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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).

1. Name of Property

historic name Bigfork Village Hall

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 200 Main Avenue

N/A not for publication

city or town Bigfork

N/A vicinity

state Minnesota code MN county Itasca code 061 zip code 56628

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

national statewide local

Barbara Mitchell Howard
Signature of certifying official/Title Barbara Mitchell Howard, Deputy SHPO

August 22, 2012
Date

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government _____

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official _____ Date _____

Title _____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register determined eligible for the National Register

determined not eligible for the National Register removed from the National Register

other (explain:)

per Edison H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

10.17.12
Date of Action

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
 (Check as many boxes as apply.)

- private
- public - Local
- public - State
- public - Federal

Category of Property
 (Check only one box.)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
 (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
		sites
		structures
	1	objects
1	2	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
 (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

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Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

- GOVERNMENT/city hall
- RECREATION AND CULTURE/auditorium
- GOVERNMENT/fire station
- EDUCATION/library
- _____
- _____
- _____

Current Functions
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

- GOVERNMENT/city hall
- RECREATION AND CULTURE/auditorium
- SOCIAL/meeting hall
- _____
- _____
- _____

7. Description

Architectural Classification
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

- NO STYLE
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Materials
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

- foundation: CONCRETE
- walls: CONCRETE; STONE
- _____
- roof: SYNTHETICS/rubber
- other: _____
- _____

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Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

Summary Paragraph

The Bigfork Village Hall is located in Itasca County in the town of Bigfork, a small rural northern Minnesota community, and is situated at the northwest corner of the intersection of Trunk Highway 38 (T.H. 38) and Ash Street. The village hall was constructed in 1936 as a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project. It is a single story, rectangular building with a flat roof featuring a symmetrical tripartite composition with overall dimensions of 91'x 40' and is situated on a concrete foundation. The building is faced in uncut local fieldstone with mortar; sills and coping are concrete. An exterior wall fieldstone chimney is situated on the west (rear) wall of the building. The center section is recessed in relation to the facades of the wings and is slightly higher and wider than the wings. Aside from some water damage near the foundation the building remains in very good condition and closely resembles the original structure. Although all windows and doors have been replaced, the original openings have not been altered. The building retains a significant level of integrity of location, setting, workmanship, materials and design owing to the presence of the original fieldstone exterior and its location along T.H. 38.

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The Bigfork Village Hall is situated on the west side of T.H. 38 in northern Minnesota. The symmetrical tripartite building was designed by J. C. Taylor.¹ The fieldstone clad building features a flat roof with parapet on the north, south and east walls. The center section is recessed in relation to the facades of the wings and is higher and wider than the wings (Photo No. 7). The center section serves community functions and social activities. The north wing was originally utilized as a fire station and is now occupied by the local VFW (Photo No. 6). The south wing contains the entrance and the City Clerk office (Photo No. 5).

The easterly facing façade features seven windows on concrete sills with an approximately four-inch reveal. The upper half of the window has been filled in with painted composite board and the lower portions contain horizontal sliding aluminum sashes. Seven smaller ground level windows are positioned below the upper windows. The windows are not original to the building and were replaced in approximately 1980. Flanking the windows on the north and south portions of the center section are three vertical inlaid concrete strips (Photo No. 7). The façade of the north wing originally featured an overhead door with a raised panel configuration consisting of twelve wood panels (two rows of six panels) below eighteen lights (three rows of six lights). Upon conversion of the fire station into the VFW, the overhead door was removed and the opening was filled in with aluminum siding and features a VFW sign above a single wood door with a glass panel flanked by two single light windows (Photo No.6). The façade of the south wing contains the entrance to the building and features a double glass door with transom and sidelights within aluminum frame. The original door, transom and sidelights were replaced with the present ones in approximately 1980 (Photo No. 5).

The south wall features three windows on concrete sills with an approximately four-inch reveal. One smaller ground level window is positioned mid-wall. These windows are not original to the building and were installed in approximately 1980 in the same fashion as those on the façade (Photo No. 4).

