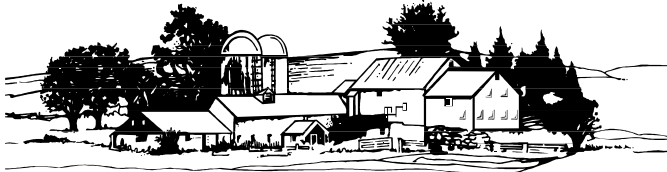


TOWN OF LIMA SHEBOYGAN COUNTY WISCONSIN

2018 NEWSLETTER



ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

Chuck Born, Town Board Chairman

Greetings! I'm Chuck Born, Town Chairman. I live on the northern edge of the Township on my family's home farm. I have lived and farmed here my entire life, and have served the Township in various ways through the years, starting on the Variance Committee, Plan Commission, Board Supervisor and now current Town Chairman. I strongly believe in local government and consider myself and the rest of the Town of Lima Officials as Caretakers of the Township, and we try to leave it a little better than we found it. This year has seen many changes. We have a new Clerk/Treasurer. After many years of trustworthy and reliable service, Teri Stengel decided to retire last year. The Board hired Karen Pohl as Teri's replacement. Karen has experience in Town Government and was Deputy Clerk/Treasurer at the Town of Lyndon. The transition has been truly flawless, and we welcome Karen aboard the team. We thank Teri for her years of service.

We also have a new Building Inspector/Building Permit Agent, Mike Larsen, who assumed these duties from Dan Goodine. We thank Dan for his service to the Town of Lima and wish him well in his new endeavors. Our new Building Inspector/Building Permit Agent, Mike lives on Stardust Lane in Sheboygan Falls, just north of the Town of Lima and his phone #920-627-1725. Things to remember about Building Permits are No.1, PLAN AHEAD! It takes time to get a permit, and if you call for a permit and work is started, you will be charged double! No exceptions! All forms can be downloaded from our website, and Mike will help filling them out.

Speaking of website – we have one! www.townlima.com. It is a one-stop for all phone numbers, ordinances, dog license, building and disposal permit info, etc.

Our big issue is and will continue to be Roads. We are charged with maintaining a safe Transportation system in the Township. One thing that should be noted here is that Town Roads have Names (Miley Rd, Humphrey Rd, Clearview Rd, etc). All other Roads have letters and State Roads have numbers. We are responsible for the Town Roads. We received a boost this year from the County Sales Tax, which was designated for Transportation infrastructure. The Town of Lima was the recipient of about \$37,000 dollars from this, which enabled us to do more work. Miley Road is complete, after 3 years of construction. That was a major project, and it came in way under budget, thanks to working closely with the Sheboygan County Highway Department. Brusse Road will be resurfaced this year and Ourtown Road slated for construction in 2019. We are in the process of cutting trees in the Right-of-Way this winter for safety and to eliminate shading. Speaking of Right-of-Way, we will continue to enforce ROW infringements. Please do not construct things in the Right-of-Way, or fill in the ditches!

Another issue that comes up from time to time is burn barrels, or backyard burning. The Town Board does not want to ban anything, and we believe that fewer laws are better. We do, however, have nuisance laws, and we will enforce them if your neighbors complain. State law states that only wood products can be burned – NO PLASTIC!!

If planning a control burn, please notify the Town Constables and County Sheriff Dispatcher at #920-459-3112.

Why backyard burning is not such a hot idea

by The United States Environmental Protection Agency

Backyard burning occurs when people burn household trash on their own property.

Typical household trash burned consists of items that would typically be sent to a landfill or recycled. This includes

Paper, cardboard, food scraps, plastics, yard trimmings, leaves.

Burning can occur in a burn barrel, usually a 55-gallon drum, a homemade burn box, wood stove, outdoor boiler, or open pit.

In the past, the trash burned by residents, especially those in rural areas, consisted mainly of paper and wood. The makeup of trash has changed within the past 50 years and now includes coated paper, plastics, and other materials manufactured by humans.

What are the health effects of pollutants emitted from backyard burning?

