

Utilities & Community Facilities

4.1 Introduction

This element names and analyzes existing utilities and community facilities benefiting the Town of Trempealeau. Utilities and community facilities include such things as sanitary sewer service, storm water management, water supply, solid waste disposal, on-site wastewater treatment technologies, recycling facilities, parks, telecommunications facilities, power-generating plants and transmission lines, cemeteries, health care facilities, child care facilities and other public facilities, such as police, fire and rescue facilities, libraries, schools and other governmental facilities.

4.2 Existing Utilities and Community Facilities

Water Supply

The Town of Trempealeau does not provide municipal water service. Private wells which are owned and maintained by the property owner are the source of water for the residents of Trempealeau. The town has no plans to develop a public water system at this time.

On-Site Waste Disposal Facilities sanitary district

The disposal of commercial and domestic wastewater is controlled by septic systems in the Town of Trempealeau. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce (COMM) regulates siting, design, installation, and inspection of most private on-site sewage systems in the state. COMM 83 was adopted in 2000 which is the revised rules that allows for conventional sewage systems and advanced pre-treatment sewage systems. There are five types of on-site disposal system designs authorized for use today: conventional (underground), mound, pressure distribution, at-grade holding tank, and sand filter systems. The Town of Trempealeau to date has not used the sand filter system. It is state law to have a sanitary permit for these sanitary systems which a licensed master plumber will complete forms and acquire a permit.

Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Facilities

Solid waste and recycling services are provided by Southern Trempealeau County Solid Waste Commission (STCSWC), which is a multigovernmental unit formed under §66.30 Wis. Statutes. Statewide, this was the first multigovernmental unit formed to handle solid waste collection and only a few others have been formed since it was formed in 1990. The other participating municipalities include: the towns of Dodge, Caledonia and Gale, the City of Galesville, and villages of Trempealeau and Melrose.

STCSWC provides different types of service to each of the 7 participating municipalities. In the Town of Trempealeau residents purchase garbage bags for solid waste and take their recyclables to the facility near Galesville. Some residents contract on an individual basis with garbage haulers to pick up their garbage. Residents can also deliver their recyclables to Stanislawski Recycling on Cox Road.

Stormwater Management

Federal, state, county, and local governments administer and regulate stormwater runoff. In the Town of Trempealeau stormwater runs through ditches and culverts along roadways. The County is in the process of adopting a stormwater ordinance which the Town of Trempealeau will be subject to.

Law Enforcement

The Town of Trempealeau does not have a police department. The Trempealeau County Sheriff's Department serves as the primary law enforcement agency. The Sheriff's Department and facilities are located in the City of Whitehall, located in the center of the County. The Town of Trempealeau does not foresee having a law enforcement department in the near future.

Fire and Rescue

The fire department is an all-volunteer service and provides protection between the Towns of Trempealeau and Caledonia and the Village of Trempealeau. It is governed by a 7-member board. Currently there are 30 volunteer firefighters. Equipment includes 2 engines, 2 tanker trucks, 2 pumper trucks, 2 ATV's, a brush truck and a rescue equipment truck. Firefighters respond to situations by pagers. The fire department built a new 11,200 square foot facility off of Fremont Street in the Village of Trempealeau in 2002. It has adequate room for all vehicles, a classroom, exercise area, office, workshop, a small kitchen and lavatories with a shower. The budget for the fire department is shared between the three municipalities.

The Towns of Trempealeau and Caledonia and the Village of Trempealeau is served by a joint EMS District. Staff includes 15 volunteers, responds to calls by individual pagers and is available to respond to each request for service on a 24-hour basis. The EMS is housed in the new fire department facilities.

Libraries

The Town of Trempealeau does not have a library, but the residents may use the Village of Trempealeau's or the City of Galesville's library. Residents may also select books from the Winding Rivers Library System and pick them up at one of the libraries. The Town of Trempealeau contributes to the Shirley Wright Library in the Village of Trempealeau.

