

NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN

We are fortunate to live in a vibrant and progressive community that is a “great place to live and work!” Lawrence is one of the fastest growing municipalities in Brown County. In 1997, our population was 1,511 and presently it is 5,158. Our financial status is positive and we were able to maintain the status quo on our tax rate for 2018. Economic development supporting commercial and residential growth makes our community a dynamic municipality that provides an excellent quality of life and assists in managing our tax base. The development of our park and recreation facilities has included additional playground land, equipment, a soccer field, and future initiatives in baseball fields and trails. We



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are also fortunate to be in both the West De Pere and Wrightstown School Districts and the Hemlock Creek Elementary School is located in our community. All of these assets provide great incentive for people to locate here.

Commercial and residential growth will be enhanced by the Town’s first Tax Increment District (TID) that was recently established encompassing nearly 450 acres of land near the center of the Town along I-41. 150 acres were purchased within the district that have begun to attract commercial and residential interests. We’ve welcomed a number of new businesses to the Town in the past year. New home construction during the last five years includes 49 in 2013; 48 in 2014; 74 in 2015; 87 in 2016; 66 in 2017; and 29 new home starts to date in 2018. The Autumn Heights subdivision was established offering 68 new lots. Additional new subdivisions are nearing final approvals.

Continued investment in our roads has been implemented. Like most Wisconsin municipalities, we have to carefully plan infrastructure improvements to roads and bridges because of limited finances, however we have been able to address a number of our roads. Recent road resurfacing included Clem Lane, Apple Creek Court, Noah Road, and repairs of portions of French Road. We also reconstructed a section of Little Rapids Road between Lawrence Drive and the railroad tracks. The Town recently received a state grant in the amount of \$458,548.06 to assist in roughly half of the required funding for the upcoming reconstruction of Hickory Road between Lawrence Drive and the railroad tracks. Brown County has provided upgrades on Lost Dauphin Rd /County Highway D and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has completed work on Interstate Highway 41 and the replacement of the box culvert on Mid Valley Rd for Ashwaubenon Creek. The Brown County Southern Bridge/Arterial concept continues to be in the planning stage and could take several years to complete. There is hope to receive confirmation of the bridge and access locations within the next 1-2 years.

We are fortunate to have outstanding personnel on the Town Staff, and especially serving on our Lawrence Fire Department and Hobart-Lawrence Police Department. Their extended efforts are greatly appreciated. New staff has been implemented in Lawrence, including Patrick Wetzell, Town Administrator, Cindy Kocken, Clerk-Treasurer, Tara Czachor and Joyce Esser, assistants in Building & Zoning and Finance, and Tyler Mueller, Utility Operator. They are a great addition to our team and are eager to serve! Current initiatives include reviewing town ordinances and personnel policies, striving to maintain reasonable budgets and tax rates, expand development within TIF Districts, new subdivisions/residential options, increasing the branding and awareness of the Town of Lawrence, and continue to maintain regional partnerships and relationships.

Our focus is to develop our community through a vision that promotes a safe, attractive, and quality place to live. We will strive to encourage and promote organized growth for residential and business purposes. Please drive carefully and watch out for children playing, walkers/joggers, and bicyclist as people enjoy outdoor activities. The Lawrence Town Board and staff appreciate your continued support! Thank you for making our community a “great place to live and work!”

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ELECTIONS

Preparation for the 2018 Election Season is underway. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. The remaining Elections for 2018 are as follows:

- Tuesday, August 14, 2018 – Partisan Primary
- Tuesday, November 6, 2018 – General Election



Who Is on the Ballot for August and November?

- 1) Partisan Primary Election & Fall General Election:

Federal Office: President, Senator, Representative in Congress

State Offices: State Senators, Representatives to the Assembly

County Offices: District Attorney, County Clerk, County Treasurer,
Register of Deeds

Voter Photo ID Required

The U.S. Supreme Court has affirmed the photo ID provisions of 2011 Wisconsin Act 23. A photo ID is now required to receive a ballot in all special and regular elections.