The north wall features three windows on concrete sills with an approximately four-inch reveal. These windows are not original to the building and were installed in approximately 1980 in the same fashion as those on the facade. A single metal egress door is situated on this wall at the northwest corner of the

¹ Improvement Bulletin, April 17, 1936: 23.

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building (Photo No. 1).

The center section of the west wall features the same window configuration as on the front façade. A stone, exterior wall chimney is positioned between the second and third windows at the northwest part of the center section of the building. A single window in the same configuration as those on the center section of the building is centrally positioned on the west wall of the south and north wings. At the junction of the center section and north wing is a flight of stairs leading to a single metal door. Aside the stairs is a single story wood-clad structure with a shed roof and a single door facing west. The wood structure was built (ca. 1980) over an old access door into the former coal storage room (Photo No. 2).²

The central part of the east façade is somewhat obscured by a display punctuating the front lawn. The display is a wood-carved lumberjack known as the "River Driver." The statue is shielded from the weather by a wood canopy. Statuary on this site historically has been a part of the property. The first was a wood-carved Native American, which was replaced in 1975 with a wood-carved lumberjack. The lumberjack was destroyed in 1989 and the present River Driver replaced it the following year. As the present statue is outside the village hall's period of significance, it is a non-contributing object. Signage welcoming visitors to Bigfork is immediately north of the River Driver.

The entrance on the south wing of the building leads to a foyer with stairs and an elevator providing access to the upper and lower levels of the entire building. Inside the foyer on the north wall are two commemoration plaques. One plaque recognizes the erection of the building:

THIS BUILDING ERECTED BY
 THE GOVERNMENT OF
 THE UNITED STATES
 AND

² Justin, Michael and Marcia Ohlhausen, "A phase I and II Cultural resources Survey of T.H. 38 Between Grand Rapids and Effie S.P. 3108, Northwoods Scenic Byway, Itasca County, MN." Prepared for Minnesota Department of Transportation, St. Paul, Minnesota, August 1955. Minnesota Architecture-History Inventory Form, WC 378.

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VILLAGE OF BIGFORK
 1936

A. C. SIEGEL	Mayor
W. A. BROWN	Clerk
L. G. BROOKS	Trustee
D. D. KANNE	Trustee
A. C. LA TRACE	Trustee

The second gives tribute to the lumberjacks of the Bigfork valley:

THE LUMBERJACK
 IN MEMORY OF
 BIGFORK VALLEY LUMBERJACKS
 DESIGN & CRAFTSMANSHIP BY
 TOM HENNAGIR & SON
 COMMISSIONED BY ARTHUR RAJALA
 1974

Aside the plaques and adjacent to the foyer stairs is a metal and glass elevator that was installed in the 1980s. The lower level consists of a kitchen, dining room, two bathrooms and a furnace room. An unused coal chute remains in place on the west wall of the furnace room. A flight of stairs situated at the northwest corner of the basement leads to the egress door on the north wall. The floor is finished with linoleum and the walls are a combination of painted and wood paneled walls. The ceiling has acoustic tile and fluorescent lights. Water damage is observed at the base of the stairs in the south wing and in the stairway located in the north wing (Photo No. 8, 9).

The upper level contains the Bigfork City Clerk office in the southwest corner of the south wing and features linoleum floors, acoustic tile ceiling and painted walls with wood wainscot. The center section of the building is the original auditorium space that originally featured an overhead projection room for showing films. The projection room is obstructed by a drop ceiling comprised of acoustic tiles with fluorescent lights. The floor and walls are fashioned in the same manner as found on the lower level: linoleum floors, painted walls with wood wainscot. Positioned along the north wall is an elevated stage with a three-tier surround. The remainder of the auditorium is open and appears to be used for presentations or meetings as evidenced by the presence of arranged

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folding chairs (Photo No. 8). Two bathrooms are located adjacent to the city clerk's office. A closet is situated on the north side of the foyer wall containing the elevator.

The north wing was originally designed as a fire hall. It now functions as the local VFW office. The interior consists of a carpeted floor, painted and wood paneled walls and acoustic tile ceiling with fluorescent lights.

