

Town of Kossuth

Manitowoc County Wisconsin

Updated information from the Town Chair

April 16, 2020

Over the last two weeks there have been several things that have transpired affecting Town business:

The most urgent and recent thing that has transpired is action by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor yesterday (Act 185) that allows a Town to postpone an Annual Town Meeting.

Exercising that option (in an abundance of caution) is the prudent thing to do. Therefore, I am hereby postponing the Annual Meeting to a future date.

- **The Annual Meeting** is expected to be rescheduled to later July in compliance with the postponement criteria established by the State. Postings with the new date and time will be made once the exact date is established.
- **All Town meetings** and functions will require social distancing measures to be adhered to.
- **The April election** took place with no major issues. Thank you to Clerk Menges, her staff of poll workers, and the National Guard members that made it possible.
- **The transfer / recycling station** will remain open during normal Saturday hours provided our attendants are willing to work and people abide by social distancing requirements. The Town Board will determine if we open it on Wednesday afternoons this summer.
- **Road repair:** Patching material has been received and we are beginning to make spot repairs. Bidding and quoting for major summer road work is underway. We have many projects in our backlog that need to be done and many others that should be. When we see how far our funding will stretch the Board will determine which projects will proceed.
- **Weight restrictions** will be removed effective April 20th.
- **The Annual Financial Reports** have been printed and are available.
- **The May Board meeting** is expected to be held however, it may be conducted via conference call rather than face to face. Expect additional communication and postings in that regard.
- **ATV / UTV use on Town roads:** This subject was anticipated to be an advisory question to be discussed at the Annual Meeting. Regardless of that discussion, it is ultimately a Town Board decision whether to allow it. It is my intention to place the subject on the agenda for either the May or June Town Board meeting depending upon how many "mission critical" items need to be addressed and the timing of road bids, not to mention the status of any Covid 19 issues.
It is also my intention to support the use of ATV's and UTV's on Town roads. This is only my personal position on the matter and it is still subject to approval by the Board, development of an ordinance, budgeting, and signage.

As always if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions direct them to any Board Member so that they can be resolved. You can find updates from the comfort of your home at www.townofkossuth.com.

We appreciate your understanding and patience as we progress through an unprecedented time in our history.

Please stay safe.

Ralph Schuh – Town Chair

