

TOWN OF NEW DENMARK

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2009

New Members to the Town Board

At the Spring General Election, the residents elected one new supervisor and a new Chairman to serve two year terms on the Town Board. William Krueger defeated incumbent, Gary T. Moore and Matthew Goetsch received the highest number of votes to claim one of the two supervisor seats. Francis Rabas reclaimed the second supervisor position. Steve Olsen received the highest number of votes for constable which was vacated after Charles Winnekens did not seek re-election.

With a number of contested races at the local level, we had a record turn out and the Town was awarded the "Project VOTE Municipal Voter Challenge" trophy with 53.9% of our registered voters casting their ballot. The trophy will be on display at the Town Hall until the next election. Thank you to the residents who voted April 7th and those who ran as candidates.

Town Board Identification Cards

Following the Spring election, a few residents inquired if the Town Board could be issued Photo Identification Cards to use when conducting official Town business and to use during the campaign process. At the June meeting, the Board approved this request. A special thank you to Jeff Kralovetz for his assistance in putting these cards together and for the courtesy of the professional photographs. In addition, residents who file Declaration of Candidacy papers to run as a candidate in future elections will be issued an Identification Card to use when campaigning.

Forms Now Available at the
Town website:

www.townofnewdenmark.com

Building/Construction Forms:

- * Informational Building Form
(No fee required)
- * Driveway & Culvert Permit
(\$25.00 fee required)

Please include a drawing of the proposed construction project and include the appropriate setbacks from the property lines.

- * Dog License Application
- * Application for Operator License
(Bartender License - \$8.00 fee)

Voting Forms:

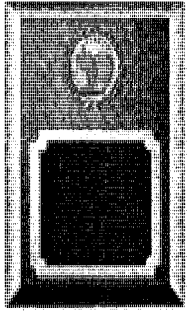
- * Applications for Absentee Ballot
(EB-121)
- * Voter Registration Application
(EB-131)

Zoning and Variance Requests:

A \$275.00 fee is required when submitting a re-zoning or variance application along with a map which depicts the proposed zoning change.

- * Rezoning Application Form
- * Variance Application Form

Recognition of past Town Board Members



In recognition of past years of service, a special award will be presented to Dick Bradley at the October Town Board Meeting for his 28 years of service as Supervisor for the Town of New Denmark. The Town has accomplished many important undertakings in the last few years such as a total re-evaluation, the adoption of a Smart Growth Plan, a new Code of Ordinances, an updated Town zoning map and webpage. As a Town official, I feel it is a pleasure to serve the residents of New Denmark but those duties also require a serious commitment and a cooperative effort between the Town Board and all the committee members to accomplish such tasks. With that said, I wish to extend a thank you to Dick Bradley for his service to our Town and acknowledge the many accomplishments the past Town Board undertook during their tenure.

Road Projects for 2009

Listed below are a few of the road projects that are in the works and residents should expect possible road closures or delays:

- Park Road Closure. Replacement of the bridge has commenced and a portion of Park Road will be closed until early October.
- Reconstruction of culverts on Ronk Road.
- Replacement of two culverts on Langes Corner Road / Koenig.
- Chip and sealing on Cooperstown Road from NN east to Kvitek Road.
- Resurfacing on Pine Grove Road east from Cty Hwy T to Hidden Acres Lane to commence in early September.
- Ditching and grading on Podlasik Lane.

Notary Public Service Free of Charge:

As a reminder to the residents of New Denmark, I will provide free notary public services at my residence, the Town Hall or if you are restricted to your home, I will come to your residence to notarize documents. Please call (863-5523) or email me if you are in need of this service.

Michelle Wallerius, Clerk

I would like to thank all of you for the support you gave me this past Spring election when I was running for Town of New Denmark Assessor.

It was my pleasure to meet so many neighbors during the campaign. Thanks also to the many friends and supporters who allowed me to place my election signs on their lawn.

Thanks again and enjoy the rest of the summer months.

Michael Gaworek
4808 Denmark Road

Authorized and paid for by Michael Gaworek

Landowner's Beware - the invasive Phragmites has made its way to New Denmark

At the July monthly meeting, Assessor Gary Taicher brought to the Town Board's attention a very concerning invasive grass which has been spotted in various locations throughout the Town of New Denmark. Phragmites is a common reed grass that can grow 13 ft tall, with large coarse stems and plum like flowers. It thrives (and flourishes) in wetlands, marshes, pond edges, creeks and ditches, which makes New Denmark an ideal location for this specie to flourish and spread throughout the Neshota River valley and adjacent waterways and wetlands.