Alterations to the building include the conversion of the fire station to the VFW and the replacement of the windows in 1980. A new rubber roof was installed at the same time. In 1991 the city of Bigfork received a \$100,000.00 grant from the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB). The grant money was used to install the elevator and for flooring, storage closets, wood wainscoting, paint, suspended ceiling and the installation of bathrooms on the upper level and for the purchase of new tables and chairs.

On the west section of the property is a concrete block garage/maintenance building with an overhead door on the south façade. The building has a rectangular footprint and a front gable roof. The building was erected in approximately 1960 as a new fire station and accommodated a larger volunteer fire department, an additional fire truck and additional equipment. In 1995 the city built a new fire hall on the south side of town. The concrete block garage/maintenance building on the western section of the property now serves as a maintenance garage for the city of Bigfork. The building is not associated with the WPA and does not contribute to the overall historic significance of the property.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

SOCIAL HISTORY

Period of Significance

1936-1962

Significant Dates

1936

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Taylor, J.C. (architect)

Carlson, Albert E. (contractor)

Period of Significance (justification)

The period of significance begins with the construction of the building in 1936 and ends in 1962, which marks the fifty-year threshold for consideration of a property to the National Register. The fifty-year benchmark was chosen because the building continues in its historic function as both seat of government and primary gathering locale.

Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance and applicable criteria.)

The Bigfork Village Hall is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A in the areas of Politics/Government and Social History under the context of "Federal Relief Construction in Minnesota, 1933-1941." The village hall is significant for its association with the WPA program enacted in 1935. The WPA provided a means for Bigfork to erect a modern and complete municipal facility that offered the community not only an expanded government presence but also an updated social and community center, all of which enhanced the quality of life in Bigfork. The Bigfork Village Hall is an excellent representation of the multi-use public buildings that were born of this era and would likely not have been built without the funding of the WPA. The village hall has served as the civic and community center since its erection in 1936 and remains the center of social, recreational and governmental functions in Bigfork. The village hall retains a significant level of integrity of feeling and association owing to its continued use as a public/community building along with local government use.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

Developmental history/additional historic context information (if appropriate)

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Bigfork Minnesota is located in the pine forests of northern Minnesota at the confluence of the Bigfork River and the Rice River. Prior to 1900 the population was sparse. By 1900 the area was open for homesteading claims and the resultant growth lead to organization of the village in 1902 and incorporation on January 7, 1907. The state census of 1905 lists 16 people in Bigfork and although the population remained slight, development of Bigfork continued. The first school was built in 1902 and the first trainload of passengers arrived by 1906.³ The first village hall in Bigfork was also built in 1902. Little is known of this building except that it was a small, frame building resembling a typical residential structure found in the area. As the village grew the building became inadequate and was seldom used for activities other than elections.⁴

In 1936 the prospect of a new community building arose with the creation of the WPA. The proposal of a new village hall was met with great enthusiasm. An article in the Itasca County Independent noted on March 27, 1936: "The Bigfork Hall WPA project is approved: Building 40' X 80' to Cost \$21,018: About Half of Cost Born by the Village."

Bigfork, which has long waited and needed a Village Hall is to get the new hall according to word received by local village authorities from the WPA. Plans call for an 80' x 40' one story structure with a full basement to house the Bigfork fire department and community hall with offices for the village businesses and meeting rooms for various organizations. The Village as sponsor will contribute \$10,778 while balance of \$10,240 will be paid for by the Federal Government via the WPA.

The same newspaper indicates on April 3, 1936 that work had commenced as 25 WPA workers cleared the site of the new building in preparation of digging the basement. The new village hall was sited at the location of the old Woodland

³ Susan Hawkinson and Warren Jewell, Timber Connections, The Joyce Lumber Story (Grand Rapids, MN: Bluewater Press, 2003).

⁴ Agnes Rajala, "Some Sidelights of the Early Days in Bigfork Valley," remarks for MHS by Agnes Pelo Rajala, June 1960; Barbara Cameron, "Will Bigfork Preserve its WPA Heritage?", Western Itasca Review, April 7, 2001.

