



December 2012 Newsletter

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PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD - Meets the second Tuesday of the Month at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION – Meets the last Tuesday of the Month at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.
These are public meetings and everyone is encouraged to attend!

TOWN OFFICE HOURS: Town of Plymouth Office, located in the Plymouth Town Hall, is open Saturdays from 10 am - 12 p.m. and before the regular Town Board meeting held on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30 – 7 p.m. For other times, just contact Sue Douglas, Clerk, at 876-6112.

CURRENT ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

The Town Board has three voting members:

- Town Chairperson:** Lawrence (Larry) Harding Jr. 608-879-2542 townofplymouthchair@gmail.com
- Supervisor:** William (Bill) Orchard, 608-876-6083
- Supervisor:** Sean Snyder, 608-449-5800

Other Town Officials:

- Clerk:** Susan (Sue) Douglas, 608-876-6112 townofplymouth@gmail.com
- Treasurer:** Tippy Phillips, 608-879-9263 treasurertownofplymouth@gmail.com

TOWN INFORMATION AND LEGAL NOTICES

The Town of Plymouth website is the best place to locate information! Meeting notices and agendas, ordinance adoptions, and other important town notices are posted in the following locations:

- *Plymouth Town Hall-parking lot
- *Hanover Post Office
- *Bass Creek Golf Club
- *American Legion, Orfordville
- *Plymouth Sanitary District #1 Office
- *Farmers and Merchants Bank, Orfordville



*Town web site: www.townofplymouthwi.com

Please note: If notice is required to be published in a newspaper, the *Brodhead Independent Register* is used.

2013 TOWN BUDGET: At the November 13, 2012 Town Board meeting which followed the public hearing, the Town Board adopted its budget for 2013 in the amount of \$395,642.00. The Town of Plymouth Levy (General Property Taxes) was set at \$157,982.00.

CURBSIDE TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION UPDATE

Rock Disposal is our service provider for trash and recycling collection. The cost for this service is listed as a special charge on property tax statements for parcels with residences. **TRASH** is collected **weekly on Wednesday** and **RECYCLABLES** are collected **every other week on Wednesday**. Everything should be placed in the carts provided by Rock Disposal. If you need a cart contact, Clerk Sue Douglas or Rock Disposal, 608-365-7625.



TOWN CAUCUS: JANUARY 8, 2013

The caucus method is used by Town of Plymouth for nominating candidates for local offices. These candidates will be placed on the April 2, 2012 Spring Election ballot. Nominations are taken at the caucus for the Town Board: chairperson and 2 supervisors. Candidates for the clerk and treasurer positions are also nominated at the caucus. The caucus is open to the public, but only qualified electors of the Town may nominate candidates and if necessary vote to narrow the field to 2 candidates per position. Any person who is a United States citizen, 18 years of age or older, who has resided within the Town of Plymouth for at least 28 days before the caucus is considered a qualified elector. All residents are encouraged to attend.

THANK YOU

Town of Plymouth is fortunate to have a dedicated team of election workers: Wanda Damrow, Duffy West, Betty Mattison, Dorothy Benedict, Jodi Akey, Kathy Schroeder, and Kathy LaBarre. They provided excellent service to Town residents during the busy 2012 election year.

2013 ELECTIONS

February 19, 2013	Spring Primary
April 2, 2013	Spring Election

ANNUAL TOWN OF PLYMOUTH MEETING: April 16,

2013: On Tuesday, April 16th at 7 pm, the Town will have its Annual Meeting. This meeting provides an opportunity for Town of Plymouth residents to express their views, ask questions, and make decisions per State Statutes. **All residents are encouraged to attend.**

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD: Meets the second Tuesday



of the Month at 7 p.m. at Town Hall
The Town Board serves as the community's legislative body. **The Plymouth Town Board has three voting members: chairperson and**

two supervisors. The clerk and treasurer also attend the Board meetings but are non-voting members. Each meeting provides an opportunity for public comments, questions, and suggestions. ***This is a public meeting and everyone is encouraged to attend!***

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION: Meets the last Tuesday of the Month at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

The function and duty of the Planning and Zoning Commission is to review all plat, subdivision and zoning changes and forward said recommendations to the Town Board. The Commission also approves Conditional Use Permits.

