

Chapter IV - UTILITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

WATER SUPPLY

The Town of Richmond does not provide municipal water services to its residents. All Town residents obtain their water supply from private wells. There is no plan to add a municipal water supply within the foreseeable future.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Garbage and recyclables for residential customers are collected weekly by a private hauler, who is under contract with the Town. Garbage and Recycling bins are owned by the private hauler. These are hauled to the County landfill in the City of Shawano. Solid waste is hauled to the Marathon County Landfill and recycling is hauled to Outagamie County Recycling Center. The Town has a brush and yard waste collection site at Thornton. The schedule for the site is sent out with the annual property taxes and is also posted at the Town Hall and on the Town Website.

TOWN HALL AND GARAGE

The Town Hall is located on MM just west of the City of Shawano and is available for rent to all town taxpayers and residents. The Town garage is located behind the Town Hall and houses the town's equipment, which includes 2 snow plow trucks, road grader, mower tractor and pickup truck. There is also a storage shed on the town property in Thornton. The Town currently has 4 part time operators with one serving as Highway Supervisor.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Shawano County Sheriff's Department provides the Town's law enforcement protection and service. The Town also has an elected constable, who is primarily responsible for animal control issues.

FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection is provided by the Shawano Area Fire Department, which includes the City of Shawano, Town of Wescott and Shawano Rural Fire Department, that consists of the Towns of Richmond, Belle Plaine and Waukechon.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Ambulance service is contracted by the Town with the Shawano Ambulance Service. There are three (3) hospitals that serve the area with flight for life services.

LIBRARY

The Town of Richmond has no libraries within its borders; however, our residents are served by the Shawano County Public Library. Our residents also have access to public libraries in the cities and villages around us, as well as on the Internet, through the Net Library system. One can get a library card at the area libraries and order a book from any of the libraries in the system using that card, to be delivered to any of these libraries. The Shawano County Bookmobile does visit various areas of the Town

on a monthly basis. It is not expected there would be a local library service in the Town in the foreseeable future.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POWER FACILITIES

Telephone, Internet and DSL is provided to the majority of the Town by Frontier Communications.

Cable service is provided by Charter Cable Service.

Fiber optics are available in a portion of the town.

Electric service is provided by Alliant Energy, Gresham Municipal Utility and Shawano Municipal Utility.

Alliant Energy also has a sub-station in the southeast corner of the town.

North American Hydro owns a dam on the Wolf River providing electricity to Alliant Energy.

Bertram Communications received a Public Service Grant to provide broadband service in the Town of Richmond and surrounding towns in September, 2018. Service is expected to be provided by mid-2019 to the town.

NATURAL GAS

We Energies provides natural gas service to a portion of the town.

SCHOOLS

The majority of the Town is served by The Shawano School District. The northwest portion of the town is served by the Gresham School District. Parochial schools with Early Childhood through 12th grade are also available in the area.

The Town is also has access to institutes of higher learning located within a short commute of most areas of the Town in the Green Bay and Appleton areas. University of Wisconsin Extension outlets are located in several adjacent municipalities.

PARKS

The town has two (2) public parks; one with a shelter in the Forest Haven development and the other approximately 50 acres of the former Alexian Brothers Novitiate property along the Red River, which must remain in its natural state. The town also has public access points along the Wolf and Red Rivers.

HEALTH CARE

There are no health care facilities in the Town of Richmond. The nearest clinics, hospital and nursing homes are in the City of Shawano. It is unlikely there will be a facility in the Town of Richmond in the foreseeable future.

CEMETERIES

There are private, as well as church cemeteries in the Town. There are five (5) cemeteries in the Town of Richmond. They are St. Jakobi, Salem Red River, St Paul Stony Hill, St Paul – Foster Farm and a family cemetery on the Genex property west of Thornton.

Wisconsin State Law provides protection and property tax exemption for all human burial sites in the state. When human remains are located anywhere in the state, preservation of the remains, as well as of the site, is required. The preferred preservation approach would be to take the initiative and not react as if in a crisis mode. Municipalities are encouraged to remain aware of any human burial sites within their municipality.

Under state law, if a private cemetery is abandoned, it becomes the responsibility of the Town to take over the maintenance of it. Should there be a time when human remains were to be found outside the boundaries of maintained, well-marked cemeteries within the Town of Richmond, the Town will preserve the area to the best of its ability and notify the Burial Sites Office in Madison with the information. Once the family or friends are no longer caring for the family cemetery within the Town, it would be expected that the Town of Richmond would take over the ownership of that cemetery to protect it, as is required by law.

SANITARY DISTRICT

A portion of the town is served by the Richmond Sanitary District No. 1. The treatment plant is located in the Town of Belle Plaine.

The District's average monthly flow for 2017 was 1.855 million gallons. There are currently 269 Residential Customers in the District. With the following breakdown:

- Residential Homes--205
- Richmond Estates Trailer Park--60
- Multiple Dwelling (apartments) Units--19

There is one industrial user (Little Rapids Corporation); two public users (Richmond Town Hall and Wisconsin Towns Association); and nineteen commercial users within the district. (Per information from Richmond Sanitary District No. 1 as of March 8, 2018.)

POST OFFICES

Currently, there is no Post Office physically located in the Town of Richmond. Mail comes through the City of Shawano Post Office.

It is not expected that there will be a Post Office located in the Town of Richmond in the foreseeable future.

BANK

Currently there are no active banks within the borders of the Town of Richmond. There are banks located in the City of Shawano and other nearby municipalities that our residents use.

It is unlikely that there will be a bank office physically located in our Town in the foreseeable future.

GOALS:

The Town of Richmond will:

- Encourage development in sanitary service area to take advantage of remaining capacity.
- Research options for funding to help with expansion of sanitary service area.
- To improve broadband service to the entire town

OBJECTIVES

To continue to provide services to the town residents and to meet future needs as they arise with the latest technology available.

POLICIES

Sanitary District is served by three (3) elected commissioners.

The Town is represented on the Shawano Area Fire Department.

All homes built in the sanitary service area are required to hook up to the sewer line.

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