residents that you must be registered before you can vote. You can always register on the day of the elections but you can come in early to the Town Hall and register to save time in the election lines. Please bring your driver's license with you to register or if you do not have one, bring your social security card. The next regular election will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

## Adopt-A-Highway Program

The Town of Peshtigo has implemented an Adopt-A-Highway program which organizes residents to pick up litter on Town of Peshtigo roadways. Road cleanup should be done three times per year between the months of April and November. Garbage bags and vests will be provided. Your family, organization, or business may choose the road they wish to adopt and an "Adopt-A-Highway" sign will be erected at no cost to you.

Call Cindy Hagert, Administrative Assistant, at 715-582-4332 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for an application and further information. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. The Town of Peshtigo reserves the right to accept or to reject any application for this program.

## Emergency Shelter Available

Did you know that the Peshtigo Town Hall is classified as a limited term emergency shelter? If there is an electrical outage or an emergency weather condition that forces you and your family to take shelter, remember this facility. Please bring your own bedding, personal items, and food. There are microwaves and a refrigerator available for your use.

If the situation arises and you need to take advantage of this emergency shelter, please call one of the supervisors listed on the front page.

## Town Hall Hours of Operation

The Town of Peshtigo Town Hall is located at W2435 Old Peshtigo Road, Marinette, Wisconsin 54143. Hours of operation are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On the third Tuesday of each month the office is open from 10:00 a.m. up to the start of the Board of Supervisors meeting at 7:00 p.m. The phone number is 715-582-4332 and fax number is 715-582-4330. You can also reach us through the website at [www.townofpeshtigo.org](http://www.townofpeshtigo.org) or by emailing us at [topinfo@townofpeshtigo.org](mailto:topinfo@townofpeshtigo.org).



## Code of Ordinances Recodified

Municipal Code Corporation along with the Town of Peshtigo Board has recodified the existing Code of Ordinances. The entire Code of Ordinances is available to everyone for easy access via the Town's website address which is [www.townofpeshtigo.org](http://www.townofpeshtigo.org). The site has a search engine that allows you to type in a particular word, such as driveways, and it will list all sections where that subject is listed.

If you still can't find the answers to your questions, we will be happy to help simply call or by stop by the Town Hall.

## Your Fire Number

The Town of Peshtigo Fire Department, Rescue Squads and Law Enforcement Agencies urge all residents to check their fire numbers to be sure that they are in place and visible from the street or roadway. Please also, check the reflectivity of your sign. If the sign is in any way obstructed, residents are to take the necessary steps to correct the situation. If signs are missing notify the Town of Peshtigo. You can order the new two-sided fire number with 5" lettering for a replacement fee of \$25 plus \$10 for a new post.

If you are unable to put up your new sign the Fire Department may be able to help. Call the Clerk's office for additional information at 715-582-4332.

Also, the Town will be replacing street signs to the new easier to read 5" lettering by the year 2011.

## Garage Sale Signs

Please note that garage sales signs are not allowed on road signs. These include stop, speed limits, weight limit, and any other traffic signs. Please put all garage signs in safe areas that do not restrict the vision of drivers.



## Annual Burn Permits

Landowners need to have an annual burn permit available upon request and can be cited if they are burning outside of the restrictions for the day. There is no burning allowed on Sundays or holidays in the Town of Peshtigo. This system uses the same permit writers as in the past; designated DNR employees and Emergency Fire Wardens. Special permits for burning outside the restrictions will continue to be issued by DNR fire control officials in person and are excluded from the phone and internet portion.

For more information regarding burning permits and to view the daily burning restrictions in your area, visit [www.dnr.wi.gov/forestry/fire](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/forestry/fire) and go to "View Burning Permit Restrictions".

To obtain an annual burn permit, please visit the Town of Peshtigo Town Hall on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the DNR located at 101 N. Ogden Road in Peshtigo on Wednesdays only, 2 C's Game Farm at N1141 Coble Road in Peshtigo, or All Season's Equipment located at W2024 Highway 64.



## Rabies and Licensing Your Dog

Rabies is a dangerous and potentially fatal disease. The State of Wisconsin recognizes this danger and requires, by law, that all dogs shall be immunized with the rabies vaccine. This immunization is for the safety and health of all animals and especially all humans who may be bitten. Your veterinarian will immunize all dogs and issue to the owner a tag to be worn on the dog collar.

The State of Wisconsin also requires by statute that an **ANNUAL** dog license be purchased. **This license runs the calendar year and NOT from the date your dog receives its vaccination.** The Town of Peshtigo Treasurer is an agent for the State and has tags for purchase (at State cost), \$3.00 for neutered dogs and \$8.00 for un-neutered dogs. (Wis. Statutes 174.05, 174.054, 174.055 and 174.07). **There is also a \$5.00 late fee for each dog license issued after April 1, on any given year.** The citation fee for each unlicensed dog is \$109.00 and will be strictly enforced.

