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HULL'S GOVERNING PRINCIPLES

What values and principles guide Hull's government? What does your government stand for? In other words, what do the five elected members of the Hull Board of Supervisors believe are the governing principles that guide their actions?

The following governing principles were unanimously approved by Hull citizens at their Annual Meeting in April 2018 and by the Hull Board of Supervisors in May 2018.

- To improve the lives of residents and the conditions of neighborhoods in the Town of Hull.
- To operate Hull government and use public financial resources both property taxes and other public funds in an efficient, effective, transparent and prudent manner.
- To promote in the Town of Hull values and practices of representative democracy and a free enterprise market economy.
- To ensure and maintain the sovereignty, integrity, sustainability and independence of the Town of Hull as a governmental and geographical entity.
- To endorse and foster the values of a civilized society in all interactions between Hull officials, Hull citizens and other human beings.

At this time in our nation's history, major institutions are being challenged and questioned including governments, churches, the media and others. Now more than ever it is important for all Hull citizens to promote, practice and participate in our democracy. The Hull Board of Supervisors welcomes your views and comments.

John Holdridge, Chairperson

Groundwater Basics – Understanding the Resource

By Jen McNelly, Portage County Water Resource Specialist

Groundwater is a critical resource that local residents need to be aware of. Whether you reside in Stevens Point and receive municipal water or in a rural area of the County where you have a private well, you rely on and utilize groundwater. In fact, groundwater accounts for 100% of domestic water use in Portage County. Groundwater is simply the water that fills the spaces and pores in the soil and rock below the ground. There are no underground channels, rivers, or lakes.

How water enters the ground and becomes groundwater is governed by a principle known as the hydrologic or water cycle, which is fueled by solar energy and gravity. As precipitation falls to the ground some will runoff to surface waters, some evaporates, and some will soak into the ground (infiltration). Of the water that infiltrates, a portion is used by plants and evaporated/“transpired” to the atmosphere, and the rest infiltrates past the plant roots where it eventually reaches the water table, the top of a saturated zone of soil or rock. This saturated zone is also called an aquifer and the water stored within the aquifer is considered groundwater.

Groundwater then travels “downhill” to a lower elevation where it discharges in low-lying areas, places where the water table meets the lands surface such as lakes, rivers, and wetlands. The sun will cause evaporation from the surface waters and as the water vapor accumulates, clouds will form, and the water cycle begins again.

The geology underground is what controls how groundwater moves through the ground. The size of cracks or pore spaces between soil and rock particles and whether those pore spaces are connected determine the rate at which water moves into, through, and out of the aquifer. In

coarse sand such as those found throughout much Portage County, water moves relatively quick through large pore spaces that are well connected. This results in high permeability.

In fine-grained material such as clay, there are many pore spaces but they are small making the movement of water difficult, resulting in low permeability. On the other hand, the permeability of bedrock depends on the size, distribution, and frequency of fractures and cracks instead of pore spaces.

As stated earlier, groundwater is continuously moving towards a discharge area. As it moves, it follows the slope of the water table. The natural movement of groundwater is from areas of higher elevation where recharge occurs to low lying discharge areas. Most groundwater only moves a few miles to the point where it is discharged, often staying within the same watershed.

The discharge of groundwater to lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands is the reason why these surface waters are either flowing or have water in them during dry periods and in winter when there is no precipitation. Because surface waters and groundwater are connected through discharge, scientists generally consider them a single resource.

Please visit the following resources to learn more about our wonderful groundwater resources:

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Groundwater Information:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Groundwater/>

The National Groundwater Foundation –
Groundwater Basics

<https://www.groundwater.org/get-informed/basics/>

U.S. Geological Survey – Water Science School

<https://water.usgs.gov/edu/>



The final election of 2018 is quickly approaching.

November 6 – General Election

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD:

**** Register early** – To register to vote you must provide Proof of Residency (POR). POR must include your current name and current address. You **can** use your driver’s license/state ID, utility bills, bank statement, tax statement, licenses issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Natural Resources, a document issued by local, state or federal units of government. Documents you **cannot** use include but are not limited to: mortgage statement, insurance bills, credit card statements unless issued by a bank.

As of October 18, 2018 registration must be done in my office or on Election Day.

**** Absentee Voting** – in person absentee voting in Hull began on September 24 and continues through November 2 for the General Election. Absentee voting takes place Monday to Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through October 31. November 1 and 2 hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Photo ID must be presented.