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Hotel which was destroyed by fire several years prior.

The May 1, 1936 article "Village Hall Work Is Progressing: Basement Dug, Forms for Concrete Installed, Building Will Be of Field Rock," Itasca County Independent, described the erection of the village hall.

New building will be substantial and impressive. The basement will be five feet below street level and built of concrete with a 9' rise from floor to ceiling. Above this the hall proper will have a 14' rise to the ceiling and the roof will bring the building about 24' above street level. In the hall will be a 40' x 57' auditorium with a moving pictures projection booth. A fire department room to accommodate one vehicle will be part of the building. There will also be a council and meeting room. The building above ground will be constructed of local field rock. This work will be done by expert masons with the help of the WPA labor that is available. Material was chosen for the abundance of it in the area.

Supervising the fieldstone construction at the local level was Oscar Pearson, a master mason. An example of his masonry work is found locally at the Effie Presbyterian Church, Effie, Minnesota.⁵ In addition to the native fieldstone exterior, locally manufactured dimensional lumber as well as sheathing for the roof and floor were utilized. Only the finishing materials, windows and concrete were purchased outside Bigfork. The construction was entirely local and under the supervision of Albert E. Carlson, a contractor from nearby Grand Rapids, Minnesota. The building was erected at a cost of \$14,000.00 with \$7,000.00 from the WPA and \$7,000.00 locally. Construction came in under the original estimate and upon completion, the community claimed "an elegant new building at a very small cost".⁶

The completed village hall was received with much enthusiasm and civic pride as noted in the Itasca County Independent article dated October 6, 1936: "Bigfork Making Rapid Strides Forward: Building New Businesses, State Highway Through Village May Change Town, New Village Hall is Handsome Building."

⁵ Historical narrative provided by Mrs. Agnes Rajala, local historian and native of Bigfork, Minnesota.

⁶ "Bigfork's Village Hall," Itasca County Independent, October 30, 1936.

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Bigfork at this time is just finishing the Village Hall, which was built as a WPA project. The building is entirely of stone construction with window ledges, coping "stones" and other types of concrete cast or poured. The building is of field rock worked up to show the best faces of the stone but with none of the rocks that show having been broken or smoothed off. Just the natural face of the rock.

The Bigfork Village Hall served the community in a variety of ways. The municipal services included duties and responsibilities of the local government, including city council meetings and elections. The fire station on the north end of the building housed a community-owned fire truck used by the local volunteer firefighters. A siren was placed on the top of the building and activated from the repository of the telephone switchboard of the local cooperative Peoples Telephone Company. The siren also served as a curfew and storm-warning signal. The VFW later occupied the space and continues to serve the community. Additionally, the village hall served as a community center hosting a variety of gatherings and functions including dances, funerals, ecumenical church services, weekly movies, library, scouting activities, and medical services.⁷

The Bigfork Village Hall is a good example of the erection of a WPA-program building in Minnesota characterized by uncut fieldstone walls and skilled-labor masonry. The WPA typically paid the cost of the labor while the community paid for non-labor expenses such as materials, equipment, tools, skilled labor, technical supervision, office space, and supplies. As a result of the programmatic requirements, native materials were often selected for construction purposes. In many cases native fieldstone, either split or cut was chosen as the building material due to its abundance. As this otherwise would be considered an expensive and labor-intensive option, it is unlikely that this would have been the material of choice had the WPA not required the community to furnish all non-labor items.

Other WPA program buildings often utilized finely crafted indigenous materials. Examples include a granite school in Rockville, the log constructed Conservation building at the Itasca County Fairgrounds, and the Silver Lake Recreation Area in Rochester which utilized native stone in construction. A series of stone

⁷ Historical Narrative provided by Mrs. Rajala, local historian and native of Bigfork, Minnesota.

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buildings in west central Minnesota include the Moorhead Community Building, the Mahnomon City Hall, and the Flom community Building.⁸ The Bigfork Village Hall is a nice example of a WPA-project crafted from local uncut fieldstone.