VOTER Registration Information

If you have had a name change, address change, or you are a new voter in the State of Wisconsin, you will need to complete a new registration form. A registration form can be completed online at <https://myvote.wi.gov/> and filed with the clerk **by mail** postmarked no later than the 3rd Wednesday before the election. Online registration closed at 11:59 p.m. After the 3rd Wednesday before each election, registrations will need to be completed in the clerk's office with proof of residence.

Proof of residence includes the following items:

1. A current and valid Wisconsin driver license.
2. A current and valid Wisconsin identification card.
3. Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit.
4. Any identification card or license issued by an employer in the normal course of business that contains a photo of the cardholder or license holder, but not including a business card.
5. A real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election.
6. A residential lease which is effective for a period that includes Election Day. (Not for first-time voters registering by mail).
7. A university, college or technical college identification card (must include photo) ONLY valid if the voter provides a fee receipt dated within the last 9 months.
8. A university, college or technical college identification card (must include photo) ONLY valid if the institution provides a certified housing list to the municipal clerk that indicates citizenship.
9. A utility bill (gas, electric, phone, etc.) for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before Election Day. Statements printed from the internet are acceptable.
10. A bank statement. Statements printed from the internet are acceptable.
11. A paycheck.
12. A check or other document issued by a unit of government.
13. An affidavit on public or private social service agency letterhead identifying a homeless voter and describing the individual's residence for voting purposes.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots can be requested by completing the "Wisconsin Application for Absentee Ballot" by mail or in person. The form can be found at www.gab.wi.gov/forms/gab-121-english or in the clerk's office. The office hours for absentee voting are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. You may also request an absentee ballot online at <https://myvote.wi.gov/>

PUBLIC WORKS

*****Dumping grass clippings in ditches and vacant lots is prohibited*****

REMINDER: The Town Yard Waste Facility will accept grass clippings, leaves and garden waste material. The facility is available for Town of Lawrence residents only. Please obtain a window sticker from the Town Office prior to use of the facility. The Town Yard Waste Facility is located behind the Fire Department. Other yard materials such as branches and stumps may be brought to Daanen & Janssen’s Quarry located at 1792 Scray Hill Road, De Pere, WI 54115 for a fee. The Yard Waste Facility is monitored by video surveillance cameras.



****The town does not have curbside pickup for brush, leaves or Christmas trees.**

GARBAGE & RECYCLING

GARBAGE

General household waste is not recyclable. Garbage will be collected from each address once weekly. Garbage must be placed at curbside no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the evening before collection, and no later than 6:00 a.m. on your collection day. When placing multiple containers, keep at least four (4) feet between carts.



RECYCLING

Recyclables are collected every other week on your normal garbage day. Recycling carts placed out on the wrong week will not be collected. Recycling must be disposed of in your cart with a blue lid. Placing all accepted recycling items in this one cart is known as Single Stream Recycling. If you need to purchase, replace or request repair on either of your carts, please call the Town at 920-336-9131.

2018 Recycling Schedule

Please have your trash & recycling to the street by 6:00 a.m. on Monday mornings

June 11, 2018	August 20, 2018	October 29, 2018
June 25, 2018	September 4, 2018	November 12, 2018
July 9, 2018	September 17, 2018	November 26, 2018
July 23, 2018	October 1, 2018	December 10, 2018
August 6, 2018	October 15, 2018	December 24, 2018

BUILDING INSPECTION

Home Improvement Season is here...

Spring in Wisconsin usually means parking the lawnmower next to the snow blower and waiting for Mother Nature to decide which machine you will be using. As the nice weather finally returns, remember that most home/yard improvement projects (such as decks, fences, sheds, pools, etc.) require permits. Review of your plans by the Building Inspector will often safeguard against issues in the future.

Speaking of projects...

Significant building code change which went into effect recently including the revision of regulation for deck construction. WI-UDC (SPS321.225) details the requirements for safe deck design and construction. Footing, post, and beam sizing/spacing and ledger board details are very important factors in ensuring that your deck will be safe and strong for many years. Any deck built in WI must comply with these rules. Feel free to call the Building Inspector with any questions.

Spring/Summer clean up...

