

VILLAGE OF ROBERTS

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Village Building
Inspector: Ben Campbell
Village Assessor: Dave Dueholm
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Asst. Librarian: Kathryn Miller

Schedule of Monthly Meetings

1st Thursday of Month
5:00 PM Library Board
7:00 PM Plan Commission
1st Tuesday of Month
6:00 PM Park Board
2nd Monday of Month
7:00 PM Village Board
3rd Thursday of Month
6:30 PM Public Works
4th Wednesday of Month
6:30 PM CDA Board
3rd Wednesday of Jan., April, July and
October - Fire Association

Village Hall

Phone – 715-749-3126
Hours – 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Police Department

Office Hours – 8:00 – 3:00 PM
Emergency Phone - 911
Non-Emergency Phone
715-749-3467
Dispatch Center – 386-4701

Library

Phone – 715-749-3849

Fire Officers 2010-2011

Fire Chief Jeff Vogt
1st Asst. Chief Glenn Hall
2nd Asst. Chief Mike Rutan
1st Captain Joe Waalen
2nd Captain Mike Pizzi
Rescue Captain Sonia Kubesh
Rescue Lieut. Amy Winkel
Secretary/Treas. Jason Fouks

Building Permits

Building Inspector–Ben Campbell

1. New residential construction:

- Up to 1200 finished sq. ft. \$575
- 1200–4000 finished sq. ft. \$675
- Over 4000 finished sq. ft. \$900

2. Closed panel mfd dwellings: 2/3 price of residential construction fees

3. Manufactured and mobile homes:

- \$175 + \$60 if pouring slab

4. State seals for above: \$30

5. Additions over 800 sq. ft. shall be considered new construction.

6. Additions, alterations, detached garages, accessory buildings, and all other required permits:

- plan review & permit issuance: \$30
- per required inspection: \$60 (to be calculated at plan review)

7. Re-inspection and permit to start foundation: \$50

8. Permits required for fences and decks. Plus Village administrative fee of 10% of permit fee.

Contact Village Hall for permits.

A Note from the President

With the sight of children starting a new school year, one could assume that the summer of 2010 is over. Where the time went is anybody's guess but the reality of winter is starting to appear. This seems to be a wake up call to us so that we can finish our summer projects with what time is left.

Activity within the Village of Roberts has been similar to the last couple of years. New home building has almost completely been idle with only two permits taken out.

We know unemployment is still high and the national economy is still hurting. Finally, the politicians are realizing that jobs are the key to turning this recession around. For all of us to spend money to improve the economy, we must first have a job to earn that money.

The Village of Roberts has been affected like all other regions of the country. Hopefully, the businesses of our community can survive during these troubled economic times.

Certainly all of us have been watching one bright star evolve within the community. The new Hazel Mackin Library is approaching completion. This is one of the nicest new buildings within Northwestern Wisconsin. We can all feel very proud to have a library of this quality for future generations of the Village of Roberts and Town of Warren to enjoy.

I, proudly, would like to thank the Hazel Mackin Library Board and all of its committees for spending an unbelievable amount of time bringing this project to maturity. They spent literally several years of their lives not only raising the money for this project but designing this beautiful building as well. This is not an architectural wonder but a very practical asset to the community. Again, thank you very much to the people involved.

If I can be of any assistance, please contact me at the Village Hall or by phone at 715-749-3126.

Respectfully yours,
Willard Moeri

A Note from the Police Chief

It is hard to believe that the summer has past us by and the kids are back in school already. I know for my family summer went too fast as always, but as parents we were pleased to have the kids back in school even though the kids might disagree. Speaking of school being back in session I would like to remind everyone that when children and other pedestrians are in the school zone on Division St the speed limit is 15mph. Fines do double when in a school zone so PLEASE obey the speed limit, and help us avoid a tragedy.

The SCC Elementary School Staff would also like to remind everyone that the bus loop in front of the school is closed to all traffic except busses from 7:30AM- 8:10AM and 2:45PM – 3:45PM. It is absolutely necessary that parents and vehicles stay out of the loop during these times for the safety of everyone. The Police Department will be patrolling the bus loop during these times. The Police Department wants everyone to have a safe and fun school years so if you have any concerns or questions please call Chief Dan Burgess at 715-749-3467.

I know that snow is a four letter word, but unfortunately it is coming, which means winter parking restrictions will go into effect November 1st. Remember that vehicles cannot be parked on any Village Street from 2:00AM -6:00AM from Nov1st to Mar 31st with the exception of Main St. that has no parking during winter months from 3:00AM-6:00AM. Being able to properly remove snow and ice from our streets benefits everyone so please park off street during these times. If you have a temporary special need in regards to parking please contact the police department to make arrangements to avoid a ticket.

Please feel free to call or stop into the Police Department anytime to say hi, or let us know how we can better serve you. We are "*Neighbors Protecting Neighbors*".