The village hall has undergone little change in use or design since its erection in 1936. The exterior of the building reflects its original architectural design and appearance and retains the distinctive uncut fieldstone, an important component of the building. Loss or alteration of this feature would adversely affect the historic integrity of the structure. The alterations that have occurred include new windows and doors on the façade and south, north and west walls as well as the removal of the original garage door on the façade of the north wing. However, the original openings have not been altered. The interior of the building has been updated with acoustic ceiling tile, fluorescent lights, wainscoting and paint, as well as the addition of bathrooms on the upper level. The community and municipal functions remain intact.

The Bigfork Village Hall meets the significance and registration requirements outlined in the Multiple Property Documentation Form "Federal Relief Construction in Minnesota, 1933-1941." 1991. F, 5. Applicable requirements include:

1. The construction of a Government Building should have been financed through a grant or loan from the federal government.
2. Construction should have been completed by the end of 1941 and the project should represent a significant contribution to the community by providing a new and modern facility which offered programs, amenities, or community services which were previously unavailable.
3. A Government Building should possess integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, and association, and should be without substantial alterations

The Bigfork Village Hall meets these requirements. The building was completed in October 1936 with assistance from the WPA and is a very good representation of a WPA-program building constructed of local material and built with local

⁸ Anderson, Rolf, "Federal Relief Construction in Minnesota, 1933-1941." National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form, E.61.

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labor. It resulted in the creation of a modern, multi-use building that became the pride of the community, providing expanded municipal, civic and community and social functions. The original fieldstone exterior remains intact and continues to be a prominent design feature of the building. The village hall retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship and association. The building retains its use as a civic and social center and is considered locally as the most important building for its contribution to the community and for its distinctive stone masonry. It defines Bigfork as a community in the many functions it fulfills.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

(see continuation sheet)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): IC-BFC-004

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre.
(Do not include previously listed resource acreage.)

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u>15N</u> Zone	<u>450968</u> Easting	<u>5288098</u> Northing	3	<u> </u> Zone	<u> </u> Easting	<u> </u> Northing
2	<u> </u> Zone	<u> </u> Easting	<u> </u> Northing	4	<u> </u> Zone	<u> </u> Easting	<u> </u> Northing

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)
Lots 8-12, Block 8, 1st Addition to Bigfork

PIN 85-420-0825

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with the village hall.

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Building will be of Fieldrock." Itasca County Independent, May 1, 1936.

"Work Starts on Bigfork's New Fire Hall; 25 WPA Workers Clear Site of New
Building Preparatory to Digging the Basement." Itasca County
Independent, April 4, 1936.

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization _____ date January 2012
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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Continuation Sheets**
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs:

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

(see continuation sheet)

Property Owner:

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name _____
street & number _____ telephone _____
city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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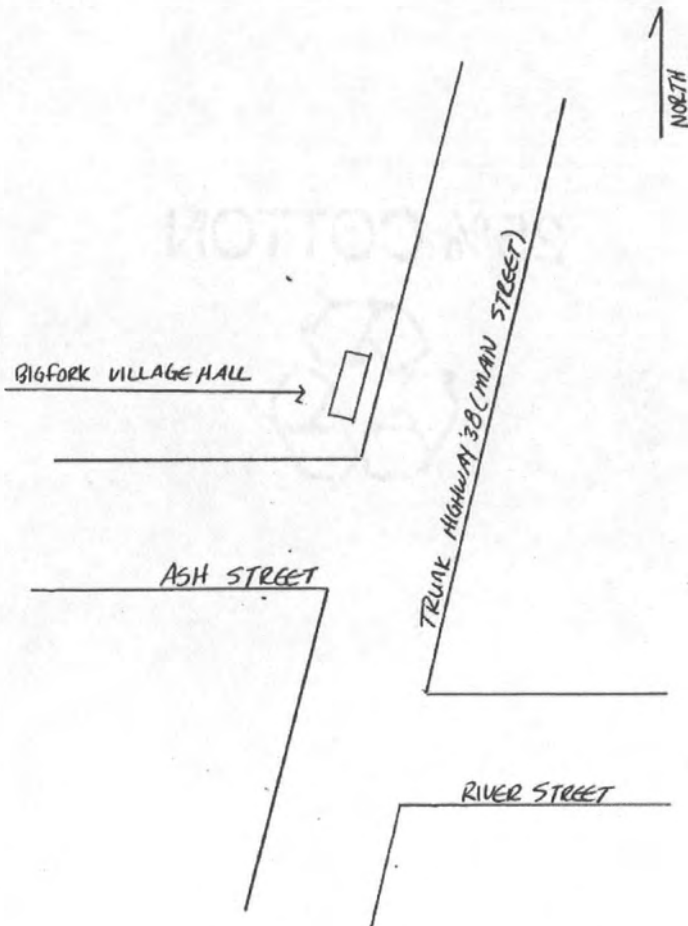
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Sketch map showing Bigfork Village Hall situated at the northwest corner of the intersection of Trunk Highway 38 (Main Street) and Ash Street.



