



The Village of Minong Newsletter



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TRAFFIC SAFETY AT THE INTERSECTION OF HWY 53/77
MINONG

JULY 21 - JULY 23

The Minong Area Chamber of Commerce presents Minong Summer Days! The event runs from July 21st to July 23rd. To find out more information, or a schedule of events you can contact Tracy Elkins at: 715-466-1017 or by email at: minongareachamber@gmail.com. Or visit www.minongchamber.com and click on the Links tab at villageofminong.org then click Minong Chamber of Commerce. Come and enjoy music, family activities, a softball tournament and more!

AUGUST 11 - AUGUST 12

Jack Link Snack Foods presents the Northwoods Music Festival 2017. This musical event is two exciting days from August 11th –12th. Tickets and music line up information can be found at: www.northwoodsfestival.com. The festival is offering a camping site this year for those that want to camp out for two days rather than drive. One day, two day, and VIP tickets are again offered through the festival website or through authorized ticket outlets. Be sure to go to their website for prices and ticket information. If you plan on camping a two day pass is required with wristband.

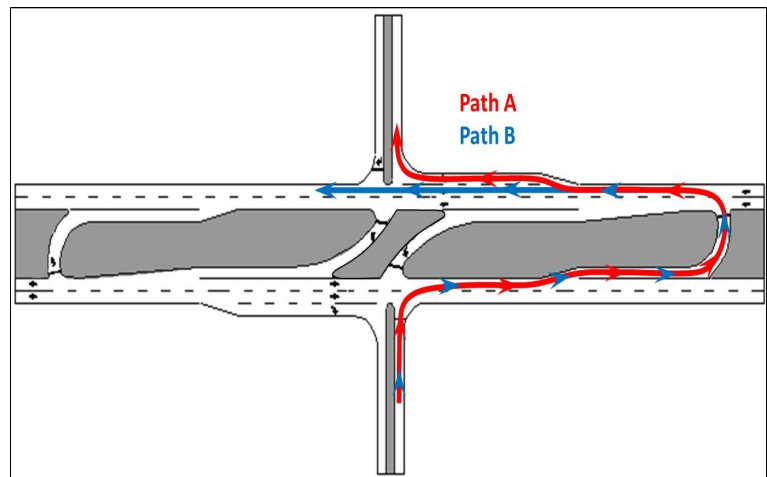
THE BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM

The State of Wisconsin is offering grant money for the expansion of high speed internet in unserved or rural areas. The funds are administered from the Wisconsin Public Service Commission. The Village of Minong is looking in to partnering with a local telecommunications provider and at some point, in the future, the Village may apply for the grant funds available to help expand high speed internet here in the Village.



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The Wisconsin DOT has been assessing traffic safety at the intersection of Highway 77 and Highway 53 north and south-bound lanes in Minong. They are now looking at alternative variations to help reduce crashes in that intersection. The first variation would be similar to the J-turn located in Hawthorne, WI at the intersection of County B and Highway 53's north and south bound lanes. The second variant would be similar to the J-turn at County B and Highway 53's intersection in Beaverbrook, WI. By separating the cross movement into two separate maneuvers, both of these highway reconfigurations have been very successful in reducing crashes, specifically the T-bone type crash. Other variations explored are the "Offset Tee" intersections. This re-configuration of the existing four legged intersection would separate Highway 53 and 77 into two separate 3-legged or "Tee" intersections which are offset from each other by 600-800 feet. It would relocate the east leg to the south of its existing location and relocate the west leg to the south of its existing location. This configuration would provide many of the safety benefits as



the J-turn configuration. The studies conducted by the DOT, including national studies show that each of these intersection alternatives have the potential to reduce crashes in that area by 50 to 70 percent, specifically to the right side angle crashes that occur on rural, four lane divided highways like Highway 53. The DOT will proceed with Phase 2 to do further evaluation of the intersection to determine which alternative would be best. If an appropriate alternative is determined, construction would likely not occur prior to 2021. The DOT has approved 2.8 million of DOT funds for this safety project, and will keep the Minong Village Board updated on preliminary drawings and progress of these intersection alternatives.

**WASHBURN COUNTY SPRAY
PATCHING ON HIGHWAY 77
MINONG**

Washburn County will do Spray patching on Highway 77 through the Village of Minong this summer. No date has been made available yet, but please be on the lookout for those working along Highway 77 & Busi-



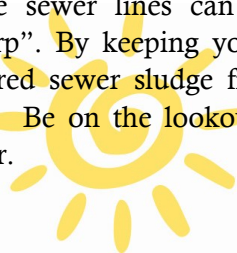
ness 53 this summer and adhere to road traffic and work speed zones signs. The spray patching is intended to help rejuvenate the highway and reduce future deterioration by cleaning, filling, sealing and smoothing cracks, bumps, potholes and gutter gaps.

WATER & SEWER

The water and sewer quarterly bill for April, May and June will be sent out by July 10th, 2017. Please remember to keep your utility account up to date and pay your bill by the due date July 31st, 2017. All bills paid after August 7th, 2017 will be subject to late fees and ultimately result in a disconnection notice. All balances from the previous quarter, unless payment arrangements are made, should be paid in full prior to a new quarterly billing.

SUMMER JETTING OF SEWER LINES

The Village of Minong is planning a summer jetting project in certain areas of the Village. The exact areas have not been determined, but you as a homeowner can still be prepared by keeping the toilet lids down in your home this summer because high pressure through the sewer lines can cause what is known as a "burp". By keeping your lids down it will keep undesired sewer sludge from coming up out of the toilet. Be on the lookout for a big red truck this summer.



2016 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

A copy of the 2016 Consumer Confidence Report for all Village of Minong Residents is available to take at the Minong clerk's office at: **123 5th Ave Minong, WI 54859**, it is available for viewing on our Village website: **www.villageofminong.org** and can be found posted in different locations around town for residents to view. If you would like a copy to take, please stop in at the Village clerk's office and take a copy with you, or print a copy from our Village website.



**VILLAGE OF MINONG OPEN
BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW**

This is a revaluation property assessment year for the Village of Minong. Open Book will be held on July 17th from 3-5pm at the Minong Village Hall. Board of Review will be held July 20th, 2017 from 6-8pm at the Minong Village Hall. Please visit: **www.villageofminong.org** and click on "Board of Review" at the top of the page for more information or if you plan on attending.

**DOG LICENSES DUE BY APRIL
1ST, 2017**

Pursuant to WI Stat/ 174-052, notice is hereby given to all Washburn County dog owners

that you are required to license and vaccinate for rabies under the provisions of WI State. 95.21(2), any dog over 5 months of age. The license year is from Jan 1—Dec 31. Dogs not licensed within 30 days of ownership or after 5 months of age will be subject to a late fee of not less than \$5 per dog and will be subject to citation and forfeiture.

- Neutered Male-\$5.00
- Spayed Female-\$5.00
- Male-\$10.00
- Female-\$10.00
- Kennel-\$50.00

