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Village President Rick Smith

Thank you for Serving!

Accomplishments:

- Increased Valuation (more than doubled in Rick's term)
- 1996 Evergreen Sewer & Water
- 1999 Gardner Park Sewer & Water
- 2003 Incorporation
- 2004 TIF Districts
- 2005 Police Department
- 2007 New Municipal Center

"It's not what you get out of life – it's what you give." That is outgoing Village President Rick Smith's motto for life. Has he lived his motto? When it comes to 24 years of service to Kronenwetter and the long list of accomplishments during his time in office, the answer is a resounding YES!

When asked about his greatest success Rick points to others and says, "The team we've assembled with the Village staff, crew, and professional consultants are the best! They know their jobs and do them so well."

Stuart Schmidt, head of the Kronenwetter Department of Public Works says, "When we needed equipment he understood – and made our jobs easier. He always tried to be good to us and we appreciated it."

Rick Smith is a shift electrician at the Mosinee Paper mill. His community service began in 1985 on the Kronenwetter Town Board. In 1989, Myron Golembieski stepped down and Rick took over as Town Supervisor. At that time, there was a small town hall, no sewer and water, no police department, a small fire department – yet a growing community.

When asked what he considered to be the most important accomplishment during his time in office, "I'd say incorporation because it allowed for managed growth and added to the tax base. We were just getting nibbled away by communities around us," Rick said. "Our tax rate continues to be the lowest for services provided."

Kendra and Dan VanSlyke are just one example of the many young families who have made Kronenwetter home. "After growing up in the area we are happy to return to raise our own family here. Purchasing a home in Kronenwetter was ideal because of its quiet, family-friendly neighborhoods and its location to local businesses and work," says Kendra VanSlyke.

While Rick doesn't find it easy to talk about his accomplishments, others have no problem praising his easy going style and dedication to the community. Shane Vanderwaal worked for many years with Rick as the Village Attorney. "Rick has been a strong, steady leader for the residents of the Village. He has taken the community into the future."

Taking Kronenwetter into the future meant adequate services for the growing population.

Today the Village has eight police officers, a Police & Fire Commission, a judge, court, and a new municipal building.

Chet Rucinski, Police & Fire Commission member and long time resident of Kronenwetter is pleased with the changes over the years. "I don't know Rick well, but I can say with complete confidence that Kronenwetter is better for his leadership."

Police Chief, Dan Joling has this to say about Rick, "This is a big village and he has always supported having a well trained, well equipped police department. We have a great working relationship."

The Kronenwetter Fire Department probably knows Rick Smith better than anyone – because he's one the guys! Rick has been a firefighter for years and will continue to be part of the team after his term is up in April. "They're a great bunch of guys!" says Rick.

"The proximity of the fire and police department makes our family feel safe. The new parks and bike routes allow us to stay active and participate in recreational activities," says Kendra Van Slyke.

What's it like to be a Village President? It's not for the faint-of-heart! The job requires a big heart, thick skin and the ability to work around your regular job. Village engineer Dick Schneider says, "Rick had the ability to put aside his personal desires and act on behalf of the citizens. He never has a bad word to say about anybody."

What is Rick's vision for the future of Kronenwetter? "Our community is unique. We have an opportunity to plan where we want our downtown. (Most communities already have a downtown they must work around.) With proper planning we can control what we want it to be."

Rick is quick to thank his wife of 34 years, Dyanne, for all her support these many years. "I'm looking forward to spending more time with my five grandchildren, and doing some woodworking," says Rick. "It will also be a lot easier to plan our vacations."

Article written by: Pam Rucinski

The Village Says "Farewell" to Rod Fisher

Trustee Fisher will be stepping down this Spring after six years of service on the Village Board. Rod has also served on the RDA Commission as well as the Finance Committee. Thank you for the years of faithful service to the residents of Kronenwetter. The staff, committees and trustees all wish you a long and fruitful retirement.

Kronenwetter Joins Facebook

Every day the staff and elected officials of the Village of Kronenwetter are working toward the enhancement of our community. In today's busy atmosphere we know it is increasingly difficult for our residents & business members to attend board meetings; therefore, they may not have a full understanding of the work going on behind the scenes by the staff in the municipal center and during the meetings of our several boards and committees. We have been looking for new and innovative ways to bring that information to our residents and business members and keep the public involved in their community. Part of our effort has been the continued development of our website www.kronenwetter.org, which has changed quite a bit since its inception years ago. But, we know that when many people open their computers they are logging into many of the same things; and usually one of those things is their social networking page.

