

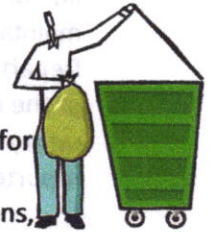
Things You Should Know about the Town of Monticello

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Garbage and Recycling

Dumpsters are located at the Town Hall. One is used for recycling only and the other is for garbage. They are to be used by **Monticello Township residents** only and only for the products listed on the signs. Recycling is for Paper/Magazines, clean tin or aluminum cans, plastics, cardboard, brown, green or clear glass bottles and jars. The garbage dumpster is for **household garbage only; NO yard waste, construction materials, large appliances, chemicals or oil. Recycling of electronics is prohibited at this site.** This site is monitored and residents are expected to follow the rules.



Dog Licensing



Wisconsin Statute 174.5 requires that owners of all dogs over 5 months of age must pay a dog license tax. The tax is due on January 1 of each year and must be paid by April 1. The statute states: "The minimum dog license tax is \$3 for a neutered male dog or spayed female dog.....and \$8 for unneutered male or unsprayed female dogs," The tax can be paid with the January property taxes or sent to the Town Clerk within the required time frames. Dog owners will need to provide proof of rabies vaccination.

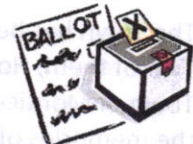
Building Permits

The Town of Monticello is in compliance with the Lafayette County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and the Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code. This code regulates residence and other construction projects including livestock housing buildings. The Ordinance states in part; "No building, sign or other structure or any part thereof shall hereafter be built, enlarged, altered, or moved within the area subject to the provisions of the building and land use regulations until a permit has been applied for in writing and obtained from the Zoning Administrator. There are some exceptions to this general rule, so the best way to determine if your project requires a permit is to contact the Lafayette County Conservation/Zoning Manager, Terry Loeffelholz at 776-3836.



Elections and Voting

The Town Hall is the official polling place for most elections. The Poll is open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM and is staffed by poll workers who are trained by the Wisconsin Elections Commission and the Town Clerk. Electors must be registered voters, 18 years of age and a resident of Monticello Township for at least 28 days. It is possible to register at the polling place on Election Day if voters have resided in the Township for at least 10 days and can provide written proof of residence. Voters must provide a photo ID. Poll workers are paid for their time and provide an important service that ensures our democratic process. New poll workers are always welcome and anyone who is interested in becoming a poll worker is encouraged to contact the Town Clerk.



Roads

Town highways are defined by state statute as 66 feet wide or 33 feet from the center line of the road. This is the extent of the "right of way" that the Town is responsible to maintain. The Town of Monticello contracts with the Town of Gratiot Highway Department for road maintenance and safety inspection services. They handle most of the maintenance, repair and patching jobs. Town roads are regularly inspected for safety issues and repair work needs. If road problems are observed they may be reported to the Gratiot Town Shop at 922-6466.



Snow removal is another contracted service that is provided by Dennis and John Redfearn and the Town of White Oak Springs. Problems should be reported the Board.



Your Town Board Members

Art Finnigan – Chair

Rick Gill – Supervisor

Danielle Steger- Supervisor

Theresa Burgess – Clerk/Treasurer

Town Board Meetings

The Town Board usually meets at 6:30 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of every other month at the Town Hall. Chapter 985 of Wisconsin Statutes requires notices of meetings and agendas to be posted in three public places at least 24 hours in advance. Posting places are: The Town Hall, *Blackhawk/Monticello Rd* and West Ella Cemetery. Other notices and important information may also be posted in these places from time to time or published in the newspaper.



Every Town must hold an annual town meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of April. The Annual Town Meeting many transact business over which it has statutory authority under Wisconsin Statutes section 60.11(2). The meeting generally includes the discussion of any matters that town electors request to be added to the order of business, the sharing of information regarding the town budget and certain other decisions that are required under Wisconsin Statute to be made at a town meeting. Although the town meeting can act only on those matters authorized by statute, the town electors may discuss any other matters and give advice to the town board.

Cemeteries

The Town has become responsible for the maintenance of 3 cemeteries within its borders. Two of them, Hope and West Ella are still active for new internments. It is the desire of the Town of Monticello to keep these cemeteries quiet, beautiful and well cared for to preserve the memories of our ancestors and the pioneers who came before us. A set of rules and regulations for cemeteries has been adopted for this purpose. If any problems or concerns are noted, please contact the Board.

