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Please read Dec Newsletters as there are always changes. File the Newsletter for reference throughout the year.

ONLY ONE TAX COLLECTION METHOD (for Dec 2010 and Jan 2011 payments): **By Mail ONLY**

Mail tax payments to the Town Treasurer. Mail a check or money order (bills, coins & credit card payments are not accepted) made out to Town of Lowell along with your tax installment stub(s) and a **self-addressed stamped envelope** & mail to the Treasurer (address above).

If paying in Dec for income tax purposes, envelopes must be postmarked on or before Fri 31 Dec 2010.

1ST REAL ESTATE INSTALLMENT:

When paying by installments, add together the 1st installment dollars for each tax parcel. That is the amount you make the check out for. Double check your totals. **DO NOT INCLUDE dog license money on tax checks.**

The 1st installment real estate tax payments are due on or before 31 Jan 2011. After this date payments are considered delinquent. Payments by mail cannot be accepted if the postmark is later than 31 Jan 2011. If the postmark is later than 31 Jan 2011, I will have to return your check to you. Delinquent taxes must be paid to the Dodge County Treasurer. Delinquent taxes will be assessed interest by the Dodge County Treasurer and may also be subject to an additional penalty (see back of tax bill).

2ND REAL ESTATE INSTALLMENT: (payments after 31 Jan 2011) (Mail to Do Co Treasurer)

After 31 Jan 2011, all late and July real estate tax payments must be collected by the Do Co Treasurer. Add the 2nd installment dollars for each parcel and mail or deliver your check and installment stubs to the Dodge County Treasurer, 127 E Oak St, Juneau WI 53039, on or before 31 Jul 2011. Mailing envelopes with a postmark later than 31 Jul 2011 will be considered delinquent. **Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope when mailing your tax payment to the Dodge County Treasurer.**

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS: Are always due every year by 31 Jan

LOTTERY CREDITS:

A lottery credit applies only to property that you owned and used as your primary residence as of 1 Jan 2010. If you owned another house (that you do not live in) and several other parcels of land, a lottery credit does not apply to those parcels. If you built and moved into a new house in Apr 2010 (for example) you are not eligible for a lottery credit until 2011. If you moved into a house in Apr 2010 that was occupied by someone else as their primary residence on 1 Jan 2010, you would receive a lottery credit on your 2010 tax bill (because the lottery credit follows the land – not the people – and you do not have to sign an application). Lottery credits vary by school district.

TAX OVERPAYMENTS: Some tax payments that come direct from a tax service/escrow account are more than the tax payment itself. Overpayments received in December are refunded to the property owner after the January monthly Town Board meeting. Overpayments received in January are refunded after the February monthly meeting.

ASSESSMENTS: When you Receive a Notice of Real Estate Assessment from the assessor, it includes the Open Book and Board of Review dates and times. If you have specific questions about your property, please go to the Open Book and discuss them with the Assessor. During the year, the local treasurer, or other Town officers, cannot answer questions about assessed values, age of home, size of home, rooms in the home, classifications of land etc. You can also write the Town Assessor, Jim Warzynski, W7754 Dyke Dr, Westfield Wi 53964 or call him at 608-296-3308.

BUILDING AND/OR REMODELING PROJECTS: If you are considering any building projects, please contact the Planning Commission Clerk, Geoffrey Schrab, at 927-3606. He will answer your questions about building permits (inspection and non-inspection), zoning, conditional use permits, trailers, manufactured homes, garages, outbuildings, etc.

MINOR LAND DIVISIONS: If you are thinking about splitting a tax parcel, Contact Planning Commission Clerk, Geoffrey Schrab 927-3606. Geoffrey will review the procedure to be followed and the order in which each step should be taken (which will save time for everyone) or, you may contact Jeff Retzlaff, Zoning Administrator, at 920-210-8098.

GRAVEL: Gravel bills are due within thirty days from the mailing date on the invoice(s). Our gravel supplier bills the Town monthly, therefore, the Town is expected to make timely payments. The delivery tickets (bills) will be mailed as soon as they are received. Keep the invoice for your file and mail the blue copy with your check. Make the gravel check out to Town of Lowell & mail to Treasurer Darcy Rydquist.

DUMPSTER/RECYCLING CENTER PROGRAM: Wisconsin's E-waste Law prohibits dumping electronics such as TVs, computers, printers, VCRs, DVD players, fax machines and cell phones in the trash. **We do not accept electronic devices at the Town Dumpster/Recycling Center.** You may ask the attendant at the Center for information on where to take your e-waste or you can look on the DNR website, <http://dnr.wi.gov/ecyclewisconsin> for a list of collection sites, by county. Some collectors may charge fees and may not accept all devices. Contact collectors beforehand to learn about their policies.