Therefore, we have created on group called "Village of Kronenwetter, WI" on the social networking website www.facebook.com. The group offers excellent tools to communicate with the public and for the public to communicate with us and each other, and the best part it is FREE! This will allow us to post things on the group which will then send a notice to the member; such as links to village news, newsletters, videos, events, agendas, minutes, etc. This will obviously not replace our website or newsletters, but it will serve as an extension or outreach to those who we may have not been able to reach before.

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We would like to extend a special acknowledgment of appreciation to our Public Works Department for all of their tireless efforts during this winter season. This year's snowfall was above average and the staff's response was also above average. The Public Works Department works all hours of the day and night to ensure the safety of our residents taking care of more than 117 miles of road in the Village.

The Public Works Department would also like to remind our residents that with this much snow will also come a very wet spring thaw. We ask for your patience and cooperation as we deal with the drainage issues that the thaw will bring. The Public Works Crew will put forth the same tireless efforts to the drainage issues that they did with the snow and ice removal.



Hello from the Building Department

Recently there have been several incidents of people building decks, yard sheds, wood/pellet burners and remodeling basements without first obtaining a building permit.

All of these projects require a permit and have local and state codes that govern them.

If you are planning a project of any kind, please call the building dept. before starting to determine if a permit is required.

The penalty for beginning a project without a permit is four (4) times the cost of the original permit cost. It is easier and more cost effective to call first and if needed to get a permit.

Permits are calculated by the square footage with minimum permit fees of \$30.

You may contact the building department by phone 715-693-4200 or by e-mail at bill@kronenwetter.org

I look forward to working with you on all of your building projects!

Bill Shipley

Building Inspector Village of Kronenwetter

VILLAGE EMPLOYMENT

OPPORTUNITIES

The Village is currently seeking applications for summer help (June-August). The ideal applicant will be 18 years of age or older and possess a valid driver's license. This position entails park maintenance and will include duties such as: mowing, painting, planting and general clean up. This position will run from June through August. Please contact Lisa Myles for questions or application material at 693-4200 or stop in to fill out an application.

Weight Limits

Weight limits for the Village of Kronenwetter will be going into effect within the month of March. The notice will be in the newspaper as to the exact date. Roads are posted for a maximum weight of eight (8) tons. Weight limits will be lifted as conditions allow. No permits for over limit will be issued.

YARD WASTE SITE

At this time the Village does not have a definitive date set to open the yard waste site. Because of the heavy amount of snowfall this winter and anticipated sloppy conditions upon spring thaw, the Village will open the site when conditions permit. Please contact the Municipal Center to check status or the Village website for updates.

2009 Road Construction

2009 road construction will consist of the continuation of the seal coat program. We will be completing the Evergreen area and coating a number of the rural roads. Look for more information in the summer newsletter.

We will also be doing a complete reconstruct on Curve Road and a partial reconstruct on Creek Road between Martin Road and Bank Road. Both of these project will take place within existing right-of-ways.

2009 SPRING ELECTION

The 2009 Spring Election is Tuesday, April 7, 2009. All Wards will vote in the Kronenwetter Municipal Center. Polling hours are from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

VOTER REGISTRATION

If you are not yet registered to vote, you may register in the Clerk's office, by mail or at the polls on Election Day. Registration forms (EB-131) can be found on the State Elections website, www.elections.state.wi.us. When registering, please provide one form of identification that shows your name and current address. You will also need to provide your driver's license number, or if you do not have a driver's license, the last four digits of your social security number. If you choose to register by mail, the deadline is always 20 days before any election.

ABSENTEE VOTING

If a request is made by mail for an absentee ballot, it must be in the Clerk's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before an election. If the request is made in person at the Clerk's office, the deadline is 5:00 p.m. on the day before an election. All requests must be made in writing. For an Application for Absentee Ballot form (EB-121) and other election information, please visit the State Elections website, www.elections.state.wi.us.

