Town of Stettin

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Elected Officials:

Raynard Zunker, Chairman, Town Board715-571-1483Tim Buttke, Supervisor715-574-5655Dale Skrzypchak, Supervisor715-212-5680Faye Zernicke, Treasurer715-675-9970

Marlo Turner, Clerk 715-571-1480

Appointed Positions:

Dan Varline, Chairman Planning Commission	715-842-9551
Pat Kage, Chairman Board of Variance	715-675-7780
Hoffman Appraisal Service, Property Assessor	715-536-6236
Steve Burger, Zoning Administrator	715-432-3743

REAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS:

January 31, 2019

<u>Payment in full or your first installment is due.</u> Make check payable to <u>The Town of Stettin</u> and include the <u>appropriate stub</u> with your payment **OR DROP BOX AT TOWN HALL**

Mail to: Ms. Faye Zernicke Town of Stettin Treasurer 11012 Evergreen Dr. Wausau, WI 54401

July 31, 2019

Second installment is due. Make check payable to the Marathon County Treasurer and include the appropriate stub with your payment. **DO NOT** mail this payment to Faye Zernicke as it will be returned to you, and will cause a delay in the payment of your taxes.

Mail to: Ms. Audrey Jensen Marathon County Treasurer 500 Forest Street Wausau, WI 54403-5568

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AND SPECIAL CHARGES:

January 31, 2019

<u>Payment in full is due.</u> Make check payable to <u>The Town of Stettin</u>. Please note that interest will be charged on any personal property tax not paid by January 31, 2019.

Mail to: Ms. Faye Zernicke OR DROP BOX AT TOWN HALL Town of Stettin Treasurer 11012 Evergreen Dr. Wausau, WI 54401

DOG OWNERS:

The Treasurer would like to remind you that all dogs must be licensed by April 1st. A late fee of \$5.00 will be charged for each dog licensed after April 1st. After May 1st, fines up to \$100.00 per unlicensed dog may be assessed.

To license a dog, make check payable to Town of Stettin and mail to the Treasurer at 11012 Evergreen Dr., Wausau, WI 54401 along with current proof of rabies vaccination and the appropriate fee. If the rabies is current through 2018, please include the appropriate fee along with your taxes. You may add the dog fee and taxes together in one check.

Dogs caught off the premises of the owner are considered "running at large". The cost of the first offense is \$25.00 to \$100.00 and the cost of a subsequent offense is \$50.00 to \$200.00. Dogs running at large are subject to impoundment.

If you acquire another dog throughout the year, it must be licensed at that time. Also, if you no longer have a pet, please send this information along so that the treasurer may keep her records current.

*Section 4.05(7)(a) of the municipal code of the Town of Stettin allows for a maximum of 12 dogs on a parcel of land 3 acres or larger. For a parcel of land less than 3 acres, not more than 3 dogs and 2 cats are allowed.

LOTTERY CREDIT & FIRST DOLLAR CREDIT:

The Wisconsin Tax Law provides for the distribution of lottery revenues as a tax credit to homeowners. "Owner occupied" is the key to getting the lottery credit. To get a credit for the 2018 tax year the owner must occupy the home as of January 1, 2018. This credit is transferable to a new owner/occupant. Remember property taxes are paid in arrears. In arrears means that in 2019 you will be paying 2018 property taxes.

For the 2018 tax year: Marathon School District Wausau School District Maximum Lottery Credit \$176.40 \$187.02

Maximum First Dollar Credit \$72.63 \$77.01

MAIL BOX GUIDELINES:

The United States Postal Service requires that the front of the mailbox be between 24 inches and 36 inches off the edge of the pavement. They require that the bottom of the mailbox be from 42 inches to 46 inches above the edge of the pavement. The Town of Stettin would prefer that the mailbox be placed as far off the pavement edge and as far above the pavement edge as possible while still having the positioning meet the postal service's requirements for mail delivery. The Town will not be responsible for mailboxes and posts damaged by plows or flying snow.

NOTICE

If you receive this tax letter and bill, but do not receive the Stettin Newsletter, "The Echo," please inform the treasurer when you send your payment.

ROAD MAINTENANCE ISSUES

One of the Town's main responsibilities is to assure roads are plowed and maintained safely and in a practical manner. Please know that our road right-of-way is 33 feet on each side of the center, and when plowing, many times plows need to extend several feet past the pavement or gravel edge to effectively handle snow removal.

We do not want to damage any items parked in the Town of Stettin right-of-way, so we ask you to please keep the area near the roadway clear of machinery, vehicles, or other items.

The Town is reminding residents that when plowing driveways to please keep materials off of the roadways. It is illegal to plow snow across the highways or roadways as this creates a safety hazard.

Thanks for your cooperation.

MEETING DATES FOR 2019

Annual Meeting (#159):

Town Board Meetings:

Planning Commission Meetings:

Open Book:

First Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Look for information in the Spring "Echo". Call Hoffman Appraisal Service for an appointment (715-536-6236).

Watch for dates in the Spring "Echo". Call the Clerk at 715-571-1480. for an appointment. April, 2019. The spring edition of the Echo will provide more information.

April 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Refreshments after the meeting. Second and fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall

Spring Clean Up: **Election Days:**

Board of Review:

Watch the town website and legal notices for election notices.

PLEASE INFORM FAYE ZERNICKE IF YOU ARE MOVING OR CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS.

Comparison of Mill Rates per \$1,000:

Tax	Budget Year	Budget	Tax Levy	Marathon School District		Wausau School District	
Year				Dollars	% Change	Dollars	% Change
2018	2019	1,241,494	796,662	21.10	+2.71%	21.77	+2.43%
2017	2018	1,169,588	787,394	18.39	+2.5%	19.34	+5.3%
2016	2017	3,161,568	745,269	17.93	96%	18.36	94%
2015	2016	1,435,663	736,963	18.71	1.4%	19.56	4.7%
2014	2015	1,231,040	732,640	18.45	3.7%	18.69	-0.6%
2013	2014	1,116,606	732,640	17.79	1.4%	18.81	6.9%
2012	2013	1,299,851	732.640	17.55	-2.4	17.59	-2.9
2011	2012	1,250,161	732,640	17.97	78	18.11	-4.6
2010	2011	1,298,900	732,640	18.11	16	18.94	+.79
2009	2010	1,214,427	732,640	18.14	+4.9	18.79	+6.0

Comparison of Tax Levies by Year:

Tax Year	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Budget Year	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Town of Stettin	796,662	787,394	745,269	736,963	732,640	732,640	732,640	732,640
Wausau School District	2,483,669	2,423,479	2,222,551	2,336,918	2,171,067	2,187,591	2,034,267	2,092,972
Marathon School District	474,098	451,721	438,418	452,744	439,126	403,945	412,264	421,928
North Central Tech.	342,687	332,517	304,268	310,969	286,493	495,124	448,510	456,316
State of Wisconsin	532,829	0	40,805	41,847	39,915	40,296	37,634	38,289
Marathon County	1,308,547	1,304,234	1,216,621	1,268,925	1,219,111	1,232,427	1,151,145	1,170,748
Total	5,938,492	5,299,345	4,967,932	5,148,366	4,888,352	5,092,023	4,816,460	4,912,893