## We Need You!

The Town Board is always looking for residents who are interested in serving on the various boards, committees and commissions within the Town. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Chairman Herman Pottratz or Town Clerk Clarence Coble for an application form.

**Board of Appeal** members include Chair Bob Fraik, Tim Kodric, Jim Kollross, Edward Kowalski, Gerald Pennings, and Patricia Pottratz.

**Plan Commission** members include Chair Karen Sylvester, Herman Pottratz, Joyce Buchman, Mike Biehl, Jim Devcich, Steve Hannot, Tim Oestreich, Mike Kunesh, and Ed Sedor.

**Fire Commission** members include Chair Bill Johnson, Alex Dudka, Tim Kodric, Lou Ann Seils, and Don Wahl.

## 2009 Building Permits

72 building permits were issued in 2009 in the Town of Peshtigo totaling \$3,681,364. Call Leo Krivickas at 715-938-1721 before starting any building project.

## 2010 RECYCLING CENTER FLYER

The Recycling Center is open on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month from 8:30am to 12:30pm and the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 12:30pm to 4:30pm to Town of Peshtigo residents only. A town sticker or ID is required.

Paper, cardboard, plastic, glass and tin must be put into the Single Stream Recycling containers.

### Items We Accept

**Aluminum Cans and Tin.** Will take all aluminum, steel, and tin cans; including pie tins. Food must be rinsed from all containers. Paper labels don't have to be removed from cans.

**Automotive Oil.** A large receptacle is on site for automotive oil. Oil must be poured into the containers onsite. The top lifts up for easy access. There is no charge. We cannot accept cooking oil.

**Batteries.** We accept batteries free of charge; however, they must be placed on the wooden pallet in the Automotive Oil area.

**Cardboard/Paper.** Will take almost all types of paper including **flattened** cardboard, cereal boxes, detergent boxes, shoe boxes, file folders, junk mail, magazines, newspapers, sticky notes, telephone books and envelopes including pressure sensitive. **Will not take** carbon paper, paper towels, napkins, facial tissue, photos, photographic paper, self-adhesive labels, wax paper or pet-soiled paper. Items not taken are considered garbage. Bag and dispose of accordingly.

**Garbage** must be bagged and must not contain recyclables.

Cost: \$1.00 - 7 to 20 gallon bag  
\$1.50 - 20 to 30 gallon bag  
\$2.00 and up - 30 to 55 gallon bag  
(Subject to change at any time.)



**Glass.** Will take all types of glass including colored. **Will not take** auto glass, mirrors or tinted glass, crystal type materials or beverage glasses, light bulbs, or Pyrex and other heat-resistant ovenware. Items not accepted should be donated to charity or placed in garbage.

**Large Items.** From April through October there is a roll-off on site for such things as mattress and box springs, sofas, smaller pieces of carpeting and other large items. There is a charge based on size and weight for all items placed in the roll-off.

The Center does not accept large quantities of construction material (vinyl siding, shingles, insulation, concrete blocks, roofing, etc.) Nor will it take any items from a commercial business. Residents must contract with Waste Management or another service for at home pickup or take the items directly to Waste Management in Menominee or Mar-Oco Landfill in Crivitz.

**Metal appliances with Freon.** (Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers). Cost: \$20.00 for anything which contains Freon or that contained Freon. Doors must be off freezers/refrigerators. These items must be placed toward the back of the designated area on the left.

**Metal or Steel Objects.** This includes all appliances not containing Freon (stoves, washers, dryers, etc.) and any kind of metal including metal siding, soffit and fascia, metal hangers, etc. There is no charge. Place these items toward the back of the designated area on the right.

**Plastics.** Waste Management will take #1 through #7 in order to get people to recycle, however they currently don't have an end user for numbers 3, 4, 6, or 7. **Food must be removed from**

**the containers and the container rinsed. Failure to do this puts our Recycling Grant (\$13,665 fy 2008) at risk thereby increasing your tax bill!**

**Televisions.** We are required to recycle televisions as one TV can leak 8 pounds of lead into the environment. Cost: \$10 and up per television depending on size and weight. If the TV is in working order consider donating it to Goodwill or St. Vincent DePaul.



**Tires.** Costs: \$1.00 each for car and light truck tires  
\$3.50 each for semi-tires  
\$8.00 each for tractor tires  
(Subject to change at any time.)