Phragmites has little if no value to wildlife and significantly reduces the diversity of plant and wildlife species once it takes hold. It is also quick to take over once water levels recede and difficult to kill once it takes hold. To identify Phragmites, all one has to do is drive along Highway 43 near the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary and you will immediately become familiar with this species.

Phragmites is being brought to the Board's attention in an attempt to educate land owners about the potential liability this plant may have to your property and to offer information on how to eliminate this grass. If residents work cooperatively, we can prevent further spreading and hopefully eliminate Phragmites from our Town.

Treatment: Phragmites can be controlled through mechanical methods such as mowing or flooding however, the most effective treatment is often the spraying of herbicides such as Rodeo, Aquaneat & Aquastar (if used in or near the water) or Roundup (if being applied away from the water). The herbicide must include a nonionic surfactant which allows it to adhere to the plants leaves, stalks and rhizomes for effective control. Phragmites can be treated successfully when plants are actively growing and are mid- to full-bloom (which is typically late July through October, but before a killing frost). The herbicide should be applied at a higher concentration than typical herbicides (for example at a rate of 4-6 pints per acre). Be sure to follow the dilution and surfactant rates prescribed on the label to achieve maximum effectiveness. Enough herbicide should be applied to wet the plant but avoid runoff. Phragmites will die within 6-8 weeks of treatment. Dead Phragmites cane should be left on site to prevent further spreading of the seed. In a heavily infested area, some re-growth may occur. For best results, the same area should be sprayed in two successive years, and then spot treated in the succeeding year to prevent reestablishment. Roundup and Rodeo can be purchased at the Denmark Co-op Services and they can provide assistance with the correct concentration ratio.

As property owners, if everyone takes an active approach to preventing the invasion of Phragmites on their property now, we will make huge strides in preventing the spread of Phragmites into the Neshota River valley and the surrounding waterways for future generations. (Please see the photograph on the next page to help identify Phragmites)



Town Board Actions

The following are **only highlights** of actions and discussions at the monthly Town Board meetings. For detailed Minutes please visit, www.townofnewdenmark.com.

APRIL 2009	MAY 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 2 yr extension granted to N. Hansen to build a single family home on ND-429-1. * \$300 donation for maintenance of Denmark Ball Diamond. * Nominate & approve: F. Rabas, N. Hansen (2 yr term); S. Olsen & K. Janssen (1 yr term), Wm Krueger as Chair (1 yr), & M. Calewarts (alternate) to the Plan Com. MC * Nominate & approve: M. Schultz & J. Champeau (3 yr terms) & J. Wavrunek (1 yr) to Appeals Com. MC * Resolution to widen Old Settler's Road to 70 ft. MC * Br County will pick-up animal carcasses along right-of-way, notify Bd official of animal location. * Culvert to be replaced on Kaminski Lane. * Review and approve 2009/2010 Fire Contract. MC * Review and approve 2009/2010 contact from Cty Rescue/Viking Rescue. Rate per resident: \$9.67 MC * Approved Information Building Permits for: D. Hertel (ND-426-1) replacement of existing shed; J. Lau: 5594 Cty T to construct solar array; D. Bierke (ND-156-1) single family home and storage shed; D. Schlies: 5361 Maribel Rd – deck addition; F. Phelps (ND-721 – Lot 1) – single family home; R. Collins: 4879 Cooperstown Rd – detached storage shed. MC * Town to receive \$2,410.80 for 2009 Recycling Grant. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Bids to be requested for repairs to Town Hall entrances. * A. Petersen Lane to be left as is. No road improvement anticipated by Town. * Request Town Bd be issued photo ID cards when conducting official business and during campaign season. Clerk to obtain cost estimate. * Buildability of ND-100 (Old Pine Grove School property) tabled indefinitely until property owners report back to Bd about obtaining add'l property from adjacent land owners to avoid non-conforming parcel. * Review W. Town Hall Bridge options. Cul-du-sac exceeds cost to replace bridge. Motion to proceed with Phase II. MC * Bids to be solicited for ditching on Podlasik Lane. * Trees to be marked & cut from right-of-way. Neighboring residents to be notified by ltr w/ right to remove and keep firewood or Town will cut w/in 60 days. * Motion to solicit bids to replace/repair culverts on Kaminski Lane, Ronk Road and Langes Corner/Koenig. * Expenses incurred to repair Town tractor/mower were from standard wear and tear and invoice to be paid. In future, repairs to be run through Bd for approval. * Ad to be placed for grass cutting w/ Town tractor. Drug/alcohol screening to be required. * Discussion re: street addresses for Hyduke Lane. * Approved Information Building Permits for T. Janssen 6330 to construct 20x24 detached garage; M. Schroeder (ND-686-2) for electrical hookup; M. Sipple (ND-147 for two story addition to existing home; C. Paider (ND-238) for front/back porch addition. Denied Variance to be requested for front porch; J. VanderKinter of (ND-86-2) for single family home. Culvert permit for T. O'Brien.