The Center is open on Saturday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm for TOWN OF LOWELL RESIDENTS ONLY. Please wait for the attendant before you dump AND pay the attendant before you dump.

If the Dumpster/Recycling Center is to continue, we urge everyone to Read and Obey the sign that is posted. The attendant on site determines the amount you owe. The attendants follow guidelines set forth by the Town Board and address problems that they encounter with the Town Board. Hopefully we will never have to issue citations for violating Town programs or to discontinue programs completely.

TOWN OF LOWELL INFORMATION: The Town Hall is located at W8906 O'Sixteen Rd, Reeseville. Regular Town Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8:00 pm. Telephone number 920-927-5787 Fax number 920-927-1784. Website www.townoflowell.com. The Town Board and Officers are:
John Schmitt, Chair 927-3198 Greg Caine, Supvr 927-3885 David Huebner, Supvr 927-3412
Theresa Firari, Clerk 927-3737 Darcy Rydquist, Treas 344-8397 Mike Rennhack, Constable 927-3216
Herman Firari, Hwy Superintendent 927-3111. Call John or David for burning permits.

DOG LICENSES: Are **ALWAYS due** 31 Mar each year - this includes house dogs!
Dog license notices are published in the Daily Citizen (Beaver Dam) and Daily Times (Watertown) Newspapers around the first weekend in March. Reminders will be sent early Apr to those that have not licensed their dog by the due date. All dogs five months of age must be licensed. You **MUST SEND** the rabies vaccination papers to me every year so that I can verify information in the computer. Be sure the paperwork includes the name of your dog, breed, color, sex, vaccination and expiration date. Your original rabies certificate will be returned to you with your dog license & dog tag.

Send separate check for dog licenses! Be sure to check the expiration date on the rabies certificates.
Do not mail a check for a dog license if the rabies vaccination has expired!
Dog licenses are due 31 March. I always have tags for the new year in December.

Unneutered male and unspayed female \$10.00 (per dog) + up-to-date rabies certificate
Neutered male and spayed female 5.00 (per dog) + up-to-date rabies certificate
Late fees: After 31 March 2011 10.00 (per dog) + dog license fee
Citations: After 30 April 2011 citations will be issued by a Dodge County Sheriff's Deputy

Note: You must still license your dog after receiving a Citation (to avoid a second Citation).
Send a check for the license amount plus the late fee and current rabies certificate.

Note: Penalties (citations) for violating a provision of the Town Code of Ordinances can be found in Sec.1-1-6 General Penalty. Details about Licensing of Dogs and Regulation of Animals can be found in Chapter 7 in the Town of Lowell Code of Ordinances. Details about Dogs (and licensing of dogs) can be found in Chapter 174 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

MULTIPLE DOG (KENNEL) LICENSES: Are **ALWAYS due** 31 Mar of each year
If you have **more than three dogs** you must apply for a Multiple Dog (Kennel) License each year.

The cost for the first-time application and a renewal **application is \$25** (which is non-refundable) and the cost for the **annual license is \$35**. I will send you a Multiple Dog (Kennel) Application form if you had a kennel license in the past. (For first-time kennel applications, we may request that you come to a monthly Town Board Meeting to discuss your application.) Mail the completed application form with original rabies certificates and a check for \$60 to the Town Treasurer. After the Town Constable approves your kennel application, the license, tags and original rabies certificates will be mailed to you. Tags will be issued according to the number of vaccination certificates received. You must mail the rabies certificates every year so that I can verify information in the computer (and change, delete or add information).

Late fees: After 31 March 2011 \$30 per Kennel License
Citations: After 30 April 2011 citations will be issued by a Dodge County Sheriff's Deputy
Note: You must still license your dogs after receiving a Citation (to avoid a second Citation)

AFFIDAVIT OF DEATH: If your dog dies, contact the treasurer for an affidavit or make a copy off the Town Website www.townoflowell.com.

Dodge County Humane Society Contract: In 2011, the Town of Lowell **will not authorize & pay for cats taken to the Dodge County Humane Society.** We will continue to authorize that stray dogs be taken in at the humane society shelter. First, contact the Treasurer or Town Constable to see if it is possible to find the owner. If the dog has a current tag number, we can tell you who to call about picking the dog up. If the owner cannot be determined and you take a stray dog to the Humane Society, they will call the Town Chair (John Schmitt) or Town Supervisor (Greg Caine) for authorization to accept the dog.