Backyard burning can emit pollutants such as hazardous air pollutants (HAPs), particle pollution, and volatile organic compounds (VOC). These pollutants can contribute to health problems that may affect homeowners, their families, their neighbors, and the community. While state, local, and Tribal regulations limit the amount of backyard burning, dangerous releases of HAPs can occur if a homeowner does not comply with these regulations. Burning trash produces many

pollutants, including:

Dioxins

Dioxins are released when items containing even trace amounts of chlorine are burned. One burn barrel can produce as much or more than a full-scale municipal waste combustor burning 200 tons a day (EPA).

Dioxins are persistent, bioaccumulative toxins (PBTs). They remain in the environment for extended periods of time and increase in concentration as they move up the food chain.

Dioxins enter the food chain by settling out of the air into water and onto vegetation. Since most backyard burning occurs in rural areas, dioxins are consumed by cattle and other animals that are eaten as food.

Dioxins can cause immune system suppression, disruption of hormonal systems, and cancer.

Particle pollution, also known as particulate matter

Particle pollution is released during trash or leaf burning as small bits of ash.

Particle pollution can lodge deep in the lungs and cause respiratory problems, cardiac arrhythmia (heart-beat irregularities), and heart attacks.

Particle pollution can also impact the young, the elderly, and people with existing conditions such as emphysema, bronchitis, and asthma.

Particle pollution can also contain other harmful pollutants such as heavy metals.

Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)

PAHs are found in materials that

do not combust completely.

Some PAHs can cause cancer.

VOC

VOC is released during backyard burning of both leaves and trash.

The chemicals in VOC can form ground-level ozone which can cause breathing difficulties, especially with those who are young, elderly, or have existing respiratory problems such as asthma.

Formaldehyde

Formaldehyde is released when pressed wood products, paints, coatings, siding, urea-formaldehyde foam, and fiberglass insulation are burned.

Exposure to formaldehyde can result in watery eyes, a burning sensation in the eyes and throat, nausea, difficulty in breathing (i.e., coughing, chest tightness, wheezing), and skin rashes.

Prolonged exposure to formaldehyde may cause cancer.

Hexachlorobenzene (HCB)

HCB is produced during the burning of trash and is a highly persistent toxin that degrades slowly in the air. Therefore, it can travel long distances in the atmosphere.

HCB bioaccumulates in fish, marine animals, birds, lichens, and animals that feed on fish and lichens.

Based on animal studies, long-term, low-level exposures to HCB can damage a developing fetus, lead to kidney and liver damage, and cause fatigue and skin irritation.

HCB is a probable human carcinogen.

Hydrochloric acid

Hydrochloric acid is produced when products containing polyvinyl chloride (PVC) are burned.

Hydrochloric acid can cause dermatitis, skin burns, rhinitis, laryngitis, tracheitis, hoarseness, choking, bronchitis, pulmonary edema, cough, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea, dehydration, convulsions, chills, shock, lethargy, stupor, permanent visual damage, and circulatory collapse which may lead to death.

Carbon monoxide

Carbon monoxide is produced when leaves are burned and not completely combusted.

Carbon monoxide can react with sunlight to create ground-level ozone.

Carbon monoxide is absorbed into the bloodstream. It combines with red blood cells and reduces the amount of oxygen the red blood cells can absorb and supply to body tissues.

Unborn children, newborn infants, smokers, the elderly, and persons with heart and chronic lung disease are more susceptible to carbon monoxide exposure than the general population.

Benzo(a)pyrene

Benzo(a)pyrene is emitted when leaves are burned.

Benzo(a)pyrene can cause cancer.

The ash left over from trash burning may also cause health hazards if buried or scattered in a yard or garden.

Heavy metals are often found in

the inks of printed materials.

People can be exposed to heavy metals from ash because plants may take up these metals as they grow in a garden, or these heavy metals may contaminate ground or surface water.

Children are especially susceptible to heavy metals because they play in the dirt and put their unwashed hands in their mouths.

The ash may contain heavy metals such as:

Cadmium

Cadmium can cause lung damage and kidney disease.

Arsenic

Chronic oral exposure to arsenic can cause gastrointestinal problems, anemia, kidney and liver disease, and different types of cancer.