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Ca. 1940 photograph of Bigfork Village Hall depicting wood-carved statue of a Native American on front lawn (Minnesota Historical Society photograph).



VILLAGE HALL BIGFORK, MINN. 1-796

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Photograph Log

Name of Property: Bigfork Village Hall
 City or Vicinity: Bigfork
 County: Itasca
 State: Minnesota
 Name of Photographer: Debra Kellner
 Date of Photographs: May 2011
 Location of Original Digital Files: 2729 S. Lake Avenue, Duluth, MN 55802

Photo #1 (MN_Itasca County_Bigfork Village Hall_0001)
 Northeast corner, camera facing southwest

Photo #2 (MN_Itasca County_Bigfork Village Hall_0002)
 Northwest corner, camera facing southeast

Photo #3 (MN_Itasca County_Bigfork Village Hall_0003)
 Southwest corner, camera facing northeast

Photo #4 (MN_Itasca County_Bigfork Village Hall_0004)
 Southeast corner, camera facing northwest

Photo #5 (MN_Itasca County_Bigfork Village Hall_0005)
 Southern section of façade, camera facing west

Photo #6 (MN_Itasca County_Bigfork Village Hall_0006)
 Northern section of façade, camera facing west

Photo # 7 (MN_Itasca County_Bigfork Village Hall_0007)
 Façade and northeast corner, camera facing south

Photo #8 (MN_Itasca County_Bigfork Village Hall_0008)
 Upper level, northwest corner with portion of stage, camera facing northwest

Photo #9 (MN_Itasca County_Bigfork Village Hall_0009)
 Lower level, south and east wall, camera facing south

Photo #10 (MN_Itasca County_Bigfork Village Hall_0010)
 Lower level, base of stairway, south wall, camera facing south

Photo #11 (MN_Itasca County_Bigfork Village Hall_0011)
 Northwest corner stairway, camera facing north

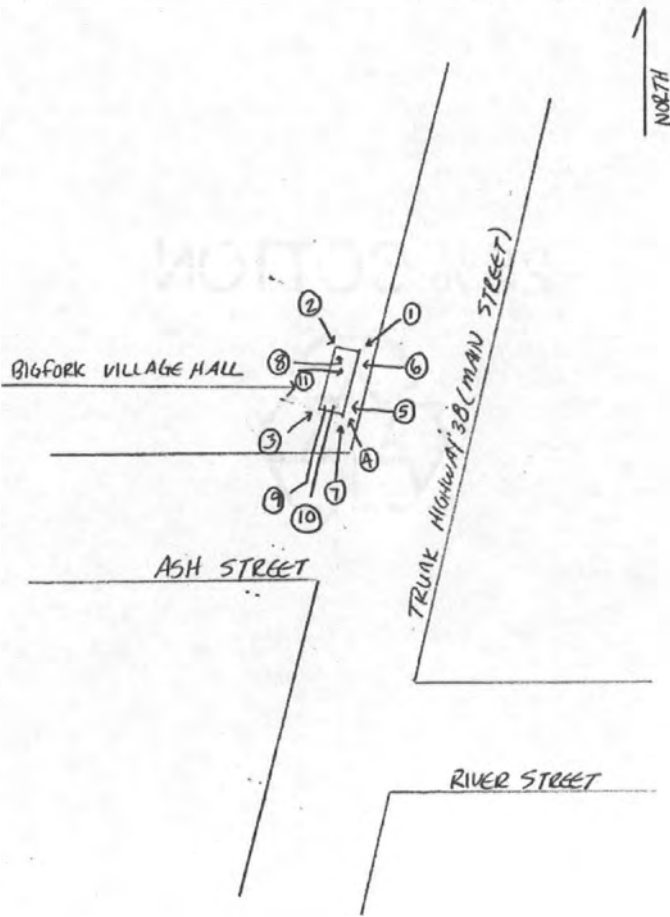
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Photographic Key