**THE TERM FOR THE VILLAGE
PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES**

**BEGINS ON TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009.
ALL TERMS ARE FOR TWO YEARS.**



**VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER BOARD
ELECTION**

Candidates on Ballot for Village President

Chris Voll

Judi Akey

Candidates on ballot for Village Trustee

Justeen Mallo-Vollrath

Ron Miller

Geraldine Kowalski

2008 Property Tax Payments

All second installment 2008 property tax payments are due by **July 31, 2009**. These payments should be made **only** to the **Marathon County Treasurer**. Payments may be mailed to the attention of the Treasurer, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, WI 54403-5568. **DO NOT SUBMIT PAYMENT TO THE VILLAGE OFFICE.**

The Village of Kronenwetter would like to thank River Valley Bank, locations in Rothschild and Mosinee, for assisting in the tax collection process this year. This customer service was provided to the Village at no charge.

Notice to Dog Owners – 2009 Dog License

The Village requires all residents to license their dogs each year. You must furnish a rabies vaccination certificate to show proof of vaccination against rabies. Any renewal license issued after March 31, 2009 will be charged a late fee of \$5.00. The base fee for spayed or neutered dogs is \$5.00. Any female or male dog is charged \$10.00 base fee. **Effective April 1, 2009, the late fee will be added for each dog licensed.**

GYPSY MOTH SUPPRESSION PROGRAM

A reminder that the Village of Kronenwetter will be spraying again this spring for gypsy moth. The Village will be spraying a 558 acre parcel that includes Wianecki Road, Grant Road, River Forest, Blueberry Lane, Russell Street and the Cedar Road area. Spraying will take place in spring, typically the end of May, early June depending on the hatching cycle.

The treatment method consists of a aerial application of the microbial insecticide Btk. Btk, or "Gypchek", is a viral insecticide specific to gypsy moth caterpillars. For more information on Btk and the Gypsy Moth Suppression Program please visit:

www.gypsymoth.wi.gov

KRONENWETTER WATER UTILITY

693-5732 daytime (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

571-2697 emergency (after hours)

LAWN WATERING

Property owners who wish to meter municipal water that is used for lawn watering or other non-sewerage producing outdoor activities, can install a clear water meter parallel to the existing domestic use meter. The cost for a 5/8-inch meter is \$10.00/quarter (\$40.00/yr) of base charge, the cost of water (\$3.59 per 1,000 gallons for the first 15,000 gallons and \$3.43 per 1,000 gallons over 15,000 gallons), a \$25.00 permit fee, and the cost of a plumber to connect the meter to the outdoor water faucets. If you have any questions, please call us at the Water Utility office.

HYDRANT FLUSHING (May 4th—May 15th)

Every year each fire hydrant in the water distribution system is flushed. The flushing accomplishes several tasks:

- 1) Each fire hydrant is exercised to check its operational status.
- 2) The pumped water does not flow equally around the distribution system piping due to the piping size and customer demands. The high volume fire hydrant flush helps change over the water.

The flushing is scheduled for 10 days in May, generally as follows:

May 4 - 5	South of Kowalski Rd / East of Tower Rd
May 6 - 7	North of Kowalski Rd / South of Pine Rd / East of I-39
May 8, 11	North of Pine Road / East of I-39
May 12 - 13	North of Cedar / West of I-39 and Pine west of Tower
May 14 - 15	South of Cedar / West of I-39 and East of I-39 South of the Municipal Center

An increase in a mineral content (manganese) in our groundwater supply may produce an issue with color, sediment or odor during the flushing period. Those with sensitive water quality needs (such as medical treatment equipment) should call the office as to the impact of the flushing. As a precaution, avoid doing white laundry the day of flushing in your area!!

WATER SERVICE CURBSTOP BOX

The four-inch metal circle, on top of a pipe, on your front property line is called the curb stop box. At the bottom of the pipe is the curb stop valve. This valve controls the water flow into your home or business. If the top circle is not flush with the ground following the restoration of your

Lawn, we will come and raise or lower it. Please call 693-5732 to advise us of any adjustment needs. There is no cost for this service.

While the curb stop is not used regularly, it is the only place to shut off the water to your building outside of the home (located between the street side water meter valve and the water main at the road right-of-way). If the top is buried, the extra time required to locate and open the box could cause unnecessary water damage in your building. *The Village of Kronenwetter shall not be liable for failure to locate and/or gain quick access to the curb stop box and shut off the water in case of a leak on the owner's premises.*

When a property owner contacts Digger's Hotline to locate facilities when any excavating is to be done on their property, the Water Utility will be notified by Diggers and the only thing that will be marked is your curb stop box. The water and sewer lines from the curb stop box to your house will not be marked as they are your personal property. For your information, these lines generally are buried eight to ten feet deep.