Property maintenance is a big responsibility for property owners. We are asking for your help to keep your Town clean, beautiful, and inviting. Please utilize the Yard Waste Facility available near the Town Hall for all branches, leaves, and clippings. Town Zoning Ordinances prohibit storage of unlicensed vehicles on residential lots. Town staff will be contacting owners of neglected properties in order to improve the appearance of our Town. We appreciate all cooperation in this on-going task.

New developments...

The housing market continues to be very strong in Lawrence. The Town has recently created our first TIF district to promote future business, commercial, and residential development. The TIF district will also extend and reinforce our water and sewer services to the east of I-41. Contact the Town Hall office for more development details.



WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

The Water Quality Consumer Confidence report can be found on our website www.townoflawrence.org after June 30th of each year, or if you would like to request a copy, feel free to email townlaw@townoflawrence.org.

Do you want to save water?

Paying a high water bill? Water usage up? **Fact:** The average leaky toilet can waste approximately **200 gallons** of water per day. That's over 6,000 gallons a month! Most residents may not even know or see that the toilet is leaking. **Fact:** It may not seem like much. But if your faucet dripped once every second every day, all day, it would only take four and a half hours to reach one gallon. Every day you would waste **5 gallons** of water or **2,082 gallons** per year. **Fact:** In an average home, showers are typically the third largest water use after toilets and washing machines. The average American shower uses 17.2 gallons and lasts for 8.2 minutes. **Fact:** If you leave a faucet run while brushing your teeth you can use 2 gallons of water every brushing. **Fact:** An inefficient or malfunctioning water softener can cost you thousands of gallons of water per month.

How can I conserve water and cut down on the cost of my water bill?

1. Don't leave the faucet or garden hose running when not in use.
2. Take shorter showers. Install a low flow shower head.
3. Have your water softener serviced or replaced.
4. Replace or update your faucets and toilets periodically.
5. Run your dishwasher and wash machine only when full.
6. Have a rain barrel to catch rain water for watering plants/gardens.

Fun fact: Only 2% of the earth's water is fresh water that can be used for drinking.

Your Tax Dollar

The table below shows our tax rate compared to other Municipalities in Brown County. Lawrence has one of the lowest tax rates in the county. One example would be if you have a \$200,000 home, you would pay \$566.00 as a local tax to Lawrence. If you compare that with the City of Green Bay, the local tax would be \$1,804.00. The rate is calculated per \$1,000.00 of assessed value.

	2015	2016	2017		2015	2016	2017
City / Village / Town	Tax Rate	Tax Rate	Tax Rate	City / Village / Town	Tax Rate	Tax Rate	Tax Rate
Lawrence	\$2.79	\$2.83	\$2.83	Ashwaubenon	\$5.43	\$6.12	\$6.12
Bellevue	\$2.79	\$2.77	\$2.86	De Pere	\$6.67	\$6.74	\$6.72
Howard	\$3.72	\$3.73	\$3.92	Allouez	\$7.22	\$7.22	\$7.21
Hobart	\$4.32	\$4.42	\$4.41	Green Bay	\$8.85	\$8.85	\$9.02

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HOLD A MEETING OR SOCIAL GATHERING?

The Town Hall includes a Community Room available for rent for such an event. The room, complete with a warming kitchen is 42 by 42 with a capacity for approximately 60 people. The rental fee for four (4) hours is \$75.00 for Town of Lawrence residents and \$150.00 for non-residents. A refundable security deposit of \$150.00 will be required. Please call the Town Business Office at 336-9131 to make your reservation.



SOCIAL MEDIA

The Town of Lawrence has its own Facebook page. The page can be found at www.facebook.com/TownofLawrenceWI. This is the place to look for the most up to date information. Remember you can view all Town Board agendas and minutes on the Town of Lawrence website at www.townoflawrence.org.