Town Hall/Garage

The town hall is located at W24854 State Road 54/93 in Centerville. The building is also used as a community center and has a curling club attached. The town and the Centerville Community Development Foundation Inc. (Centerville Curling Club) have a 50 year lease agreement on the use of the building from October through March of each year. The community center is rented out for public use.

The Town is served by three board members who are elected every two years in April. The regular monthly meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month. The annual meeting is held the 2nd Tuesday of April unless changed at the previous annual meeting.

In 2004, the residents voted to build a new town garage on Schubert Road. Equipment includes 3 trucks, a ton truck, 2 utility tractors a grader and a backhoe. In 2005 a salt and sand shed was constructed.

Cemeteries

The Town of Trempealeau has five cemeteries located in the town. These are Evergreen, Greenwood – West Prairie, Holy Cross, Old Catholic, and Trempealeau Public.

Communications Facilities

In the past wireless communication towers have been constructed in the town. Currently there is one cellular tower in the Town of Trempealeau. Trempealeau County has an ordinance in place for the construction of these towers.

Local telephone communications is provided by CenturyTel and Charter Fiberlink. There are a few companies that offer internet services.

Electric & Gas Utilities

Riverland Energy Cooperative and Xcel Energy are the primary electrical provider for the Town of Trempealeau. Residents surrounding the Village of Trempealeau are provided electricity by the Village of Trempealeau electrical utility. Midwest Gas provides natural gas to the customers in the Town.

Power Plants, Substations, and Transmission Lines

There are only two substations in the Town of Trempealeau. One is located at N15044 Schubert Road in T18N-R9W-Section 2. and the other is located at N15797 Klein Lane in T18N-R10W-Section 2.

4.3 MEDICAL/HEALTH CARE AND OTHER FACILITIES

There are no medical facilities located in the Town of Trempealeau. There are no medical facilities located in the Town of Trempealeau. Residents can receive care at Franciscan Skemp Healthcare clinics located in the City of Arcadia, the City of Galesville and the Village of Holmen, Gundersen Lutheran Clinic in Onalaska or Winona Clinic in Winona, Minnesota. Hospitals that residents may obtain care from are Tri-County Memorial in Whitehall, Gundersen Lutheran in La Crosse, Franciscan Skemp in La Crosse and Arcadia or Community Memorial Hospital in Winona, Minnesota.

Senior Care Facilities

There are no services for senior care in the Town of Trempealeau. There are no services for senior care located in the Town of Trempealeau. Franciscan Skemp has a facility in the City of Arcadia and Marinuka Manor in the City of Galesville. The Marinuka Manor also has an assisted living facility connected. Senior housing is available in the Village of Trempealeau and the City of Galesville.

Other Recreational Activities

The Town is home to Trempealeau Mountain Golf Club south of Centerville on State Road 35. The course is set on beautiful, rolling farmland. It is a 18 hole, par 71, public course.

Centerville is home to the Centerville Curling Club, a leader in the sport of curling. The club has over 250 members, with Junior Leagues, Women's League, Senior Men's Leagues, Mixed League and a Men's League. Curling is held from November 1 through March 31 of each year.

Public Access Points

There is a boat landing at the entrance to the refuge off West Prairie Road that is accessible to the public.

Other Points of Interest

The Town is home to the Brush Wildlife Museum. The 14,000 square foot museum is located on the 2000 acre Brush Ranch nestled amongst a hardwood forest and rolling hills. It features over 300 mounted animals in natural settings.

4.6 Utilities and Community Facilities Goals, Objectives and Actions

Goal: Support community facilities and services, which contribute to the overall improvement of the community.

Objective 1: Expand public infrastructure when necessary to meet the needs of the town.

Action: Continue to allow utility companies (e.g. Riverland Energy, Xcel, Village of Trempealeau Utilities, Midwest Natural Gas, CenturyTel) to use road rights-a-way for utility line expansion.

Objective 2: Encourage and support the burial of utility lines when and where feasible.

Action: Provide utility companies with the Town of Trempealeau Comprehensive Plan and work with them to bury lines when possible.