SEWER MAINTENANCE

All of the Kronenwetter Water Utility's wastewater is pumped to the Rib Mountain Metro Sewerage District (RMMSD) wastewater treatment plant. We must not only abide by the Water Utility's sewer ordinances, but also the RMMSD sewer ordinances. Dumping of automobile oil, gasoline, or other contaminants into the sanitary sewer system, is prohibited.

The municipal sewer system is equipped to handle normal sanitary waste. Sewer backups occasionally occur on a sudden and random basis. Cooking oil and grease should not be dumped down the drain as it can solidify in the cooler, deep sewers. Please do not use your toilet as an ashtray, wastebasket, or garbage disposal. *Please do not flush items such as cloth rags, disposable wipes and cleaning cloths such as the new "Swiffer" type disposable cloths, and plastic/latex products (including plastic tampon applicators and condoms) down the toilet.* These things should go into the wastebasket.

These items can clog pumps and valves in the lift stations creating backups and flooding into your basement. The Water Utility will not provide any compensation to property owners or renters for damage done by sudden and accidental sewer backups. We recommend that you add to your homeowner's insurance policy coverage for this hazard. Some companies offer coverage without additional cost, while others charge a modest fee. We also urge you to install a check valve in your basement floor drain. While this check valve requires periodic cleaning to insure proper working conditions, it can reduce the devastating effects of a sewer backup.

Learn How to Teach Bicycle Safety

If any of our residents are interested, there is again another opportunity to go to a “Train the Trainer” workshop scheduled in the Wausau area on April 25th, 2009 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The course is taught through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Bureau of Transportation Safety. There is NO registration fee; you only need to have a bicycle and a helmet to attend. If interested and would like to register go directly to the DOT website at: <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/safety/vehicle/bicycle/index.htm>

Aspirus Children’s Safety Center

Just wanted to draw attention to a poster located in the front entrance of the Municipal Center announcing the Aspirus Children’s Safety Center which is located in the East Entrance of the Hospital (Level 1: C4). This is a resource for child safety equipment such as car seats, life jackets, cabinet locks and gates, just to name a few at a reduced cost. They will also have staff there to answer questions and provide safety related suggestions regarding the safe guarding of your child or grandchild. This resource is also available to Daycare providers and teachers. Hours of operation are Monday and Thursday 12:30PM – 4:30 PM and Tuesday and Friday 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM. Phone – 715-847-2206 or 800-283-2881.

Child Restraint Reference and Size Poster

We have some posters here at the Police Department available as a resource to help parents and grandparents answer those questions as to child size and age with regards to Child Safety Restraints systems. Stop by and we will gladly provide you with your own copy or more are obtainable through the Aspirus Safe Kids Resource Center.

Any questions regarding anything contained herein should be directed to Chief Dan Joling

LAW ENFORCEMENT COSTS

Since our inception I have heard numerous comments about taxes and in particular the association of the Police Department being the direct cause of the tax increase. I would like to take a moment to illustrate where we are with regard to operating costs. A more detailed explanation of the police department budget in the 2007 Annual Report is available online at http://www.kronenwetter.org/downloads/POLICE/2007_ANNUAL_REPORT.pdf. Again this year we are the lowest in the Wausau Metro area with our per capita cost for law enforcement based on the projected 2009 budget. Another perspective noted in the chart below, is a comparison of Kronenwetter with other communities throughout the State between 6,000 and 7,000 populations based on 2008 data. This information is from the annual Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Survey and is limited to those departments that submit data.

Kronenwetter is well below the averages recorded. This did not happen by accident but rather through careful planning, cost effective purchasing and in a large part due to our use of part time officers which greatly reduces our overtime costs. We have been fortunate to hire experienced and well trained part time individuals that have interfaced well with our full time staff. Everyone in this department understands the impact our current economy is having on everyone as we too are taxpayers. We continue to strive to provide the most cost effective yet responsive law enforcement we can to this community.