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Bigfork Village Hall
NAME:

MULTIPLE Federal Relief Construction in Minnesota MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MINNESOTA, Itasca

DATE RECEIVED: 8/31/12 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/17/12
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 12000871

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 10.17.12 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in
The National Register
of
Historic Places

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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MN-Itasca County - Big Fork Village Hall - 0003

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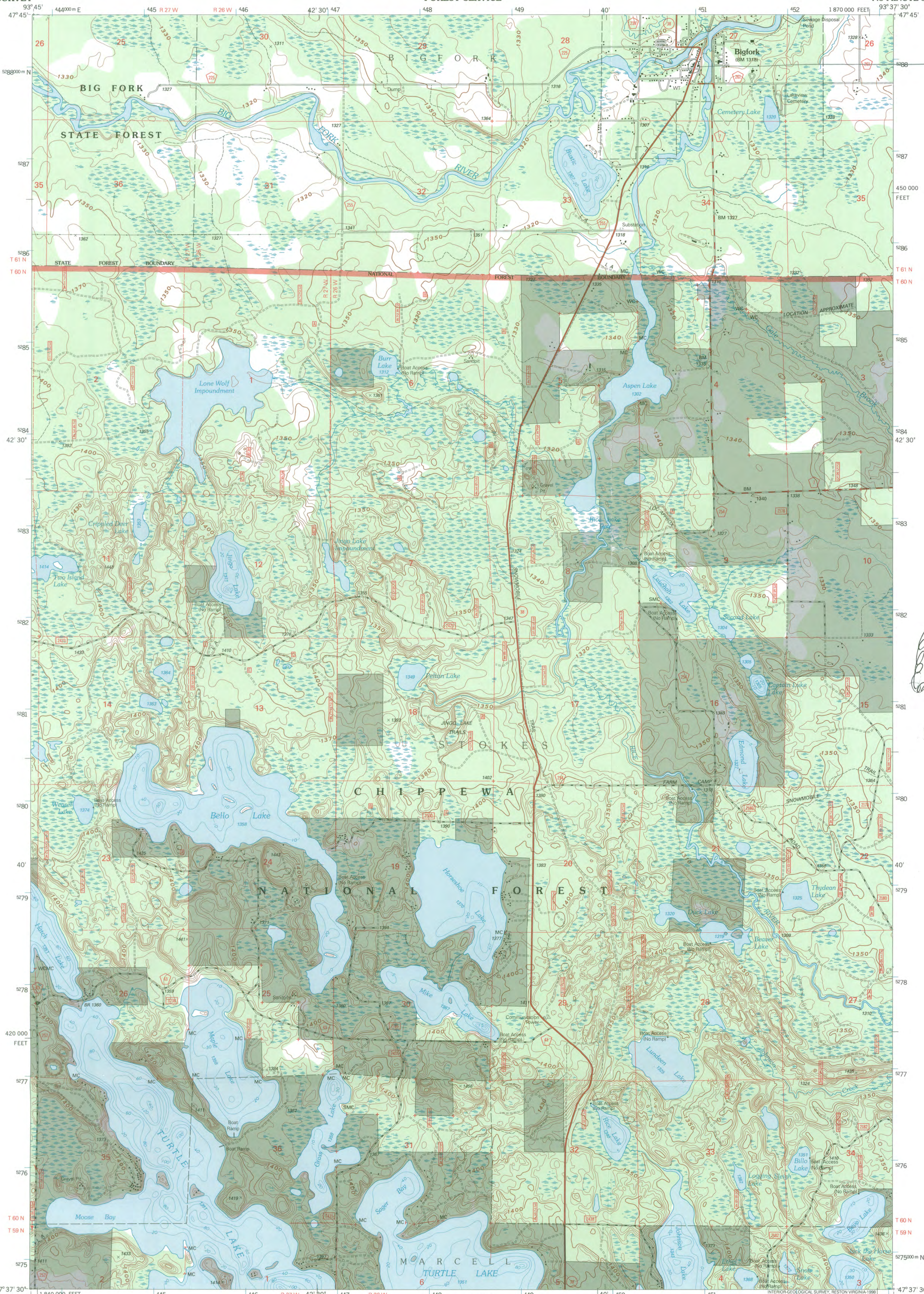
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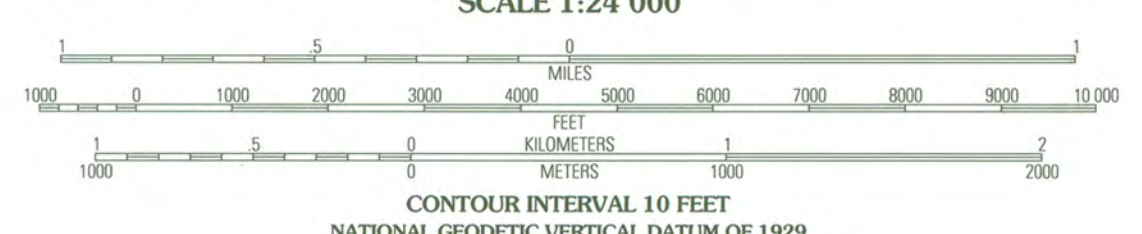
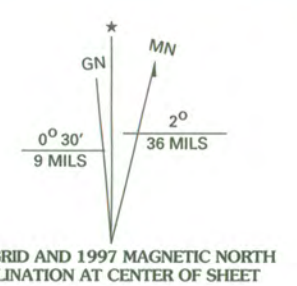
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Bigfork Village Hall
Bigfork, Itasca Co.,
MN
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North American Datum of 1927 (NAD 27). Projection and 10 000-foot ticks:
Minnesota coordinate system, north zone (Lambert conformal conic)
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1	2	3	1 Wildwood SE
			2 Erie SE
			3 Erie SE
4	5	4 Spring Lake	
		5 Coon Lake	
		6 Jessie Lake	
6	7	7 Marcell	
		8 Chubbouse Lake	