Respectfully,
Chief Dan Burgess

Police Department Survey

Greetings from the Police Department! Please take a few seconds to fill out an online survey to help the Police Department better serve you. The survey takes only 1-2 minutes to fill out. Your input is needed! Thank you!

Please follow this link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FGW82KT>

Thanks for your help!

Park Building

Are you planning a graduation, wedding, special event or just a party? Check out the Village Park Building. There is a wonderful serving area available.

We are now reserving the pavilions – large or small. There is no charge to just reserve the pavilion. If you are interested in the serving area, there is a charge of \$50. If interested call the Village Clerk at 749-3126.

Fire Department Reminders

I would like to remind residents on November 1st when you change your clocks to change your batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Once you have changed the batteries, be sure to test your alarms. This simple act will cut the risk of dying in a home fire nearly in half.

Please remember to have your address numbers visible from the street to ensure that emergency vehicles can locate your address if the need arises.

Burning Within the Village Limits

Burning is not allowed in the Village unless you have a burning permit. Permits are issued by the Village Clerk.

Call the Fire Chief at 749-3425 to have your burning site approved. If the site is approved, he will notify the Clerk and then she will issue the permit. Remember to renew your burning permits.

- Frogs jump. Toads walk.
- The average beard grows five inches a year.

Senior Center

The Roberts Senior Dining Site is open two days a week. Meals are served on Monday and Wednesday. The Senior Center has many activities planned. Contact 749-3755 for more information.

Hazel Mackin Library

The Library is nearing completion. It is a wonderful addition to the Village of Roberts. A big thank you to the staff and the Library Board for their hard work and dedication.

The Library is sponsoring a Golf Tournament on September 25, 2010. Check with the Library for more details.

Watch for information regarding a dedication and open house.

Neighborhood Crime Watch

We are a Neighborhood Crime Watch Community. Contact the Police Department if information needed.

Village of Roberts

Municipal Code of Ordinances

The Village Ordinances are available online. Check it out at – www.municode.com. All you need to do is fill in the state and find Roberts, Wisconsin from the list.

Municipal Court Dates

The Municipal Court is up and running. If you are curious how it is run, you are more than welcome to attend. The Court is open to the public and starts at 6:00 PM. Dates are:

September 23	October 28
December 16	January 27
February 24	March 24

Veterans Memorial Park

There are pavers that are available for purchase. You can have a name of a loved one engraved in a stone for \$50. If interested in purchasing a stone for the park and would like more information, please call the Village at 749-3126.

LAWN/BRUSH/LEAF PICKUP

The compost site is open on Wednesday's 5:00-8:00 PM and Saturday's 8:00-11:00. You may take our own lawn clippings, leaves and brush during these hours.

For those that want their lawn clippings and leaves picked up, BioBag Lawn & Leaf Bags are a full 33 gallon capacity. We recommend bagging on Saturday or Sunday for pickup on Monday. The bags are for sale at the Village Hall and Roberts Grocery. Cost for the bags is as follows: \$1.00 per bag, \$4.00 for 5 bags or \$7.50 per roll (10 bags).

Brush

The Village will pick up brush on Monday of each week. This service is not meant for total tree removal. The service is for the minor tree/shrub trimming or limbs that may have fallen in a wind storm. Please place the branches at your curb with the cut end towards the curb.

Electronic Recycling

The Electronic Recycling is available for drop off at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. **Computer Monitors and TV's are not acceptable.** The site is open on Wednesday's 5:00-8:00 PM and Saturday's 8:00-11:00 AM. Contact the Village Hall for a list of acceptable items.

LOCAL BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

Roberts Grocery

In 1973 the Schmitz Family bought Roberts Grocery from Ralph and Loraine Cowles. The store has gone through many changes since the post office was in the store and people came to town by horse and buggy, as depicted by the pictures on the west wall of the store. Cowles believed that if they carried everything people would not have to leave town for their needs.

When we bought the store, ½ of the store was dry goods, (shoes, clothes, sewing supplies and much more). Times they were a changing and we found the need to expand the grocery, meat and produce department and eliminate the dry goods.

Most people in the area would say they come to Roberts Grocery for the meat. Jim is a 3rd generation butcher. He learned from me, (former meat manager at the Red & White in River Falls and owner of Jim's Meats, Hudson). I learned from my dad, owner of Schmitz's Econo Mart, Spooner, WI (no owned by my brother and his son).

Our hamburger is the corner stone of our meat department, made from ½ chuck (for flavor) and ½ round (to make it lean). We think it is the best you can buy. People must agree because they give 25 pounds gift packs of it to friends and family for Christmas and other special occasions. Many people also take it with them when they go south for the winter. They claim they can't get good meat there.

Our son Jim bought the store from us in January 2004, but Arlene and I still take an active roll in the business. We hope you will continue to support the store, our lives depend on it and what would Roberts be without Roberts Grocery.

Jim Schmitz



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