

## 6. Utilities and Community Facilities

**Sanitary Waste and Water Supply:** No public water or sewer service is available in the Town. All businesses and residences in the Town are served by private on-site wastewater treatment systems. Some residential subdivisions have shared wells or community wells. Enforcement of private on-site wastewater treatment system standards (Wisconsin Administrative Code: COMM 83) is enforced by the La Crosse County Health Department. Any form of residential or business development in the Town needing water or sewer service is dependent upon providing their own private onsite wastewater treatment system.

The City of La Crosse has public water lines immediately adjacent to the Town along CTH B and South Kinney Road. Public water supply is also provided adjacent to the Town by the City of Onalaska along CTH OS and Marcou Road, Map 6.1.

**Solid Waste/Recycling:** The Town of Medary contracts for recycling and garbage pickup. A positive outcome of the County landfill being located in the Town is free tipping until 2009.

**Storm Water Management:** The Town of Medary is located in the La Crosse River watershed. Smith Valley, Miller Valley are two of the more significant valleys that collect storm water via roadway ditches or streams and carry the waters out to the La Crosse River watershed. The town does not have any storm sewer lines to maintain. Several ordinances are used manage storm water. These ordinances are: Ordinance 4.03 Regulating Excavations and Openings in Streets, Sidewalks and Roadways in the Town of Medary and Ordinance 4.031 Excavation and Grading. La Crosse County's Construction Site Erosion Control Ordinance is another tool that is used to control erosion and manage storm water volume and pollution of storm water. The Town also manages storm water through routine maintenance on their culverts, bridges and road ditches and by keeping them free of debris.

It is important to report in this section that the Town of Medary is exempt from the requirement to obtain municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permit coverage under Chapter NR 216 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. This exemption was granted due to a petition the Town filed in June 2005 with the Department of Natural Resources. On March 9, 2006 the Department of Natural resources granted the Town's request to be exempt from this requirement. Their reasoning for granting this request was: (1) The Town is not otherwise required to obtain permit coverage pursuant to S. NR 216.02(2). (2) The Town's population is less than 1,000. (3) The Town's storm water is not contributing substantially to the pollution loadings to a physically interconnected municipal separate storm sewer system that is regulated under NR 216. (4) The Town's storm water has not been identified as having a pollutant that causes impairment to a water body.

**Town Government Structure:** The Town of Medary has five elected officials serving the public. They are the chairman, two supervisors, town clerk and town treasurer. A Town Planning Committee also was formed to help develop the Town Plan.

**Town Facilities:** The Medary Town Hall and its surrounding three-acre parcel of land with a ball field and playground apparatus are the primary public facilities owned by the Town. The only piece of major equipment owned by the Town is a tractor. The Town Hall is located at 3393 Smith Valley Road.

The Town does not employ any full time employees. Part time employees include a tractor operator, janitor, and park maintenance person. The Town of Medary contracts with private companies for maintenance of Town roads.



**Fire Protection, Police Protection and Emergency Management:** The Town of Medary does not have a fire department. Fire protection is provided by the City of Onalaska and Town of Shelby fire department.

The Town of Medary does not have a police department. The La Crosse County Sheriffs Department provides law enforcement to the town.

La Crosse County Emergency Government Office is responsible for HAZMAT planning for La Crosse County.

**Emergency Medical Services:** Tri-State Ambulance Service based out of La Crosse provides emergency medical services for Town residents. First responders are provided through the City of Onalaska and Shelby fire departments.

The La Crosse County 911 Emergency Dispatch Center provides 24-hour emergency telephone service to everyone in La Crosse County. The system uses the enhanced 911 system that provides emergency communications to all providers allowing quick and accurate emergency assistance.

**Health Care and Day Care Facilities:** There are no health care or day care facilities located in the Town of Medary but residents are within five miles of either Lutheran or St. Francis Hospitals in La Crosse. Two Clinics Gundersen Lutheran located at 1900 South Avenue in the City of La Crosse and Franciscan Skemp located at 700 West Avenue in the City of La Crosse are associated with their respective hospitals and are located adjacent to them. Both of these Health Care institutions also have clinics in the City of Onalaska as well. These clinics are both within four miles of the Town. Numerous state licensed private daycare facilities are available for residents in the City of La Crosse and City of Onalaska.

**Educational Facilities:** the La Crosse, Onalaska and West Salem school districts service The Town of Medary. The majority of Town of Medary residences are located in the La Crosse and Onalaska School Districts with just a small portion of students attending school in the West Salem School District.

Post-secondary education opportunities are readily available for Medary residents through the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse, Western Technical College, and Viterbo University all located in La Crosse.

**Libraries:** There are no public libraries located in the Town of Medary. The libraries readily accessible to Medary residents include: the City of La Crosse's La Crosse Public Library (Main), 800 Main Street; North Community Library, 1552 Kane Street; and the South Community Library, 1307 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street; the City of Onalaska Library, 741 Oak Avenue South; and West Salem's library (Hazel Brown Leicht Memorial Library), 201 Neshonoc Road.

**Parks and Recreation Facilities:** There are public recreational resources available in the Town of Medary. There are several open space areas and there is a neighborhood park located at the Town Hall. There is also a privately owned campground/recreation area with an elaborate system of hiking, skiing and mountain biking trails. This recreation area is located on the far south end of Smith Valley Road.



**Churches and Cemeteries:** There are no churches or cemeteries located in the Town of Medary.

**Electricity/Telephone and Cable/Internet Services:** There are no electric power stations in the Town of Medary. Electricity to town residences is provided by Xcel Energy. Telephone and internet/cable service to residents is provided by Charter or CenturyTel.

**Communication Towers:** There are several radio and microwave towers located on the west side of CTH FA in the Town of Medary. La Crosse County has an ordinance that regulates height and location of communication towers. The ordinance details a public process that must be followed by parties interested in constructing a communication tower. The ordinance does apply to land areas in the Town of Medary.

**Future Expansion of Utilities and Community Facilities:** Population and development projections developed during the planning process indicate that the Town of Medary will experience growth and development throughout the planning period. Based on these projections the community facilities will likely have to be expanded. The plan will be reviewed at a minimum every 10 years, so if projections utilized in the planning process prove to be inaccurate modifications to the plan and community facilities will be addressed in future revisions. Since the Town does not own, operate or provide any public water, sewer or electrical service the expansion of these services will need to be determined and provided by other municipalities and either Xcel Energy or Dairyland Power Company.

## MAP 6.1 TOWN OF MEDARY UTILITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