- HIGHWAYS AND ROADS**
- Interstate
 - U. S.
 - State
 - County
 - National Forest, suitable for passenger cars
 - National Forest, suitable for high clearance vehicles
 - National Forest Trail
 - Primary highway
 - Secondary highway
 - Light-duty road
 - Paved
 - Gravel
 - Dirt
 - Composition unspecified
 - Unimproved; 4 wheel drive
 - Trail
 - Gate

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State Historic Preservation Office
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651/259-3451



TO: Carol Shull, Keeper
National Register of Historic Places

FROM: Denis P. Gardner

DATE: August 22, 2012

NAME OF PROPERTY: Bigfork Village Hall

COUNTY AND STATE: Itasca County, Minnesota

SUBJECT: National Register:
 Nomination
 Multiple Property Documentation Form
 Request for determination of eligibility
 Request for removal (Reference No.)
 Nomination resubmission
 Boundary increase/decrease (Reference No.)
 Additional documentation (Reference No.)

DOCUMENTATION:

- Original National Register of Historic Places Registration Form
- Multiple Property Documentation Form
- Continuation Sheets
- Removal Documentation
- Photographs
- CD w/ image files
- Original USGS Map
- Sketch map(s)
- Correspondence
 - Owner Objection
 - The enclosed owner objections
 - Do Do not constitute a majority of property owners

STAFF COMMENTS: