

UPDATE ON WINDMILLS

State law allows the siting of windmills anywhere. With an ordinance local municipalities have some control over setbacks and noise levels as long as the ordinance is not too restrictive. An ordinance cannot increase the cost of the system or decrease its efficiency.

This year the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) drafted new rules. After holding a public hearing last fall the Senate Committee rejected the rules and sent them back to the PSCW for changes. The Assembly Committee concurred with that action. The PSCW and the legislature are continuing to work out the final rules for siting wind turbine systems under 100 megawatts.

Regarding the Shirley Wind, LLC project in Glenmore, all eight have operated. Five of them are still in the start-up and testing mode. Once the builder completes the final adjustments, which is expected to be later this month, all eight will be considered operational. Information signs with the tower identification and emergency phone numbers have been installed at each site. The Commercial Operations Date under the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) was completed on December 4, 2010, and energy generated during this testing phase was sold to WPSC as available. Green energy production during operations in November and December last year totaled 2,920 Mwh, or enough energy to power about 4,500 homes each month. Shirley Wind, LLC is finalizing its membership with Diggers Hot Line.

To answer the questions regarding the "old" windmills (1998) on Shirley Road, the first windmill has a generator out that is getting repaired. The second one shut down automatically for maintenance and was in the process of that maintenance when we checked.

The proposed Prelude, LLC project has been under review for compliance with the conditional use permit approved in 2007. An asset purchase agreement has been provided between CEnergy-Glenmore Wind Farm, LLC(Buyer) and Prelude, LLC/Glenmore Wind Farm, LLC/ Urban Power, LLC (collectively as Sellers). A building permit for that project has not yet been issued.

NOTES FROM GLEN SCHWALBACH

Mr. Schwalbach, aka PROBITY Consulting, LLC, has been representing the Towns of Morrison, Wrightstown and Glenmore. He was hired to assist towns with citizen input and to deal with information concerning the actions of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) in regard to wind siting.

With the seating of our new governor, Scott Walker, and the reorganization of committees and appointments of new chairpersons---much is happening at an extremely fast pace in Madison. The most recent information Mr. Schwalbach has shared with the Towns is a list of Considerations for Regulatory Reform Bill. These suggestions include the following points: Concern that the rules do not directly apply to wind energy systems 100 MW and larger; Concern that waiver provision does not adequately protect nearby landowners; Concern that landowners are usually not knowledgeable to protect public health/safety; Concern that rules do not consider local, unique geology and groundwater issues; Concern that the information brochure requirements can be improved; and Concern that some landowners want out of agreements for projects on-hold.

With each concern, Mr. Schwalbach has included a logical solution. Because this correspondence is still under review by each Town Board we cannot give any further information on this proposed list at the present time. However, Mr. Schwalbach is in close contact with Senator Cowles' chief of staff and is continuing dialog with key legislators. March 1st will be the date that the rules (with approved modifications made in the bill now being proposed) will be in effect.

SNOW PUSHED ONTO OR ACROSS ROADWAYS

We remind residents that it is unlawful to push snow or other material onto or across roadways. This practice is strictly prohibited under WI Stats 86.01 and/or 346.94(5) and is subject to a fine for each offense. Anyone who continues to violate these laws will be held responsible for all penalties assessed and any liability that arises from such action.

Also, please keep roadways clear of vehicles when snowplowing equipment is active. If vehicles are left in the road and are hampering snowplowing, the Brown County Police will be called and vehicles will be towed.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

ATTENTION SNOWMOBILE ENTHUSIASTS

It is your responsibility to know the snowmobile laws. Do not ride on trails until they are officially opened. Call the Brown County Parks Department (448-4466 press #8) for verification. Follow the prompts until you get the current snowmobile trail report. This is a 24 hour service provided by the parks department. Please stay off landowner's property and front lawns. Legally you must ride in the ditch lines and are only allowed on the landowner's property if it is a marked trail.

TAX COLLECTION

By now you are aware that taxes may no longer be paid to our local treasurer. The Brown County Treasurers Office initiated the forced move to have all taxes paid at the bank locations identified on the tax bills or directly to the Brown County Treasurer. To continue tax collection at the local level would have incurred a cost of \$1.00 per parcel to Glenmore. Currently we have nearly 900 parcels on our assessment roll.

It is still your responsibility to contact our Town Treasurer, Dave Van Gheem (864-7988), for a dog license. The owner of a dog more than 5 months of age on January 1 (or within the licensing year) shall obtain an annual dog license by April 1, 2011. When applying for the license a certificate documenting that the dog's rabies vaccinations are current must be presented. Fees are as follows: \$4.00 for spayed or neutered \$9.00 for male or female. **STRAY DOGS FOUND WITHOUT A GLENMORE DOG TAG WILL BE TAKEN TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY.**

FROM CHAIRMAN DON KITTELL

Thank you, residents of Glenmore, for all your thoughts and help over the last 32 years that I have been on your Town Board. I am retiring because of my bout with cancer and Elaine's recent diagnosis of cancer. The job takes more time every year and we'd like to travel as much as we can. Thank you everyone.

FROM YOUR ASSESSOR, TOM KILEY

This coming year the assessment roll will be on computer. It includes all valuations and photos of all real estate and personal property. The town is in compliance at .9604%.

ELECTION NEWS

There will be a primary election held on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, for Wisconsin Justice of the Supreme Court, Brown County Executive and, locally, the office of Town Supervisor. The ballot placement for Glenmore Town Board Supervisor is:
(Vote for not more than two)

Rick Loppnow

Matt Schmidt

Jeff Jens

Marv Ashley

Ronald Nowak

The top four vote-getters from that election will be placed on the ballot for the April 5th election. They will join other Glenmore residents who have successfully filed papers for nomination and have been drawn for ballot placement as follows:

<u>Town Chair</u>	<u>Town Clerk</u>	<u>Town Treasurer</u>	<u>Town Assessor</u>	<u>Town Constable</u>
Kriss Schmidt	Lana Ossmann	Vicki Schmidt	Tom Kiley	Brian Ostrenga
Pat Kolarik		Bernie Kozlovsky	Seth De Merritt	Joe Guns

Good luck to all participants!

TOWN BUDGET

On November 15, 2010, the annual Budget Hearing was held. The 2011 adopted Glenmore town budget shows an expected revenue of \$232,382.00 and an expected expense of \$683,287.00 which resulted in a town tax levy of \$450,905.00. That created a town tax rate of \$4.84 per thousand assessed valuation. This rate is the same as the rate for town taxes payable in 2010.

We thank those residents who participated in the budget hearing and invite more of you to attend in November, 2011. The exact date will be determined at the Annual Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2011.

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL

We would like to thank Janice Beimborn for her many years of service as coordinator of the bookings for parties at the Glenmore Community Center. The new contact person will be Sherry Nowak. Please call Sherry (655-3359) to find out if your special date is available. Rental is still \$50.00. A security deposit of \$100.00 will be refunded upon the successful completion of your event. You must be 18 years or older and a resident of Glenmore in order to book an event.

BURNING IN THE TOWN

If you are planning a controlled burn you need to call the **Brown County Sheriff's Office (448-4200) AND your local Volunteer Fire Department Chief** in advance. Residents east of Dickinson Road must call the Denmark Volunteer Chief (863-8466 to leave a message) and those residents west of Dickinson Road must call the Morrison Volunteer Chief Bill Lasee (864-2501). Calling ahead will alert all emergency responders of your plans and will alleviate the confusion at the 911 call center if others not involved in the burn are reporting the fire.

BRIDGE FUND

In September, 2010 we were notified by Brian Lamers, Brown County Highway Commissioner, that the rules for the Local Bridge Aid Fund---which has been administered by the Brown County Highway Department since the 1920's---are changing. For Calendar year 2011 any town with a balance in the County Bridge Aid Fund would need to use their current balance before petitioning the County for additional amounts. Glenmore's balance in the fund as of 12/31/10 is \$113,332.40.

For calendar year 2012 and beyond, Brown County will be reviewing the requirements of WI Stat 82.08 and will make a determination as to how to proceed with regards to the bridge fund balances and execution of the program in order to conform with ss 82.08.

WORKING LANDS INITIATIVE (WLI) Formerly known as Farmland Preservation.

Last August Glenmore completed its initial evaluation of our zoning map. You may remember that the Plan Commission discussed the options and a special meeting was held where residents were invited to hear what the WLI entails and to share their thoughts on how Glenmore's map should look. Some of our goals were: Implement planning techniques that minimize the impact of development on agricultural activities; Slow urban sprawl; Discourage the development of large subdivisions; and maintain large tracts of contiguous farmland.

Based on that input the Town Board decided that all parcels currently zoned agriculture would remain agriculture. We submitted our map to Brown County Planning to aid in their efforts to complete a plan for the entire county. Since then dialog has been flowing between our county representatives and the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP).

Town officials will be attending a workshop in late January to discuss the next steps towards successful completion of a plan, both at the township and the county levels. If you missed the initial information regarding WLI, please call Clerk Ossmann (864-7645) for an outline that was presented at the special resident meeting held last June. The outline will help you understand the key elements in the new program and how the conversion fees associated with WLI may affect you.

PROPOSED BENEFICIAL USE PROJECT

Beneficial Reuse Management, LLC and Daanen & Janssen, Inc. (for the D&J quarry located at 4717 Morrison Rd) intends to construct a beneficial use project under Chapter NR 538, Wis. Adm. Code. The project to be constructed consists of one large mound on top of an area in the quarry that has already been green filled and leveled. The project site is located on the inactive portion of the quarry that ceased operation in 1991. This project is the second step in reclaiming the quarry for a multiple use recreational park. A public hearing was held on October 26, 2010 and plans are underway to move forward with the reclamation.

FOLLOWING ZONING RULES AND OBTAINING BUILDING PERMITS ARE A MUST

It is easy to forget the simplest items when contemplating and carrying out a plan regarding your land, home, buildings, etc. But keep in mind that the easiest way to avoid delays with a proposed project is by contacting our Zoning Administrator and/or our Building Inspector as soon as you can. Discussing your ideas with the proper Glenmore authority before they become reality will keep the timetable on your project flowing smoothly.

There are fines associated with the failure to obtain proper permits. These are fines that Glenmore would rather not impose. Please pay attention to the rules and help us avoid potential conflicts.

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Our new website should be up and running within the next few weeks. Look for more current updates and more resident participation options. If you are unable to access via the web, you may still contact Clerk Ossmann for the information you are seeking. She will do her best to direct you to the right source.

ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting will be held Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at the Glenmore Community Center beginning at 7:30 PM. Join us and participate in 'YOUR' meeting. Following the adjournment, snacks and refreshments will be provided for all in attendance. We hope to see you there!

RECYCLING UPDATES

A key resource for many residents today is the Internet. The Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin (AROW)—whose members include many responsible units around the state—now have one, easy to use, website that is being promoted throughout Wisconsin: www.RecycleMoreWisconsin.org. Although Glenmore does not belong to this organization at present, there is valuable information to be viewed on their site. For other recycling related information visit the following State DNR website(s): <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/recycle/recycledfrept> <http://dnr.wi.gov/ecyclewisconsin> <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/climatechg/> <http://epa.gov/climatechange/wycd/waste> or sign up for automatic Recycling Updates @ <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/recycle/recycleupdates.htm>

DID YOU KNOW? Medals adorning the necks of 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games had previous lives as electronic components? For the first time ever, this year's gold, silver and copper medals contained metal from end-of-life electronics. Teck Resources in Vancouver, British Columbia, processed 6.8 metric tons of electronic circuit boards to separate gold, silver and copper metals that were then combined with mined metals from other Teck sources. Gold medals contained 1.53% recycled materials, silver contained .122 % recycled materials and copper contained 1.11 % recycled materials.

RECYCLING FOR KIDS CONTEST UPDATE

Last summer's winners were: Heidi Schaefer, Hallie Schaefer, Heather Schaefer, Cody Kittell and McCartney Jens. Here are some of the suggestions they made to our request to submit, "Ways to Make Recycling Easier at Home":

Make a check in the box that would be easiest to recycle:

Pepsi jug OR Pepsi 12 pk Bottled water OR Tap water Newspaper on-line OR Newspaper
 Can of green beans OR Fresh green beans Pay bills on-line OR Pay by letter

Reuse old boxes for storage. **Use real cups-not Styrofoam.** **Donate outgrown toys and clothes to charity.**

Rent equipment you will only use once in a while. **Use library books instead of buying books.**

Go to the recycling center once a week. **Throw your recycled cans into your bins and see how many make it in.**

Make recycling a game for the kids. The one who collects the most items to recycle, wins.

When having parties, put out recycling bins by every garbage bin to ensure that items will be recycled.

Reuse water bottles for drinking or buy metal or plastic canteens.

WATCH FOR DETAILS OUR NEXT CONTEST COMING IN OUR SUMMER 2011 NEWSLETTER

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FYI: 2nd Annual Glenmore Rummage Sale will be held Saturday, August 27th, 2010 Watch for the details in the Summer, 2011
newsletter that will be coming to you in July.