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Reflections of the past.....Visions of the
 future...Imagine Change

Hello..... from Town Chair Mark Geller.

After a few months as Chair of the Town's Board of Supervisors, I wanted to reach out to you and share my vision for the Town of Verona.

First let me start by telling you that I have lived in the Town for 28 years, and I'm very proud to be a town resident. While my surroundings have changed with the addition of Epic (which owns land on three sides of my home), I still see the town as a community that's here to stay for the foreseeable future. That was solidified when the Town/City consolidation failed, and now the Town needs to focus on building its own future. Part of that new future is the construction of a new town hall and garage.

As many of you know, the town purchased 7685 County Highway PD in December of 2014. Over the past six months, we have been working on design options and cleaning up the site. Along the way, people have asked a few questions that I'd like to take this chance to answer:

Why build a new town hall and garage at all?

The current town hall building and site are in need of major repairs. While those could be made, the space is tight both inside and on the site. In addition, town hall is completely surrounded by the City of Verona.

Why not just renovate the existing town hall and garage?

In 2011, the Town hired a consulting firm to look at options for the current site. Renovation cost ranged from \$820,000 to \$1,150,000. The Board decided investing money in the existing 1.3 acre site was not prudent.

When was the decision made to build a new town hall?

The Town Board started putting money aside for a new town hall (or a major renovation of the existing one) in 2000. Money has been set aside consistently since then. In 2009 the Town attempted to buy a new site, but was outbid. In 2014, electors authorized the Board to purchase property at 7685 County Highway PD.

How has the public been involved in the decisions?

All budget meetings, annual meetings, and town board meetings where the concept of a new town hall has been discussed have been open to the public and advertised. In addition, multiple articles about the idea of building a new town hall have appeared in the Verona Press. In February 2015, a meeting was held to discuss initial concepts. In April 2015, a community survey was developed. The Town Board and staff will continue to keep people informed throughout the planning process.

Why was the site on CTH PD chosen?

The site was in foreclosure, so the town was able to purchase it and avoid it being purchased by someone with unknown intentions. It's also on a major road making it a highly visible and easily accessible site. The site is close to trails and recreation and is a beautiful piece of land.

What will this do to my taxes?

So far the purchase of the land and planning has had no impact on taxes. The land was purchased with cash saved over the last fifteen years. Design services have been donated. The Town plans to sell excess land to cover the majority of the building costs.

In the coming months the Town will be doing more outreach. I hope you'll choose to be involved. One of the best ways to stay informed is to sign up for the town email list by going to www.town.verona.wi.us and self-subscribe to the list by clicking on the subscription page. You can also contact me with questions at mgeller@town.verona.wi.us.

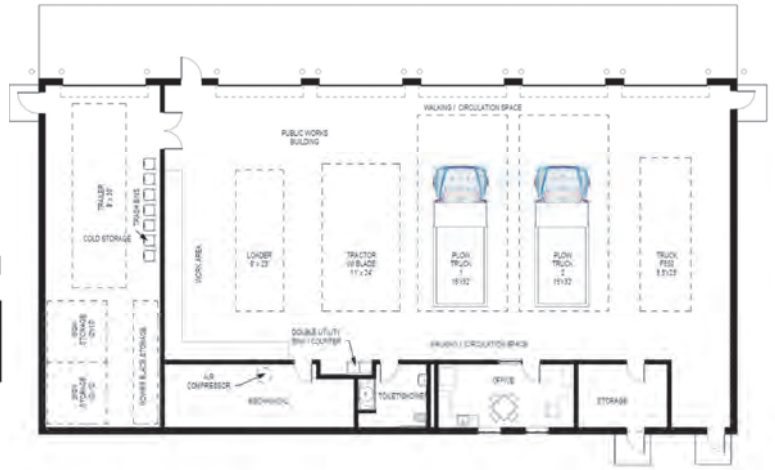
New Town Hall and Maintenance Garage Site Plans - 7685 CTH PD Verona, WI