**Yard Waste.** We encourage composting. **Fallen leaves** can be mulched and left laying on the ground to decompose adding nutrients back into the soil. Leaves don't have to be raked or bagged - only mowed. Why spend money on fertilizers when mulching leaves can reduce the cost of fertilizing and saves natural resources.

We accept brush and tree branches up to 4" in diameter. We will not accept fence posts, branches larger than 4" in diameter or any wood with nails in it. Branches/brush should be placed to the right side of the composting area for chipping.

**Mulch.** Mulch is available from the Recycling Center. Self serve. If you have a large truck you want to load, call the Town Hall ahead of time. We'll try to get the front end loader on site to assist you. Residents are encouraged to use this resource. Not for commercial use or resale.

**Items We Do Not Accept**

**The Center is not allowed to accept trash, recyclables or other items from commercial enterprises.**

**Anti-freeze.**

**Computers.** Goodwill Industries located on Roosevelt Road next door to the Pine Tree Mall will take computers at no fee to you.

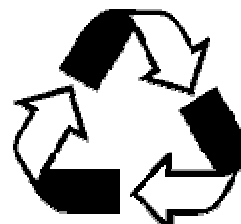
**Florescent Lamps.** Residents who have fluorescent lamps may bring them to the City of Marinette Water Utility on Ely Street. Lamps under 4' are \$0.25 each, lamps 5' and over are \$0.40 each. Compact, circular or "U" shaped bulbs are \$0.35 each. HID bulbs are \$1.00 and if bulbs are broken, you will be charge \$1.00 per pound. If you have bulbs you wish to dispose of, call 732.5180 weekdays from 7am to 2:30pm and let them know you're coming in. They will have someone available to assist you. Prices are subject to change.

**Hazardous Chemicals/Waste.** The only opportunity to get rid of these items is when Marinette County holds a "Clean Sweep." We cannot take any covered paint or stain cans. These must be empty and dried (covers off) before the Center can accept them.

**Motor Vehicles.** If you have vehicles you wish to have removed contact Dave Malke at 920.213.1681 to arrange pick-up. This is a free service, but subject to change at any time.

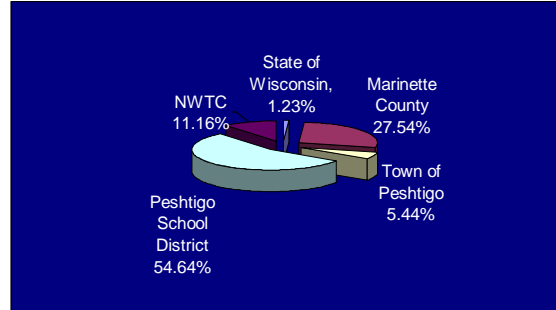
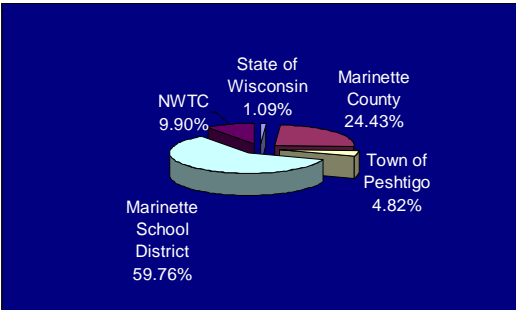
**Paint/Stain Cans.** These items cannot be accepted unless the container is empty and totally dried and the lid must be off the can. Old paint/stain can be poured on paper or cardboard and allowed to dry completely before it will be accepted.

**Plastic Shopping Bags.** These items should be brought to Wal-Mart, Lee's Family Foods, or Angeli's County Market and they will recycle them.



## TAXES – Town of Peshtigo

Do you know how your tax monies were disbursed in the Peshtigo and Marinette School Districts? The attached pie charts show you how much goes where.



### Marinette School District

In the Marinette School District in the Town of Peshtigo, your net tax rate per thousand dollars of taxable property was \$14.22. 60% (\$7.89) of your tax dollars go to the Marinette School District, 10% (\$1.56) to NWTC, 24% (\$3.84) to Marinette County, 1% (\$0.17) to the State of Wisconsin and 5% (\$0.76) to the Town of Peshtigo.

### Peshtigo School District

In the Peshtigo School District in the Town of Peshtigo, the net tax rate per thousand dollars of taxable property was \$12.45. With 55% (\$6.12) to Peshtigo School District, 11% (\$1.56) to NWTC, 28% (\$3.84) to Marinette County, 1% (\$0.17) to the State of Wisconsin and 5% (\$0.76) to the Town of Peshtigo.

The Town of Peshtigo has the lowest net tax rate among Wisconsin towns. Net tax rates includes those collected for operation of state, municipalities, county, school districts and Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.

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