Applications **requesting absentee voting by mail** can be found on-line at:

- 1) Town of Hull website www.townofhull.us (print, fill out and return to Town of Hull)
- 2) <https://myvote.wi.gov> (return via email to me)

Remember you must provide a copy of your photo ID to receive a ballot via mail.

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Applications for voter registration and absentee ballot requests are also available at Hull office, 4550 Wojcik Memorial Dr., or by calling 715-344-8280 requesting an application(s) be sent to you.
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**** Photo ID** – must be presented to election inspectors when coming in to vote. To save time, please **remove ID from your purse/wallet before** you enter the polls.

Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

With questions, please contact me at 715-344-8280 or jrw@tn.hull.wi.gov.

Thank you for your help. Helping us, helps you!

Janet Wolle, Clerk

Reassessment Scheduled for 2019

All property with and without buildings located in the Town of Hull will be reassessed in 2019. Those results will be reflected on your property tax bills that you receive in December 2019. The last time the reassessment process took place was in 2008. The State of Wisconsin requires that reassessment take place when property values change over a certain percentage for a period of time. The Town of Hull is in that situation and will be performing the reassessment process.

For most property owners, the reassessment will not require admittance to the property or buildings by the assessor. A small portion of properties will need inspection and the assessor will notify those property owners of that need.

Reassessment generally increases the property value but the mill rate decreases. Reassessment

does not mean that your overall property taxes will be going up. In fact, unless there are budgetary needs that require increases to the Town of Hull levy; most property owners will see little or no changes in their property tax bill. Those with modifications to their property, house or other buildings since the last assessment will see an adjustment to their tax bill to reflect those changes.

We will be sending out more information concerning the reassessment process in the next Town of Hull Newsletter which will be coming out in early spring of 2019. All of this can be a bit confusing. It is our goal to conduct a fair and equitable process. If you have questions concerning the assessment, you can contact the assessor directly or call the Town of Hull office.

Thank You!

Jeremy Kurtzweil, Assessor

Town of Hull (715) 486-9019

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There is the potential that property taxes will be sent out **LATE** in 2018.

- For those of you who pay ahead for tax purposes, it is possible you will not have your tax bills in time to make your early payment on or by 12-31-18.
- **HOWEVER**, the Portage County Treasurers office [will accept prepayment](#) of your 2018 taxes up to the amount of your 2017 taxes. These payments will be accepted without tax bills if paid on or by 12-31-18.
- Once 2018 tax bills are available, the payment will be applied to your 2018 taxes.

2019 DOG LICENSES: Animal control costs paid to Portage County and the Humane Society have increased significantly over the past years, and the Town has not increased the cost of dog licenses for over ten years. The licensing fees for dogs will increase effective with the 2019 tags.

The new fees are: Neutered/Spayed dogs - \$15
Un-neutered/unsprayed - \$25.
Kennel licenses will increase to - \$85.





TIPS FOR CITIZENS WHEN THE SNOWPLOWS ARE OUT!

- No parking on roadways when it is snowing. Whether you are having a Packer Party, participating in Trivia or having people over, cars need to be removed from the roadway to allow for plowing.
- Keep refuse/recycling carts off of the roadway at least 3 feet.
- Do NOT snowblow snow from your driveway on to the roadway before or after the snow plow comes through.
- If your mailbox is in ill repair, we will not replace it if the snow knocks it over when plowing. We will replace a mailbox if we knock it over if the mailbox is in good condition.
- Stay 200 ft. behind a snowplow so we can see you.
- Keep personal property such as trailers, vehicles, snowmobiles, etc. off of cul-de-sacs and road right of ways.
- Keep branches and wood piles at least nine feet from the blacktop to accommodate for a snowy season.
- If Hull's equipment is damaged due to unacceptable items in the right-of-way, the homeowner will be held responsible for damage to equipment.
- **BE PATIENT** – Main roads are plowed first.

SALT/SAND IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE FOR CITIZEN USE!

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Important Dates to Remember
Oct. 31, 2018 – Halloween – 5:00pm to 8:00pm
Nov. 6, 2018 – General Election – 7:00am to 8:00pm
Nov. 15, 2018 – Budget Hearing – 5:30pm
April 16, 2019 – Annual Meeting – 6:00pm



END OF YEAR – 2018 YARD WASTE SITE HOURS

The Town of Hull Yard Waste Site will be **CLOSED FOR THE SEASON**

>>>>Effective **November 16, 2018**<<<<

Remaining hours in November are:

Nov. 5 to Nov. 15

Monday	Noon – 4:45pm
Thursday	Noon – 4:45pm
Saturday	10:00am to 4:00pm