New TOWN HALL - North View and Floor Plan



New MAINTENANCE Garage - North View and Floor Plan



Community Meeting Date: Join us on **September 15, 2015 @ 7:00pm** for a meeting to discuss the latest plans, cost estimates, and plans for the sale of the excess land. The sale of the land is expected to offset the cost of construction, and a motion will sought to authorize that expenditure. *(Early arrival suggested for immediate seating.)*

Farm Structures for Sale

To get the new town hall and garage site ready for construction, the town will take offers on the buildings and a few items located at 7685 CTH PD. **The buildings may be inspected on August 22, between 8am and 11am.**

Sealed offers will be taken over the following week and opened on Monday - August 31, 2015 at 1:00pm.

Bidders will be required to carry insurance, hold the Town harmless, take the entire structure and its contents and **remove the buildings by Wednesday - September 30, 2015.**

The structures include:

- Bldg #1 86 X 110 Shed (includes radiant heat duct work)
- Bldg #2 40 X 60 Shed
- Bldg #3 30 X 60 Shed w/15 Horse stalls
- Bldg #4 36 X 80 Barn w/15 Horse stalls
- Bldg #5 150 X 60 Riding Arena
- Bldg #6 15 X 30 Run-In-Shed
- Bldg #7 15 X 30 Run-In-Shed
- Bldg #8 15 X 60 Run-In-Shed
- Fanning Mill for cleaning oats.
- Corn Crib
- Fencing

To get more information on any of the structures, please contact Tammy Dresser at 608-845-7187. You may also go to the Town of Verona website and find pictures for more detailed information.



**Deals this Good,
Don't Last
Forever!**

Burning Regulations - Burning of yard waste still allowed. New fire ordinance adopted. You are asked to get a DNR permit for open burning.

As people clean up their yards, we here at Town Hall get calls about burning, both from people who want to burn yard waste and those that are negatively impacted by it.

This year answering those questions and concerns is a little more complex because the Town just adopted a new fire ordinance this year. You can find the whole text of the ordinance at: <http://www.town.verona.wi.us/images-docs/2012/02/CHAPTER-3-Fire-Safety.pdf>.

Burning of yard waste is still allowed. "No person may burn any trash, garbage, plastics, shingles, foam, furniture, wire, metal, aluminum, vinyl products, rubber



products or any other waste within the Town, except for dry paper and dry, untreated, natural wood. Burning of the following items is allowed: brush, leaves, needles, grass, clean wood, unrecyclable paper, and unrecyclable cardboard."

You are asked to get a DNR permit for open burning – "Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) permits are required for the burning of vegetative debris. DNR annual burning permits are available at no cost and are issued for burning on the ground and in barrels.

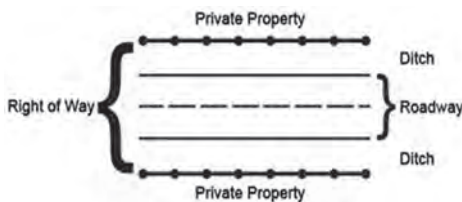
The permits are good for a calendar year and are non-transferable."

You can get a DNR permit at no cost by going to <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestfire/restrictions.html>. It literally takes less than a minute to do. By getting a DNR permit, you can check the fire danger and get basic safety instructions.

The Town of Verona Board of Supervisors has felt strongly about allowing burning in the township, particularly since the Town does not provide any composting or chipping of yard waste.

However, please be considerate of your neighbors when you burn. Use caution and consideration as your neighbors should not be subjected to constant exposure to smoke.

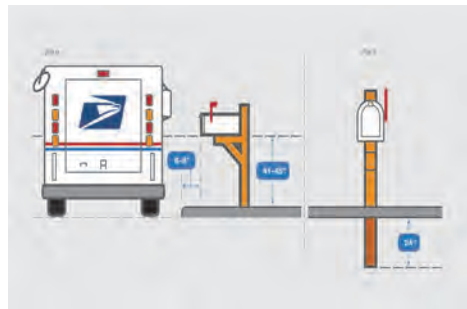
Many people are susceptible to smoke irritation and may want to open their windows or screen doors or enjoy the outdoors now that the warmer weather is here.



