

The Village of Minong Newsletter

JANUARY 2018

2017-18 TAXES DUE

If you pay your property taxes using the installment plan, or pay them in full, the due date will be January 31, 2018 payable at the Village Hall Office. All personal property taxes, special assessments, special charges and special taxes are due in full by January 31, 2018 payable at the Village Office. In addition, all general real property taxes of \$99.99 or less per parcel, must be paid in full.



The Village of Minong now accepts payment via credit card or debit card at the Village office, or you can pay by going to our website, www.villageofminong.org and click on “Pay Your Property Taxes Online”. We also have a link at the Washburn County website www.co.washburn.wi.us if you would like to pay your taxes in full or the first half. You will need to click “Land and Tax Info” and then click “Land Records Information”. Continue to and click “Agree” for the disclaimer and you will find out link in the lower left side of the screen. **The second installment of property taxes cannot be paid to the Village of Minong on our website or in person after January 31st, 2018.** It is payable to Washburn County Treasurer and can be sent to their address Attn: Nicole Tims, Treasurer P.O. Box 340 10 Fourth Avenue Shell Lake, WI 54871 or paid online at www.co.washburn.wi.us/land-tax-info/.

PENALTIES

Interest on delinquent taxes is calculated at the rate of 1% per month starting February 1st, 2018. Please pay careful attention to the amounts and due dates printed on the front of your tax bill. You will be charged interest on your delinquent taxes if you fail to pay the correct amount by the date specified.

CREDITS

To qualify for the First Dollar Credit, the parcel must be a taxable parcel and contain a real property improvement. This includes business, commercial and private property. Unlike the Lottery and Gaming Credit, the property does not have to be the primary residence of the owner. Property containing only personal property improvements (no real property improvement) will not qualify for this credit. The First Dollar Credit is applied (divided) equally over each installment. This credit should automatically be applied to qualifying parcels; however, if you did not receive this credit and you feel you qualify please contact the Village of Minong Clerk/Treasurer’s office before January 31, 2018.

DOG LICENSES

The dog license deadline is also January 31st, 2018. The Village of Minong does have a dog ordinance that requires a kennel license for three or more dogs pending board approval and requires all licensed dogs in the village meet the certificate of vaccination requirements of Wis.Stats.95.21(2). You can find our VOM ordinances at www.villageofminong.org under the links page. Fees are the same as last year:

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



SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

This is a friendly reminder to property owners of their responsibility to keep their sidewalks free of snow and ice per Village Ordinance Sec 30-57, pertaining to the maintenance of sidewalks. Any owner, occupant or person in charge of any parcel or lot which fronts upon or adjoins any sidewalk shall keep the sidewalk bare of snow and ice. Removal shall take place within 24 hours from the time the snow ceases to accumulate on the sidewalk. If ice has formed in such a manner, that it cannot be removed, salt or sand should be sprinkled to permit safe travel by pedestrians. The village does have the authority to issue tickets and have the sidewalks cleaned at the owners expense but would much rather not have to go to such extremes. As always, the Village of Minong thanks you for your efforts.



THE CHIEF’S CORNER - MINONG POLICE DEPARTMENT

I would like to take a couple moments to talk about some recent phone scams that have been reported to the Minong Police Department. One of our local residents received a phone call where the caller stated they were from the IRS and that the resident owed money. The victim was told that they could not hang the phone up and to get a credit card or money order made out to pay this bill. If they didn’t, the local police would be there shortly to place them in custody. Another one of our local residents received a call where the caller stated that the resident has won money and needed to go to Walmart to get a \$200.00 gift card to send in to receive the money that they had won. The most recent scam that I have heard about is the caller calls people who have recently received a citation from the police and tells them that the forfeiture amount has changed and they need to pay that at this time.

All of these are SCAMS. Anytime anyone asks for money, to receive money, it is a scam. If the caller tells you the IRS or police will be there to arrest you if this is not paid, this is not true; the IRS and police do not operate this way. If you receive any type of scam call please let your local law enforcement know. If there is anything you would like me to write about or a topic you would like talked about, please send to: minongpd@gmail.com or to The Minong Area Police Department at 123 5th Ave Minong, WI 54859. **Thank you! Chief Dennis Stuart**

Water and Sewer Rate Increase for 2018

In review of the cost of maintenance for the water and sewer system, the Village Board has come to the decision to raise the water and sewer rates. Water rates will increase a total of 3% over current rates. Sewer rates received a \$0.50 across the board increase with the exception of industrial BOD's. Sewer rates will increase by \$0.50 each year for the next four years beginning in 2018 with a review each year to determine if further increases will be needed. Please be sure to review the back of your January water/sewer bill for the new rate information.



VILLAGE OF MINONG - RUNNING YOUR WATER

The Village of Minong would like to issue a friendly reminder to all village residents that if you choose to run your water due to the cold, you will be responsible for the additional cost for usage. Currently, as of this newsletter, the frost level is down 2 feet. Our Public Work's director will continue to monitor the frost levels and will notify us if an official request for residents to run their water is warranted. In that case, the usage will be credited on your next quarterly billing.



2018 UPCOMING ELECTIONS

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION VILLAGE OF MINONG APRIL 3, 2018 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an election is to be held in the Village of Minong, on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for Village Trustees begin on April 17, 2018 and runs for two years.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Village Trustee	Karen Baker
Village Trustee	James Schaefer
Village Trustee	Andy Podratz

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2017, and final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, in the office of the Village Clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a Primary is necessary, the Primary will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

Done in the Village of Minong On November 7, 2017

Denise Waggoner, Clerk-Treasurer Village of Minong

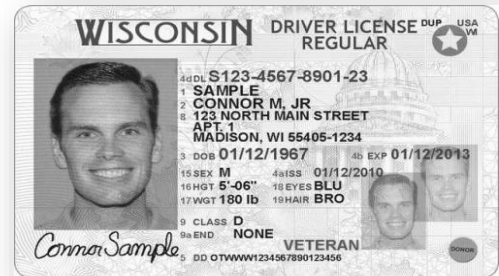
Filling your Pool This Summer?



Please be advised that the Village of Minong will no longer allow residents to call in with their pool fill information.

We will be enforcing our ordinance under section 26-60 Bulk Water:

All *bulk water* supplied to fill tank trucks or swimming pools from the *water* system through hydrants or other connections shall be metered. We will require residents to pay a \$40 refundable deposit to pick up a meter before the pool is filled and return the meter once finished so that we can get a more accurate water reading. If you have further questions, please call the village office at: 715-466-2322.



It is very important that you make sure you are current to vote in the Village of Minong, and that you have the proper identification to vote. Those forms include: Wisconsin Driver's License; Wisconsin State ID; Wisconsin State or Driver ID receipt if you have just renewed your state or driver license; U.S. Passport Book or Card; University/College ID; U.S. Uniformed Service ID; Tribal ID; and Certification of Naturalization.

The Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles now provides a Photo ID free of charge for those who do not have a Photo ID. Please visit www.vote.org to register or confirm that you are registered to vote.