

## **Chapter VII - INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION**

### **BORDERING MUNICIPALITIES**

The Town of Herman borders the Town of Richmond on the west side along Range Line Road. This area consists of all agricultural land with a few single family dwellings.

The Town of Belle Plaine borders the Town of Richmond on the south, along County Highway M. This is agricultural and woodlands, with a few single family dwellings.

The Menominee Indian Reservation borders the Town on the north. Most, if not all of this, is woodlands.

These three borders are all compatible with the Town of Richmond land uses.

The Wolf River is our eastern border with the City of Shawano and Town of Wescott. The town side is heavily residential and business, with the Shawano and Wescott side all residential with the exception of Shawano Medical Center.

### **REGIONAL PLANNING JURISDICTIONS**

The Town of Richmond is located within the jurisdiction of East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Services provided by the commission include comprehensive and land use planning, transportation improvement and corridor planning, open space, recreational and environmental planning, economic development, demographic information, technical assistance to local governments, geographic information, and aerial photography distribution. They are also the agency responsible for sewer service area delineation and administration in Shawano County.

### **STATE AGENCY JURISDICTION**

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation North Central Region with a main office in Rhinelander and a second office in Wisconsin Rapids, serves all of Shawano County.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Northeast Region serves Shawano County with offices in Green Bay, Oshkosh and Peshtigo.

The Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection administers the state's Farmland Preservation Program.

The State of Wisconsin Comprehensive Planning Law requires that this plan identify existing and potential conflicts between the town and other governmental units.

### **IDENTIFY & RESOLVE CONFLICTS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS**

As of this date, there are no conflicts on our north, south or west borders.

There is the potential of conflict with the City of Shawano, if they exercise extraterritorial plat review and extraterritorial zoning. This would result in loss of control for the Town. Any annexation would require petition from town residents and such requests are

usually for services that the town does not provide. Every effort would be made to resolve any of these issues in the Town's favor.

### **COUNTY INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION**

The Town of Richmond and Shawano County work together in several areas. The main area is with the Highway Department, which provides salt and sand for use on town roads in the winter. They also perform some service work on town equipment and contract with the town for black topping town roads. The Town's police protection is provided by the Shawano County Sheriff's Department. Fire protection is a team effort involving the City of Shawano and the towns of Richmond, Waukechon, Belle Plaine and Wescott.

### **SCHOOLS & OTHER GOVERNMENTS**

The various other entities our residents use are as follows:

University of Wisconsin, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Wolf River Lutheran High School, Shawano School District, Gresham School District, as well as CESA 8, Richmond Sanitary District, WE Energies, Alliant Energy, Gresham Municipal Utility and Shawano Municipal Utility, Frontier Telephone, Charter Cable, Granitewave, Cellcom, the Shawano Area Fire Department and Shawano Rural Fire Department, the Shawano Ambulance Service, the Shawano County Library, and the Shawano County bookmobile.

### **POSSIBLE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS FOR JOINT WORK**

The Town of Richmond has set up its own town website (at <https://richmondwi.com/>) This is an excellent way to communicate with our citizens regarding issues of importance to the Town. Town also has created a Facebook page to provide information to town residents.

The Town of Richmond will continue to keep adjoining Towns Comprehensive Plans in mind as we issue our building permits and proceed with future development.

Identification of a regional development goal will be encouraged with the possibility to review some revenue sharing ideas.

With the majority of residents commuting, it is very important to keep the goals and objectives listed in the Transportation Element in mind.

Work with the state on the County MMM/Highway 29 interchange and to provide an efficient, economical and safe transportation system, which will include an overpass on Range Line Road over Highway 29.

The Town of Richmond will research the Comprehensive Plan areas along the borders of the adjoining municipalities to make sure we are not in conflict with each other. How local land requirements are encouraging or discouraging development is an important issue for all of our municipalities. This is another reason to communicate on a regular basis with each of these municipalities.

The Town of Richmond has been participating with the City of Shawano and other towns surrounding the City on Cooperative Planning for the Highway 29 corridor. Meetings have been occurring on an irregular basis since 2015. No formal actions have taken place affecting the Town of Richmond. A cooperative boundary agreement has been tentatively negotiated between the Town of Waukechon and the City of Shawano.

### **SUMMARY**

The Town of Richmond will continue to work with the county, city and neighboring towns on any issues that arise. We will explore opportunities that result in saving money through joint purchases or contracting services with other governments. The Town of Richmond has had good cooperation and relations with the county, city and other towns and every effort will be made for this to continue in the future.

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