JUNE 2009	JULY 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * K. Janssen requests Bd meeting be conducted by Robert's Rules of Order and by State statute. * Repairs made to main entrance of Town Hall. * Photo ID card cost estimate received \$4 per card. * Resolution to affirm spelling of Hyduke Lane. MC * Class B Beer & Liquor licenses issued to Wise Guys, Basil's II, 20th Century. Temporary license issued to Twin Oaks and Circle Tap to review sales from a beer cart/beer tent. * Steve's Cheese Road Bridge to be closed or weight limits posted until repairs can be made. * Review of North Ave. safety study. Cedars to be trimmed. Ltr to R. Rupp to cut w/in 60 days. * Bids reviewed from Kropp for Podlasik, Kaminski, Ronk and Langes Corners/Koenig. Request to solicit bids from Bielinski and County for cost comparison. Approve bid for Kaminski and Denmark due to priority of projects. * Ltr to property owner (ND-275) to remove illegal driveway or install culvert w/in 60 days. * Town Bd to tour roads and review list of trees to be cut on June 22 at 5:30 p.m. * 3 applications received for grass cutting. Lowest bid of \$11.75 an hr. accepted. To review work product after first cutting. * Chapter 1 of Code of Ordinance repealed and revised Chapter adopted to reflect Clerk, Treasurer and Assessor are elected officials not appointed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Class B Beer & Liquor license granted to Twin Oaks and Circle Tap. Requirement to sell from beer cart and tent to be included with license. * Property values may have fallen slightly due to downturn of economy. Sales in New Denmark have compared well to their assessed value, unlike some municipalities. * Zoning Code to be updated to incorporate statutory change to remove/appoint new members to the Plan Commission and Appeal Committee. Names of volunteers wishing to serve as an alternate for either committee being accepted. * Phase II of W. Town Hall Bridge almost completed. Bids for construction to be solicited this fall. * Motion to accept County's bid to replace Steve's Cheese Road Bridge. MC * List of town roads that fall into private driveway category to be vacated. Finalize list and notice of hrg to be set. * Podlasik Lane to be ditched on west side only. Bielinski's bids for all six projects accepted. MC * Information Building Permits accepted for J. Lane: ND-550-1 to construct 20x20 shed. K&L Associates (3) permits tabled for drawings/setbacks. R. Kropp approved for 24x30 additional to shop; D. Nowak permit tabled for drawing/setbacks. B. Christman approved for 2nd story remodel. D. Sorenson permit tabled to clarify maximum allowable set back from road for new construction. W. Hyduke approved for solar array; K. VandenElzen to construct a 90x120 riding stable. Tabled as to setbacks. 2 culvert permits approved for D. Schlies on Old Settler's Rd, Culvert permit for K&L approved for Cty Hwy R.



Tribute to our Local Veterans

I have begun putting together a list of names of residents that have served in the Korean War, Vietnam War, Desert Storm, Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom) and Iraqi Freedom wars. Those names are currently available for review on online at the Town website. I will also be attempting to locate more names through the Denmark VFW Post and the local American Legion. If you or a family member served or are presently serving in the above listed wars, please email me individual names at michwallerius@gmail.com or call me at 863-5523. I am also still looking for a volunteer who could assist with the calligraphy of the names. My goal is to have the new plaque on display at the Town Hall on *Veterans Day – November 11th*.

Online? Sign up for the Newsletter by email
 To help reduce the cost of mailings or to receive the monthly agendas and notices of upcoming meetings, please contact me at michwallerius@gmail.com

THANK YOU~ I wish to extend a thank you to the residents of New Denmark for trusting me in service of the Town for the past 28 years.

Respectfully submitted,
 Dick Bradley

Authorized and paid for by Richard Bradley

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The Town Board meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Residents are invited to attend these public meetings and may place items on the agenda by calling the Town Chairman. Notice of hearings and agendas are posted at the Town Hall, Denmark State Bank and M&I Bank.

The Plan Commission and Variance Committee will meet as zoning issues arise. Notice of hearings will be published in the Green Bay Press Gazette.

The goal of this newsletter is to promote resident awareness and involvement in town government and community affairs.

If you have any criticisms, comments, requests or suggestions, please contact Michelle Wallerius at 863-5523 or at michwallerius@gmail.com

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