

# Town of Black Wolf Spring 2015 Newsletter

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April 7, 2015 Spring Election

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## What's on My ballot?

This is your sample ballot for the election:  
(Sample Ballot)

### ✓**VOTE** - JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT - 2015-2025 - VOTE FOR ONE

ANN W. BRADLEY (Non-Partisan)  
JAMES P. DALEY (Non-Partisan)

### ✓**VOTE** - TOWN CHAIRMAN - VOTE FOR ONE FRANK J FRASSETTO (Non-Partisan)

### ✓**VOTE** - SUPERVISOR I - VOTE FOR ONE JOHN M HAGEN (Non-Partisan) MICHAEL E POLLACK (Non-Partisan)

### ✓**VOTE** - SUPERVISOR II - VOTE FOR ONE ROBERT T KELLER (Non-Partisan)

### ✓**VOTE** - TOWN CONSTABLE - VOTE FOR ONE LEO A LEFEBER (Non-Partisan)

✓**VOTE** - SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER -  
OSHKOSH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT -  
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE  
ALLISON GARNER (Non-Partisan)  
KELLY OLMSTED (Non-Partisan)  
JIM EVANS (Non-Partisan)  
HUMA MALIK (Non-Partisan)

✓**VOTE** - STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT REFERENDUM  
“Election of Chief Justice. Shall section 4 (2) of  
article VII of the constitution be amended to direct  
that a Chief Justice of the supreme court shall be  
elected for a two-year term by a majority of the  
justices then serving on the court?”

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_



## Moving Forward Newsletter via Website!

In order to streamline the town's processes and save  
valuable tax dollars, this will be the last newsletter  
mailed by the Town of Black Wolf.

Past, present and future newsletters are easily  
accessible on the Town's redesigned website under  
the “Newsletters” tab! From there, you can view  
and print any newsletter you wish. However, if you  
do not have internet access or simply enjoy  
receiving the spring and fall printed newsletter in  
the mail, please contact the office at (920) 688-  
1404. Your name will be added to the mailing list of  
those who wish to receive hard copies and we will  
mail you one twice a year! Please note, this is only  
upon request so be certain to contact the office.

**Website – Website – Website – Website – Website**

Please take a moment and visit the Town's redesigned website – [www.townofblackwolf.com](http://www.townofblackwolf.com).

The website was redesigned to offer more information in an organized and easy to use format. You will find Agenda's and Minutes for both Board meetings and Planning and Zoning which are available to print in PDF format. We also have a wonderful photo gallery of historical pictures and other events that have recently taken place within the town, including the successful Farmer's Market (coming soon!) and the Holiday Craft Fair. Forms, newsletters and important NEWS from the Town Hall are just a few items to found on the website! There is no need to question when the next meeting(s) will be held as there is a calendar which will provide you with accurate meeting information and other important dates to remember for the entire year!

One of the most valuable features on your new website is the **"We Want to Hear From You - Feedback Link"** which allows for immediate communication (feedback, thoughts, concerns, etc.) with the Town Officials.

**Please take a moment to visit [www.townofblackwolf.com](http://www.townofblackwolf.com) and share your thoughts!**



**Road Culvert Replacement by Rob Keller-** An application for County Culvert/Bridge Aid had been submitted to the County Highway Commissioner in June of 2014. These culverts have been identified as in need of replacement by me in conjunction with County engineering and Highway personnel. As the

application is approved, the Town and the County Bridge Aid program will share 50/50 in the cost of replacement of two large cross-culverts (road culverts). These are referred to as culverts because they are less than a twenty foot span. A twenty foot span or more defines a bridge. The culverts are under Black Wolf Avenue, 200 feet east of County Road R, and Fisk Avenue, 200 feet east of County Road I.



**Fisk Avenue Culvert at South End (facing east wall and span)**



**Fisk Culvert at North End (facing west wall and span)**



**Black Wolf Avenue South End (facing north)**





**Black Wolf Avenue South End (east wall and span)**



**Black Wolf Avenue South End (west wall and span)**

The replacements will take place during summer or early fall of 2015. I also expect to be applying for culvert aid to replace the cross road culvert on Black Wolf Avenue at the RR crossing. The culvert is rusting out at the water level and creating a sink hole due to erosion. The replacement should happen in 2016.