Mercury

Exposure to mercury can result in nervous system and kidney damage as well as developmental damage.

The EPA's Health Effects Notebook has more information on the health effects of mercury.

Chromium

Chromium can impact the respiratory system and may cause some types of cancer.

Instead of burning food scraps, leaves, and other yard waste, develop a compost pile that can turn yard waste into mulch.

Learn more about composting. Consider chipping brush to make mulch or decorative landscape material.

Dispose of allowable waste materials at a licensed landfill or recycling center.



MUNICIPAL CODE 5.01

(3) Accumulation Unlawful.

It shall be unlawful to park, stand, store or accumulate disassembled or inoperable or junked or wrecked motor vehicles, or to park, store, allow to stand or accumulate more than one (1) unlicensed operable motor vehicle by any owner of land or occupant of any land in the Town, except for persons, firms or corporations operating in areas properly zoned.



'NO PARKING' SIGNS Streets in Hingham and Gibbsville

There is, and has been a concern about parking on streets in **Hingham and Gibbsville** during the Snow Plowing season. This was discussed at this year's Town Annual Meeting on April 19th. The Town Board approved the installation of signs which will be posted soon on the streets in these communities. Signage as follows:

'No On-Street Parking from Nov. 1 – April 1 between the hours of 6:00 PM – 6:00 AM'

FIRE PROTECTION

James Heinen, Town Board Supervisor

Town adopts new Emergency Services Ordinance

The Town of Lima along with all the members of the Oostburg Fire Partners has recently adopted a new Ordinance for Emergency Services. The reason for this is that recently there have been many breakthrough technologies in Fire Fighting and in vehicle extraction and excreta. One of these is FST X-tinguisher, it is a onetime grenade like extinguisher that is used to knockdown a fire and this generally will extinguish a normal house fire by itself, which is confined to one or two rooms. Or at the very least it dramatically reduces the water and fire damage to a residence or business, since 70% of the damage is created by water and smoke and not the flames, Insurance Companies see this as a valuable tool. The down side is it is a onetime use and it costs \$600, which Insurance Companies are more than willing to pay, because this significantly reduces the final cost of their claim. It is also a very important tool that lessens putting Fireman in harm's way since they do not need to enter the building to use this, they just throw it into the building thru a window. Prior to us adopting this Ordinance the Township or the Fire Department could not charge for these services. We also would not be able to recover our cost for any major hazardous traffic incidents (clean-up of any gas, oil etc.,) which would require a road drying product. We do not intend to charge for the small traffic incidents which only require a couple bags of the product, but recently had a traffic accident involving a semi-tractor which require over a ton of this product. We did not adopt this Ordinance because we are looking to charge people for any incident; we did this so that we can protect our Fire Departments and you, our tax payers, from having our entire yearly budget destroyed by one major incident that might not even involve any property owners in the Township. We are simply trying to be proactive in providing all of you with the best possible services without putting the Township at risk.

Town adopts new

Emergency Operations Plan

The Town of Lima now has a plan in place in the event of various types of hazards, emergencies or disasters. The intent is to use the Town's facilities, equipment, and manpower in a coordinated, effective manner. This plan was developed in order to maximize the protection of life and property, as well as ensure the continuity of the government of the Town of Lima.

'Town Proclamation'

American Honey Princess of 2018

The Town Board of Supervisors recently proclaimed a Lima resident, Jenny Gross, as the American Honey Princess of 2018. Jenny intends to travel throughout the United States to promote the American beekeeping industry. We congratulate Jenny for her accomplishments and for representing the Town of Lima!

CAMPACTOR STATION / RECYCLING CENTER

Open every Sat. 8-4pm

**Additional Summer hours Wed. 4-8pm from
Memorial Day thru Labor Day- Closed July 4**

Please remember that the following items will not be accepted: Tires; wood/stumps; brush/tree trimmings; refrigerators/freezers; dehumidifiers/humidifiers; asbestos; air conditioners; garden waste/compost material; cars or car engines; dead animals; shingles/roofing materials; and waste oil. All garbage must be separated from recyclable materials and placed in yellow plastic bags or in clear plastic bags if you have a current and valid hang tag disposal permit. Yellow & clear bags are sold at the site and Hang Tags are sold by Town Clerk via mail. **Hang Tag disposal permits expire August 1 each year.**

DOG LICENSES

As has been the case for many years, **all dogs age 5 months/+ must be licensed prior to April 1 each year.** Please license your dog via mail by sending proof of rabies vaccination, a self-addressed stamped envelope, and the fee payable to the Town of Lima, PO Box 225, Waldo, WI 53093-0225.

