

COUNTY/MUNICIPAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING
Thursday, November 8, 2018
9:30 A.M.

Please share these notes with the staff in your municipality

Present:

Wayne Maile, Chair – Town of Brillion;
Chuck Schneider, Chair – Town of Brothertown;
Wilmer Geiser, Chair – Town of Charlestown;
Gary Winkler, Chair – Town of New Holstein;
Eugene Mertz, Chair – Town of Rantoul;
Jim Salm, President – Village of Harrison;
Travis Parish, Administrator – Village of Harrison;
Gary Lemke, President – Village of Potter;
Roger Kaas, Vice President – Village of Sherwood;
Greg Zickuhr, Trustee – Village of Stockbridge;
Jamie Aulik, Administrator/Clerk – City of Kiel;
Dianne Reese, Mayor – City of New Holstein;
Rachel Skenandore – NE Region Director, WI Dept of Admin, Div of Intergovernmental Relations;
Ed Byrne – Brillion News;
Alice Connors, Chair – Calumet County Board of Supervisors;
Todd Romenesko, Calumet County Administrator;
Mary Kohrell, Community Economic Development Director;
Matt Payette, Calumet County Director of Planning, Zoning & Land Information;
Bernie Sorenson, Emergency Management Coordinator;
Patricia Winkler, Assistant to the County Administrator.

Gary Lemke welcomed everyone to the Village Hall in Potter. Self-introductions were made.

Bernie Sorenson, Emergency Management Coordinator:

Bernie introduced himself to the group, explaining that he began employment with Calumet County on Aug. 31, 2018 as the Emergency Management Coordinator. Since starting in his position, he has been busy with grant applications. He will be evaluating programs, planning local trainings on damage assessment for municipalities, and coordinating a Hazmat-related exercise.

He asked municipal leaders interested in being on a distribution list for National Weather Service announcements and updates to add their name and email to a list that was circulated at the meeting. Any municipal leader not at the meeting may still add their name to the list by contacting Bernie at Bernie.Sorenson@calumetcounty.org or calling (920) 849-1473.

2019 Calumet County Budget and Jail Project:

Todd reported the 2019 Calumet County Budget was adopted on Nov. 5. Budget highlights noted: net new growth of 2.50% (4th highest statewide); levy limits adjustments allowed for increase of \$786,000; 2018 equalized value increased 5.39%; tax rate of \$5.43 (a decrease of \$.05). \$1.9M included in the budget for design of the new jail.

Updates on 2019 Budgets from Municipal Leaders

City of Kiel – Tax rate going down; adding full-time Parks and Rec Director, and Public Works Director positions.

City of New Holstein – Voters rejected a referendum which would have allowed city government to exceed state-imposed tax levy restrictions by \$100,000 per year for an unspecified number of years. 770 “no” to 552 “yes” defeated the referendum question.

Village of Potter – Slight increase in tax rate; budget includes CTH PP reconstruction; levy limits are constricting.

Village of Sherwood – Flat mill rate; Capital Improvement Projects include extension of Condon Rd. to open up potential development south and west of Village Hall, preliminary engineering and plans for stormwater and street repair on Meehl St.; Stumpf / Meehl St. construction in 2020.

Zoning Update

Matt reported that his department is in the process of updating the Zoning Ordinance. He also stated the sign ordinance will be reviewed and updated, indicating that staff will need to meet with affected Towns during that process.

Changes to TID Law as a result of 2017 WI Act 70

Mary reported that 2017 Wisconsin Act 70 made various changes relating to remediation of brownfields giving municipalities a better tool in handling contaminated property. A tax incremental district (TID) created for purposes of environmental remediation (ERTID) is exempt from the 12% equalized value limitation, but that exemption applies to only one ERTID in a given municipality at any given time. Mary referred to the City of Brillion’s work with Ehler’s regarding the Brillion Iron Works property as an example of this program.

Calumet County has entered into a contract with Stantec to apply for a US EPA Communitywide Brownfield Assessment Grant. If awarded, Stantec will implement and administer the grant. US EPA Communitywide Assessment Grants provide funding for developing inventories of brownfields, prioritizing sites, conducting community involvement activities, conducting site assessments, and developing cleanup and reuse plans related to contaminated brownfield sites. Applications are due to EPA in January, with award announcements expected in late spring. Communities interested in this project are encouraged to contact Mary Kohrell.

Legislative Updates

Rachel Skenandore thanked those in attendance for the good work they continue to do for their communities and indicated that with the change in administration in the Governor’s office, she would be available and continue to advocate for our region until Jan. 6, 2019. Contact information: Phone: 608-235-8631, email: rachel2.skenandore@wisconsin.gov. Rachel noted the following ongoing topics of concern in other communities: Broadband Funding, Child Care, Workforce, Housing, Substance Abuse, and Levy Limits.

Round Robin

City of Kiel

- TID doing well
- Expansion projects at Sargento and Land O’Lakes
- Received site assessment grant for 6 parcels on Fremont St. – ready to develop

- Reminder to keep updated Emergency Management plans in place

City of New Holstein

- Utility costs increasing

Town of Brillion

- 12 new homes
- Large road project in 2019
- Applied for bridge funds for Man Cal Rd bridge
- Replacing snow plow truck
- Chairman Wayne Maile retiring after 40 years with Town of Brillion

Town of Brothertown

- Tweaking Comprehensive Zoning Plan
- Great voter turnout for Nov.6
- Purchased new tractor for cutting ditches

Town of Charlestown

- Cited water issues
- New bridge to be constructed over Manitowoc River by the Old Mill in 2019

Town of New Holstein

- Storm damage as a result of the wind storm in late August
- Amish bakery, saw mills, etc. located in town

Town of Rantoul

- Large farms contributing to tax base
- Late summer storm damage

Village of Harrison

- Growth occurring
- Working with Kaukauna on youth baseball complex
- Community park construction underway

Village of Potter

- Phosphorus issues
- Manitowoc River needs dredging
- Civic Association will tour Calumet County Jail at 6 p.m. Nov. 28

Village of Sherwood

- Acquired and razed Shenanigan's building; Village Square planned behind post office
- Preliminary plat approved; 39 houses approved
- Clerk / Treasurer position open

Village of Stockbridge

- Election audit
- Working with Calumet County Highway Dept on road projects

- 160 essays submitted for the Patriots Pen, Veterans Day essay contest

Calumet County

- Focus on Calumet – an electronic newsletter providing periodic updates on economic development opportunities in Calumet County and the region for businesses, entrepreneurs, and communities. Please let Mary Kohrell (920) 849-1680 know if your municipality is not receiving this newsletter.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Please mark your calendars. The next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on May 9, 2019 at a location to be determined.