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HOBART/LAWRENCE
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Dear Hobart/Lawrence Citizen,

The rate of prescription drug abuse in the United States has increased substantially in recent years, with the consequences often leading to death or hospitalization. Drug abuse can lead to a lifetime of hardships and lead otherwise productive citizens into a life of dependency, abuse, and strained relationships with loved ones. The most harmful drug types are painkillers and psychiatrist drugs. One key way to avoid prescription drugs from getting into the wrong hands is to properly dispose of them when one's prescribed use has finished. The Hobart/Lawrence Police Department has made that easier to accomplish. Drug drop-off boxes are now available for ALL citizens of Hobart and Lawrence to use. Any prescription and over the counter drugs are acceptable (however NO SHARPS are allowed). Due to the nature of how drugs are designed (to dissolve in the body), the only safe and environmentally sound way to dispose of them is through an official program offered by law enforcement or a medical company. If drugs are disposed of by landfill, flushing them down the toilet, etc., they will ultimately end up back in our water supply. The Hobart/Lawrence Police Department has received a grant from the State of Wisconsin to fund this program and we hope that every Hobart and Lawrence citizen utilizes this potentially life-saving endeavor. The location of the drop boxes are as follows: Village of Hobart Business Office, 2990 S. Pine Tree Rd., Hobart; and Lawrence Town Hall, 2400 Shady Court, De Pere.

Sincerely,

Randy Bani

Chief of Police, HLPD

K-9 Program

The Hobart Lawrence Police Department needs your support to help fund our new K-9 Program. The K9 Program is funded solely through donations from the public. All costs of the program (with the exception of personnel) are paid for through the generosity of individual citizens, groups and local business owners in our community. We are asking for donations to help pay for ongoing training, veterinary bills, daily food and equipment for the program. Your donation to this program will go directly to this effort and is tax deductible under section 170 (c) (1) of the Internal Revenue Code (instrumentality of a governmental unit).

Your tax-deductible donation can be made payable to:

Hobart Lawrence Police Department

Attn: K9 Officer Fund 2990 South Pine Tree Road

Hobart, WI 54155

Or visit our K-9 webpage at

www.hobart-wi.org to make an online donation.

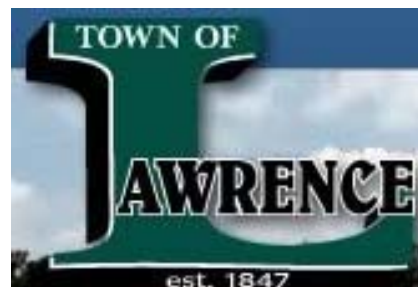


Bax is a dual purpose K9, meaning that he is capable of working as a patrol dog and as a detection dog respectfully. Patrol dogs work efforts consist of tracking suspects or missing persons, conducting building searches for suspects, area (wind) searches for suspects, evidence searches, apprehension of resistive suspects and handler protection. As a second purpose, Bax is also trained in the detection of drugs.



DOG LICENSING

The Town of Lawrence has an ordinance requiring the licensing of all dogs. Residents are allowed to have **TWO** dogs at a residence. Any additional dogs will require a conditional use permit. To obtain a license, residents will need to provide a current rabies certificate from a veterinarian's office, pay an annual fee of \$5.00 for a neutered or spayed dog and \$10.00 for non-neutered or non-spayed dog. The dog license can be obtained at the Town Business Office during business hours. A Dog License expires on December 31st of each year.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Who are your Lawrence Fire Department and First Responders?

The Lawrence Fire Department is a 27 member volunteer/paid per call department along with 6 Medical First Responders that respond from two fire stations located in Lawrence.

What does “volunteer/paid per call” mean? If a call lasts over 30 minutes, our members receive an hourly stipend, and any call shorter than 30 minutes, the members are truly a volunteer and receive no compensation. In 2017, the LFD responded to 137 calls for service and approximately 80% of those calls were under 30 minutes in duration. Our members have other jobs and professions in addition to being members of the fire department & first responders who respond to calls when the pager goes off. Several of our firefighters are also dual trained and provide First Responder level of medical care alongside our First Responders. These members receive no compensation for responding to medical calls. De Pere Fire/Rescue provides a paramedic level ambulance service to the Town and both agencies work hand in hand to provide a high level of care to those needing medical attention. This past year there were over 200 medical calls in Lawrence.



In addition to fire and EMS services, our members also provide fire prevention talks and demonstrations to schools, daycares, and businesses and conduct semi –annual public fire inspections. We have the department business meeting on the first Monday of the month, and a regularly scheduled training night on the third Monday of the month. But often times you will see our dedicated members at the station or out in the Town performing additional training.

