

### IMPORTANT TAXPAYER NOTICE

Payment of Taxes (First Installment) Due Date January 31, 2024

\*\* All Taxpayers please provide/include a copy of your tax bill or payment stub with your check. \*\*

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# <u>PAYMENT OPTIONS</u> – Please include the remittance portion of your tax bill for all payments. Make check payable to: TOWN OF VERONA

TO RECEIVE A RECEIPT: Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope along with the remittance portion of your tax bill and payment. E-Receipts are available online through the Access Dane website. Payments made to the Town are updated on Access Dane two times: mid-January and mid-February.

**ESCROW CHECKS:** If paying with an escrow check, please make sure you have properly endorsed the check before submittal. The Town will not endorse an escrow check back to the taxpayer.

<u>IN PERSON</u>: 8 am-2 pm Weekdays. Please bring your tax bill. Credit card and electronic payments are accepted with a fee. If paying in <u>cash</u>, please bring the <u>exact</u> amount of the First Installment or the total amount due.

**DROP BOX:** A locked drop box is located in the Town Hall vestibule on the right hand side of the wall. It is accessible 24 hours/day.

Payments dropped off or postmarked by December 31st will be marked as paid in 2023.

#### \$25.00 CHECK DEPOSIT RETURN FEE:

This fee will be applied to any returned checks.

<u>DELINQUENT PAYMENTS</u>: If taxes are paid after the due date, penalties and interest will be due on the unpaid portion. Interest is applied starting February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact the Dane County Treasurer for more information at 608-266-4151.

#### **TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED:**

Monday, December 25, 2023
Tuesday, December 26, 2023
Monday, January 1, 2024 New Year's Day
Monday, January 15, 2024 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

#### **TAX BILL INFORMATION:**

Available online at Access Dane to view and print.

#### **LOTTERY / FIRST DOLLAR CREDIT INFO:**

Real Estate Lottery Credit \$372.04 Maximum First Dollar Credit \$99.95

The Lottery Credit applies to real estate occupied by the owner as their primary residence on January 1, 2023; the First Dollar Credit applies to all real estate parcels that have an improvement value. For those parcels that are eligible and do not show a credit, please stop in at the Town office prior to making payment. Taxpayers must sign a claim form (LC-100 or LC-110) to enable a reduction on your tax bill. The form must be received by January 31, 2023; postmark dates **do not** count for lottery credits.

#### 2024 SPECIAL CHARGES (Included on your tax bill):

Trash/Recycling Service per unit \$156.00
Private Septic Maintenance \$9.54

Annual Sewer Charge \$505.00 (Single Family Home – Goose Lake and Hillside Heights areas.)

## THE 2023 PAY 2024 VALUATION, LEVY AMOUNTS BY DISTRICT, SCHOOL TAX CREDIT, AND MILL RATES:

The final equalized valuation total of real and personal property in the Town is \$419,254,000. The total mill rate of \$18.02 is per thousand dollars of valuation. (The 2022 pay 2023 mill rate was \$17.13). The town's portion of the mill rate is \$3.27.

Taxing Jurisdiction	Levy	2023 pay 2024 Mill Rate
Dane County	\$1,518,136.19	0.003621042
Local (Town Share)	\$1,371,568.00	0.003271449
Verona School District	\$5,398,823.35	0.012877214
Madison Technical College	\$321,714.40	0.000767350
School Tax Credit	(\$1,054,324.86)	(0.001978141)
Net	\$7,555,917.08	0.018022290
Assessment Ratio is 86.24% of Fair Market Value		Total: \$18.02

#### **TOWN CHAIR MARK GELLER: 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW**



As we approach 2024, I am proud to report the Town of Verona continues to fulfill its vision to be an independent, financially sustainable, safe, and healthy rural community. The Town's population is growing at a sustainable rate and we continue to welcome new residents who enjoy the

benefits of living in our rural community.

This year we refined Land Division and Development Ordinance to prioritize Conservation Subdivision Design in the Town. In addition to our Comprehensive Plan, this helps to ensure our thoughtful growth pattern continues in a way that maintains the rural character of the Township.

We continue to improve and preserve our 40 miles of Town roads. We recondition ~4 miles of road per year so that every 10 years we revisit our residents' roadways. We also save for additional vehicle purchases including those for Public Works, EMS and Fire, all without borrowing, and while seeing our mill rate drop and the Town remain debt-free.

The Town's Utility District continues to be upgraded as we work with MMSD to update and reroute sewer lines for our Goose Lake neighborhood. Our efforts to address the water level fluctuations of Goose Lake have gained momentum through our receipt of grant money and with intergovernmental agreements with the City of Fitchburg. We continue to work with Fitchburg to jointly improve and maintain Fitchrona Road.

In my 9th year as Town Chair, I continue to be so very proud of our Town staff, Board Supervisors and Committee volunteers, and most importantly, our residents, who value our Town of Verona and its vision.



<u>ELECTIONS</u>: 2024 election dates are listed below. If you need to register to vote, change your address, or request an absentee ballot, you can utilize My Vote Wisconsin.

February 20, 2024 Spring Primary (if required)

April 2, 2024 Spring Election
August 13, 2024 Primary Election
November 5, 2024 General Election

**2024 ROAD PROJECTS:** The following roads are slated for various improvements in the upcoming year: Sunset Drive, Range Trail, Davis Hills Drive and Shady Bend Road. Additional details will be forthcoming.

**SENIOR SERVICES:** The Town provides services for older adults ages 55+ including daily activities and programs, on-site case management, on-site and home-delivered meals. Transportation service is available for seniors 60+ and people with disabilities. The Verona Senior Center is open Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. If you or someone you know requires assistance, please call Julie Larson, Lead Case Manager, at 608-848-0440.

SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY UPDATES: To receive electronic Town updates, self-subscribe to items of interest by clicking on the Alerts & Notifications button on the Town website homepage sidebar. Weekly updates, meeting minutes and agendas, and other matters pertaining to Town government are available.

#### **2024 PELLITTERI TRASH AND RECYLCING CALENDAR:**

The calendar is available on the Town of Verona website. There will be no change to the current collection schedule.

2024 DOG LICENSES: Dog licenses are available in December during tax collection. The deadline to obtain a dog license is March 31, 2024. After that date, a \$5.00 late fee will be applied. Proof of rabies vaccination information is required before a license can be issued. The application is available on the Town website. If mailing your application and payment, please provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope and proof of rabies vaccination to receive your dog license (s).

#### **TOWN OF VERONA BURNING PERMIT**

**REQUIRED:** Call 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) or complete an <u>application</u> on the WI DNR website. Please check the daily burning restrictions online as well as reviewing basic safety instructions. If your burn will produce significant smoke, please call the Verona Fire Department non-emergency number at 608-845-9401.