BUILDING PERMITS

Before Town Building permits are issued for new construction or major remodeling work, applicants must seek preliminary approval from the Sheboygan County Planning and Conservation Department and then come to a Town Plan Commission meeting, which meets on the 4th Monday of every month (except Dec.). The Plan Commission will determine if a permit can be granted. This procedure will also apply to permits for new garages, new outbuildings, remodel projects that change the exterior dimensions (footprint) of a building, or the addition of a new bathroom or bedroom to an existing structure.

Who Checks What?

Sheboygan County Planning & Conservation:

Issues sanitary permits if one is required, checks setbacks from existing septic systems, determines if the County's shoreland floodplain ordinance applies, and if requirements of state administrative code for wastewater treatment systems are satisfied.

Town Plan Commission:

Determines if setbacks comply with town zoning, decides on driveway placement on town roads and checks compliance with all other town zoning regulations. Sheboygan County Highway Department must approve the location of driveway entrances on County roads, but the Town's Ordinance regulates the actual driveway construction.

Town Building Inspector:

Checks remodel/repair and improvement plans for compliance with the State Uniform Dwelling Code. Issues building permits and inspects projects. Provides assistance with the New Home Construction on-line application procedure for ACT-211 compliance. For any building related questions, 1st call the Town Building Inspector, Mike Larsen at (920)627-1725.

Do you need a permit?

Small building projects that have a value of less than \$1,000 or remodeling work that does not change the structure or footprint of a building can be done without a permit. Permits for some smaller projects, such as enlarging a window, paving or blacktopping a driveway may be issued by the Town Inspector without having to attend a Plan Commission meeting. The Town Building Inspector will advise you to seek Plan Commission approval if it is necessary. Decks and patios require pre-approval from the Sheboygan County. It is better to plan ahead and make the extra trip to get County approval rather than find out later that you have encroached on a designated wetland or built too close to a septic system.

ELECTIONS/

NEW ELECTION EQUIPMENT IN 2018

Clear Ballot Group, founded in 2009, out of Boston, MA will bring to the polls a fresh approach in election technology. The ClearVote paper-based voting system which was federally certified in March of this year, was chosen by Sheboygan County to improve the speed and reliability of precinct voting. Sheboygan County will be the 1st in the State of Wisconsin to use ClearVote. Polling location election officials have been trained yet request your patience at the polls in August due to this transition.

How do I register to vote?

Town residents may register on-line at MyVote WI: myvote.wi.gov, or request forms through the Town Clerk, or Town's website.

Registrations can also be performed at the polling place on Election Day. Acceptable proof of residency must be provided for registrations.

How do I vote Absentee?

Town residents who are registered to vote may request an application for an Absentee Ballot through the Town Clerk by postal mail, e-mail or online through MyVote WI. Acceptable photo identification must be provided with the application. Applications must be received by the Clerk no later than 5:00 pm on the Thurs. before the election for a ballot to be sent to you.

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This letter is being sent to all Town of Lima residents and property owners, to inform you of important issues facing our Township and seeking your cooperation where necessary. If you know of anyone in the Town who didn't receive a copy and would like one, have them contact your Town Clerk/Treasurer, Karen Pohl at (920)467-6037 or request by mail: PO Box 225, Waldo, WI 53093-0225. Reply to the Clerk with any name or address correction.

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**Town Board Meetings –
Second Monday of Each Month,
7:30 P.M., Town Hall**

**Planning Commission Meetings -
Fourth Monday of Each Month
7:30 P.M., Town Hall.**

(No meeting in December)

**All meetings are held at the Town of Lima
Hall located at N3689 County Road I,
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085**