

# THE ROCKETTE

NOVEMBER 2016

## FROM THE TOWN CLERK...

Longtime residents of the Town of Rock will probably recall receiving a Rockette newsletter in the mail periodically. I will admit that has been lacking in the past several years as it seemingly gets harder to coordinate and produce something of that nature in a timely enough fashion to deliver current news. My thought was to create something to put in resident's hands this election since turnout is generally significant and we could reach a large number of people. After discussion with the Town Board, we agreed the days of a paper Rockette reaching your mailbox will probably cease. We are continually working on improving our town website ([www.town.rock.wi.us](http://www.town.rock.wi.us)) to provide the most current and relevant information to Town residents. While still a work in process, the website will now be your main source to find out what is happening and I encourage you to check it out. Additionally, we have a drive-up bulletin board at Chairman's Corner (the corner of Falcon Road & MacArthur Drive) which contains pertinent contact information as well as meeting information and the most current minutes for those that want to stay informed. Listed below for your reference is the contact information for all Town officers. Please feel free to contact any one of us with your questions, concerns, comments and suggestions. Thank you!

Jill Wrench, Town Clerk

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**REMINDER: Board Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at the Town Hall, starting at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!**

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## **FROM THE TOWN CHAIRPERSON...**

**In July of 2014, we had a powerful storm go through that left many of us without power for days. Along with the power being out, the Township had several trees down and across the roads. When a tree falls from private property into the right of way or onto the road, it is the land owner's responsibility to have it removed. The trees need to be removed immediately for the safety of our residents and emergency equipment or personnel. In the past, the Town has removed some of these trees—usually without charge. If the town has to remove a tree that has fallen across the road, the landowner will be sent a bill for the removal.**

**We get several calls each year about trees down that people want. The timber is still the landowner's and it is theirs to do with what they want. If you see a tree down and want it for firewood or anything else, you need to contact the land owner. Do not assume if a tree is down across the road that anyone can take it.**

**In the fall of 2015, we had the town of Lincoln bring over their brush cutter to remove some of the heavier brush that has been getting out of control in the ditches. We have been working on cleaning out some of the intersections that need clearing for sight visibility also.**

**Wood County engineering department helped put together a proposal to replace the crookebridge on Fairhaven. The cost of it was to be shared with Clark County and the Town of Lynn. We had a meeting to discuss it with the town of Lynn. Unfortunately, this was met with great resistance and will not be happening in the near to far future.**

**The severe flooding in September left many of our roads quite damaged. Wood County came out to assess the damages. They are currently assisting to acquire funding from the State and Federal disaster relief funds. The total cost of repairs for our Township is around \$40,000.00.**

**MacArthur Drive was pulverized and resurfaced this year and Falcon Road had 1700 feet removed and repaved. Falcon needed to be dug out in order to stabilize the base course. Most of the problems were from improper materials originally used to build that section of road.**

**We continue to have people tearing up some of the gravel roads with various vehicles. The damage is paid for with our tax money. If you're tired of paying grader fees, any time you see someone tearing up a road please give a board member a call—we can have them pay for the damage. This is a privilege, not a right.**

**The Town is working to install a driveway on the south side of the Lincoln-Rock Cemetery. This will ease the danger of pulling through a blind spot off of Highway 10. We are also in the process of replacing road signs within the Township.**

**Just a reminder as the snow starts to fall—it is unsafe and also illegal to push your snow across the road. Wood County has been cracking down on this and has been issuing citations.**

**Good luck hunting this year and please be safe.**

**Thanks,**

**Town of Rock Chairperson, Jason Beier**