*****We would like to remind our residents and businesses that in the event you need the Fire Department or an ambulance, to please call 911. Even though you don't feel it is an emergency, 911 is the fastest and most efficient way for us to provide services to you. Calling the Town Hall may create a delayed response to something that truly is an emergency. *****

Fire Department News!!

Lawrence Fire was awarded a 2017 Wisconsin Public Service Foundation Safety Grant in the amount of \$2,000. LFD members wrote the grant for the purchase of a 5 gas air monitor. This air monitor will provide the department with the ability to check for Carbon Monoxide (CO) leaks in residences, check for natural gas leaks and other explosive gases, and the amount of oxygen in the air. The 5th and newest gas we can now check for is Hydrogen Cyanide. HCN is a natural occurring compound and is also formed when organic materials burn. HCN is the silent and most lethal element of smoke produced during structure fires. With this grant and purchase of the monitor, we can now better protect our members during structure fires ensuring they go home safely. Lawrence Fire would like to graciously thank the WPS Foundation for the award of this grant. It will not only ensure the safety of the public we serve, but the safety of our members

Information on Stormwater Retention Ponds in the Town of Lawrence

Stormwater retention (wet) ponds are Best Management Practices (BMPs) that hold storm-water runoff and allow the pollutants carried by runoff to settle out. Runoff is conveyed to stormwater ponds by a combination of overland flow, ditches, swales and underground pipes. Stormwater Runoff does not go to a sewage treatment plant. Once runoff reaches a stormwater pond, the sediment settles to the bottom. The water that entered as polluted runoff leaves the pond gradually through an outfall structure, resulting in cleaner water entering the receiving streams, lakes or wetlands. Ponds are also used to reduce the rate of runoff and reduce flooding in urbanized areas.

BENEFITS

- Capable of removing solid particles and other pollutants
- Helps to meet state stormwater management regulations
- Reduces flooding in urbanized areas
- Wildlife habitat is created when ponds are planted with native vegetation and maintained
- Wet ponds can be aesthetically pleasing

RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE

The ponds in any community may either be public or private, however all ponds need to be maintained. Regular maintenance required of wet ponds may include, but is not limited to:

- Litter/Debris Removal
- Noting erosion of pond banks or bottom
- Inspect for damage to the embankment
- Monitoring for sediment accumulation
- Mowing side slopes
- Monitor Vegetation
- Deter Nuisance Wildlife
- Removal of Sediment
- Examine to ensure that inlet and outlet devices are free of debris and operational

<i>COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS</i>	
Myth	Reality
Cattails and other vegetation make ponds unattractive and contribute to their deterioration.	Cattails and other natural vegetation stabilize shorelines, reduce nutrient loads and provide important habitat for non-nuisance wildlife
Healthy ponds host large populations of ducks and geese.	Ponds with high populations of waterfowl usually have high levels of pollution from their waste. Feeding of ducks/geese is strictly discouraged.
Stormwater ponds are eyesores that require constant maintenance.	Stormwater ponds can be attractive if managed properly. The amount of maintenance required typically decreases after the first 5 years.
Stormwater ponds are breeding grounds for disease causing mosquitoes.	Mosquitoes breed in pools of stagnant water. Correctly designed stormwater ponds are designed to minimize stagnant water. Mosquitoes are more commonly found in water sources near homes such as: clogged roof gutters, flowerpots and bird baths.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Please report odor problems and visible damage to shoreline or slope
- Report signs of invasive species (for detailed information visit NEWWaterWisconsin.org)
- Report excessive algae growth, which may be caused by nutrients from fertilization practices
- Please do not dump anything into the pond, especially aquatic pets. This is prohibited by your local municipality, State and Federal Government, unless the appropriate permits are obtained.
- **We want all citizens to be aware of the purpose of our storm ponds as an important water treatment facility, and to avoid any activity, use or action in pond areas that negatively impacts this intended function of storm ponds.**

Town Board Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at the Town Hall beginning at 6:30pm. All residents are welcome!

Other Important Town Phone Numbers:

All Emergencies	911
Town Office & After Hours Water & Sewer Utility	920-336-9131
Non-Emergency Police Depart	920-391-7470
Non-Emergency Fire Department	920-336-9131
Animal Control	920-391-7470

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