The Town Right-Of-Way needs your respect. A "right-of-way" is a type of easement owned by the public that extends beyond the centerline of a public road, typically 66' in total width or 33' from the centerline of the road. The Town has the responsibility established by several state statutes to maintain and manage the right-of-way. The Town's oversight is designed to :

- Allow for the cutting of vegetation to ensure that roads are safe.
- Allow for the placement of utilities within the right-of-way.
- Allow for appropriate road design.

- In addition, the right-of-way provides space for drainage, snow storage and signs.



Please maintain your Mailboxes and Fire Numbers. The Town mows the right-of-way and trims back trees. It is your responsibility to maintain your mailbox and fire number placards and poles. Rotten mailbox poles are frequently broken when snow flies off the snow plows. Please take the time this fall to make sure your mailbox is sturdy.

Please keep the right-of-way free of obstructions. Walls, large plantings or

ill placed trees can be dangerous situations and can be accidentally damaged during routine right-of-way maintenance. In fact, the Town can require the removal of "encroachments" in the right-of-way.

Please contact the Town Hall office for more information if your or a contracting company needs to do work in the right-of-way. A permit to work in the road right-of-way is required.

Please respect the Town's need to cut back trees and brush. This fall you may see Town crew's cutting back trees and brush along the right-of-way. This is done to make sure a driver's view is not blocked and to allow sunlight on to the road to melt ice and snow. It also helps prevent trees and branches from falling into the road during storms.

As you may know, the Town of Verona contracts for



Meals on Wheels and other services for Seniors through the Sugar River Senior Center in Belleville.

In addition to coordinating Meals on Wheels, the Sugar River Senior Center provides lunches on site at St. Mary's Church Hall (227 Fredrick Street in Belleville) on Mondays and Fridays. They are now providing bus service thru Verona to take people there for Monday lunches.

If you or a family member is interested in taking a short bus ride to have a good meal and some nice conversation, please call 608-424-6007 to make a reservation.

We are always in need of volunteers to deliver meals in Verona. If that's something you think you could take on, once or twice a month, please contact Amanda Peterson, the Director of the Sugar River Senior Center at 608-424-6007 or srseniorcenter@outlook.com.



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Town Topics Newsletter

This Town Topics Newsletter is the last newsletter mailed to Town of Verona property owners.

Starting with the December 2015 edition the Town Topics will be sent **electronically** to Town of Verona property owners who have an e-mail address on record at the Town of Verona office. **Only those who do not have e-mail and notify the Town of Verona will continue to get the Town Topics in paper format, by request.**

You will now be able to see the Town Topics in color and print the entire newsletter if you so chose, or just the necessary information you need. What an advantage to have this available at all times on our web page too, so that if you were like us and sometimes "misplaced" an issue, you

can go to the web page and have the information you need!!

This change will save some dollars for the Town of Verona and we want to be sure everyone gets their newsletter on time and without problems.

Contact Tammy Dresser at 608-845-7187 or email tdresser@town.verona.wi.us if you have any problems or if you change your e-mail address.

Thanks to Amanda Arnold and John Wright for all their work with me to make this idea of sending the "Town Topics" electronically a reality.

Tammy Dresser

To sign up for our e-newsletter, go to the Town's website www.town.verona.wi.us

and self-subscribe to the list by clicking on the subscription page. This will allow Town citizens to obtain electronic Town of Verona e-newsletters, meeting agendas and other matters as they pertain to Town government.

Town Board meetings. Regular Town Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Notification of meetings is published in the Verona Press. (The Town's official newspaper as designated by the Town Board.) Paper copies of the agendas are posted at the Town Hall and at Miller and Son's Supermarket and are also available on the Town's web site. The Town's website also is updated frequently with meeting agendas, minutes and town news.