Municipality	Population	2008 Budget	# Full Time Officers	# Part Time Officers	Per Capita Costs
Madison, Town of	6,033	\$1,942,258	18	2	\$321.94
Waupaca, City of	6,033	\$1,360,898	14	1	\$225.58
Lake Hallie	6,130	\$563,000	6	4	\$91.84
Jackson	6,180	\$1,200,000	12	0	\$194.17
Kronenwetter, V	6,378	\$630,882	6	4	\$98.92
Waterford, Town of	6,566	\$581,773	6	14	\$88.60
Mount Horeb	6,800	\$1,140,000	10	5	\$167.65
Fox Point	6,900	\$2,300,000	17	0	\$333.33
Sturtevant, V	6,900	\$1,200,000	9	0	\$173.91
Mukwonago, V	6,954	\$1,980,000	14	12	\$284.73
Delafield, City of	7,000	\$1,900,000	15	0	\$271.43
Prairie Du Chien	7,000	\$1,350,880	15	5	\$192.98
AVERAGES	6,573	\$1,345,808	12	4	\$203.76

Kronenwetter Begins Updating the Village's Comprehensive Plan

The Village of Kronenwetter is in the process of updating and completing its Comprehensive Plan. Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) was retained to assist the Village in the planning process and preparation of this plan. A comprehensive plan is a long range guide that brings together many elements within the Village. The plan will evolve through a process including data collection and analysis, community meetings and public input, and goal formation. Comprehensive plans assist communities in preparing for growth and development, while encouraging citizen participation, protecting property values, and maintaining the quality of life desired and enjoyed by the residents of the community.

There are nine elements of a Comprehensive Plan that must be addressed under the current planning legislation. These nine elements include the following:

- Issues and Opportunities
- Housing
- Transportation
- Utilities and Community Facilities
- Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources
- Economic Development
- Intergovernmental Cooperation
- Land Use
- Implementation

Why Are We Planning?

In 1999, Wisconsin Legislative Act 9 created a framework in the State of Wisconsin for community planning. The State Statute requires that any land use decisions, such as zoning, subdivision regulations, or official mapping, made by a local government (such as the Village of Kronenwetter) after January 1st, 2010, shall be consistent with an adopted Comprehensive Plan.

We Need Your Help!

Throughout the process, we would like you, the resi-

dents of Kronenwetter, to be involved. In March residents will be asked to participate in a survey about the community.

A public meeting to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats facing the Village will be held at the Village Municipal Center April 21, 2009 @ 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

Submit Your Favorite Photo

What do you love about your community? What makes Kronenwetter a place you want to come home to? SEH will be putting together a power point presentation using your photos. The photo that best captures the positive assets in your community will win a \$50 Wausau Chamber gift certificate. Submit your favorite photo on-line today by going to <http://www.sehinc.com/online/kronenwetter/plans.htm>.

Mark Your Calendars!

March 2009: look for survey in the mail

April 1, 2009: photo contest deadline

April 21, 2009: SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) public meeting – please plan to attend

For More Information

Regular updates will be posted regarding future public input opportunities at <http://www.sehinc.com/online/kronenwetter/plans.htm>. If you have any questions, please contact Brad Hentschel, SEH Community Development Specialist at 1-800-472-5881.

**The Municipal Center
will be closed Friday,
April 10th and Monday,
May 25th.**

We are on the Web!
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CURRENT RESIDENT OR

Bulk Item Drop Off

The Village will conduct a large item drop off this year. We will have the drop off at the soccer field parking lot on Tower Road.

The drop off will be April 23rd -24th from 10am to 6pm and the 25th from 8am until 12pm.

Maximum 3 cubic yards (one pick-up truck load) per household.

Items that will be accepted are furniture, carpeting, scrap lumber, mattresses, glass windows and scrap metal.

Concrete products are accepted. (Concrete products containing steel will not be accepted.)

Items that are not accepted

APPLIANCES - IROW (693-7123) will pick up appliances for a fee or they can be taken to the Marathon County Landfill for a fee (715-446-3339).

TIRES

BRUSH, TREE LIMBS AND OTHER TYPES OF YARD WASTE. Take to the Village yard waste site on Martin Road.

LARGE QUANTITIES OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND ROOFING SHINGLES.

ALUMINUM CANS, NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINES, GLASS CONTAINERS, CAR BATTERIES, OIL, PLASTIC CONTAINERS, AND CORRUGATED CARDBOARD. Recyclable items must be placed in the green recycling container for weekly pick-up.

FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS; HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES, LIQUID, HAZARDOUS OR TOXIC MATERIAL.

TRASH BAGS, CONTAINERS, DRUMS OR BARRELS CONTAINING UNKNOWN MATERIAL.

MEDICAL WASTE.

Call the Public Works Department at 693-4200 if you have any questions.

If you know of any property owner who has not received a newsletter and would like one, or if you have any ideas or suggestions for information you would like to see in the newsletter, please contact Nichole Starr, Editor of the Village Newsletter.