Planning and Zoning Chairperson, Brad Inman, 608-879-2106.

Planning and Zoning Members: Tracey Snyder, 608-449-5801, Brian Schlarb, 608-290-6411, James (Jim) Lyga, 608-879-2676 and Lee Schroeder, 608-751-4984

ZONING, VARIANCES, AND CONDITIONAL USE

REQUESTS: Contact Planning and Zoning Chairperson, Brad Inman, 608-879-2106 if you are considering rezoning a parcel, requesting a variance from an ordinance or requesting a conditional use permit. Application form information and all forms are available on the Town's website and at the Town Office.

LIQOUR AND OPERATOR (BARTENDER) LICENSES:

Contact Clerk Sue Douglas for applications.

BUILDING PERMITS: Building permits are required for new construction and projects that involve structure changes, installing or relocating plumbing, electrical, heating and venting or air conditioning equipment. Additions, alterations or structural repairs to buildings also require a permit as does installation or upgrading of driveways. All permits are issued by Town of Plymouth Building Inspector, Chris Dodge. **Contact Building Inspector Chris Dodge at 608-756-3154.**

ASSESSMENTS: Town assessor, Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc., holds an **Open Book Session** every year in late spring. This is the best opportunity for the property owner to review his/her assessment, check for errors, compare assessments and request changes by providing evidence for the change request. If you are not satisfied with the assessment after attending the Open Book, you may request to appear at the **Board of Review** which is held after the assessment roll is completed. **For assessment information, contact Paul Mael at Associated Appraisal Consultants, 800-721-4157.**

STRAY DOGS: If you find a stray dog check to see if it has a tag and contact the owner yourself. If the stray has a dog tag, the Town of Plymouth Treasurer, Tippy Phillips, can assist in identifying the owner. If unable to identify the owner due to missing tags, contact Supervisor Sean Snyder, the Town's ordinance officer. **Please license your dog to help us provide the best service to the community, you and your dog.**

Annual Dog License Application is included with this newsletter. All dogs over 5 months of age must be licensed each year by April 1st.



INVASIVE WEEDS: State Law requires property owners to destroy all invasive and noxious weeds on their property.

Property owners are encouraged to identify and control weeds before they flower and seed.

BURNING: Town of Plymouth Ordinance 1996-1 regulates burning in the Town of Plymouth and adopts the Burning Permit Guidelines of the Orfordville Fire Protection District. Contact the Orfordville Fire Department at 879-2122 for clarification on what can be burned and when you plan to burn.

ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY: Property owners need to be aware that per the Town of Plymouth Zoning Ordinance all local roads shall have a minimum setback of 85 feet from the centerline or 50 feet from the right-of-way line, whichever is greater. Minimum road right-of-way shall be 70 feet. Trees, brush, crops, etc, should not be in the right-of-way as they can cause visual impediments to vehicles and/or drainage problems.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION: When registering your vehicles with the WI Dept. of Motor Vehicles, make sure you indicate that the vehicle is kept in the Town of Plymouth **NOT** per your mailing address of Beloit, Hanover, Janesville, Orfordville, etc. This information affects Town revenues and taxes!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 8, 2013 Town Caucus, 7 p.m.
- January 8, 2013 Town Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- January 29, 2013 Planning & Zoning Meeting, 7 p.m.
- February 12, 2013 Town Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- March 12, 2013 Town Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- April 16, 2012 Annual Town of Plymouth Meeting**

HOW TO CONTACT US

- ***TOWN WEBSITE:** www.townofplymouthwi.com
- *Send an email to: townofplymouth@gmail.com
- *Call the Town Hall Office at **879-4012**
- *Call the Town Clerk, Sue Douglas, at **876-6112.**
- *Attend Town Board and Planning & Zoning meetings

Newsletter prepared by Sue Douglas, Clerk on 12/1/2012