**Black Wolf Avenue at RR Crossing South End**

#### **Road Maintenance**

As is done every spring, there will be a joint Town Supervisor and County Highway Supervisor road inspection done in April. This inspection is the basis for any minor, as well as, major repair, seal coating, crack sealing, or paving of roads that may be required this year and sometimes in the near future. In addition the Town via the County Highway department conducts a road rating inspection process, called, "Paser" pavement rating in every odd year. This is done as a report to the State DOT as well as a tool to determine road work that is needed. The system results in a rating from 1, Failed to 10, Excellent for each road.

As of the time of this writing, a specific maintenance plan for the summer and fall of 2015 has not been determined. Please do not hesitate to notify the Town of any issues or concerns about road conditions in our Town.

#### **Road Sign Maintenance**



In 2008, the Federal Registry (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, MUTCD) made maintenance of sign reflectivity a national standard. The regulation includes traffic, regulatory, warning, safety, and road name signs. The result is a realization, if not a requirement, of all municipalities to develop a systematic sign evaluation and management plan. To that end, Black Wolf has been working with East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to create a Black Wolf sign inventory and maintenance management plan. That inventory and plan is ready to be implemented. We have identified suspect signs and will begin replacing those during the summer and fall of each year starting in 2015. Sign reflectivity life is generally between 15 and 20 years, so our plan is to replace the worst signs first and continue to replace current signs over the course of 10 to 15 years. At that point we will be in a rotating maintenance plan of the oldest signs being replaced each year on a 15 to 20 cycle. We welcome any notification of a sign in need of

replacement due to lack of reflectivity or other wear or damage.

### **Fire Signs - Address Signs**

Most of our fire signs are installed new in the summer of 2009. Since that time, some of the signs have started to lean; let's say, due to frost heaving. It takes a mallet and a good eye to straighten them out. You can expect to see our maintenance crew in the process of restoration in a continuing effort to keep things straight in the Town of Black Wolf.

### **Drainage Issues**

There are three kinds of drainage issues. Those that are in a road Right of Way (ROW), those that are on private property, and those that are a combination both areas (usually the case). When possible the Town will improve those issues that are in the road ROW if they are deemed disruptive. The other two cases become more complicated due to property rights and responsibilities.

Please contact the Town Hall on any issues of concern so that they can be turned over to the proper authority for review.

**By Rob Keller – Supervisor II**



### **OPEN BOOK**

The Open Book is expected to be held in June, please check the website, posting boards or contact the office for exact date which has yet to be determined. This is the time to meet with the Assessor about the upcoming assessment on your tax bill. You are welcome to contact Bowmar Appraisals at (920) 733-5369 with any questions you may have.

**BOARD OF REVIEW:** The Board of Review is usually held about two weeks after the Open Book. Residents who object to their assessment have to make a written objection to the Clerk at least 48 hours in advance to appeal to the Board of Review.

## **2015 FARMERS MARKET**

We are in the process of organizing the 2015 Farmer's Market and seeking vendor's who would like to join in on the fun!

The market begins on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and runs through October 6<sup>th</sup>. In order to accommodate the vendors and residents alike, we have slightly adjusted the

time: 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., every Tuesday at the Town Hall parking lot!

Please visit the website for a registration form and information!



## ***Have you seen this around the Town?***

Please assist the Town of Black Wolf and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department with apprehending whoever is responsible for dumping tires and other garbage on our Town roadways.

No matter the time of day or night, if you see suspicious behavior that leads you to believe a person or persons could be dumping tires, garbage, furniture or animal carcasses in the ditches, please do not hesitate to contact the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department or the Town Hall.

We ask that you attempt to gather as much information as possible. Identifying information such as vehicle make, model, color, license plate, unusual markings or something that stood out to you, who did you see and what did you see them do? These are all the kinds of questions that may be asked when reporting such illegal, disrespectful and atrocious behavior!



## GARBAGE & RECYCLING NEWS

Want to make sure you are recycling the right way in 2015? Start by exploring the Towns website – [www.townofblackwolf.com](http://www.townofblackwolf.com), click on Resident Info and Garbage & Recycling. You can also visit Advanced Disposal's Recycle Right resource page right from our website to learn more about what you can and cannot recycle and review common recycling myths. Visit our website and click on the link [AdvancedDisposal.com/RecycleRight](http://AdvancedDisposal.com/RecycleRight) today! It's simple and easy to use!

The Winnebago County Solid Waste Management Board has put out the commodity percentages for January – December 2014 as follows (recycling figures for the year 2014) : (The figures are for all of Winnebago County)

- Aluminum – 1%
- Plastic – 8%
- Glass – 25%
- Tin/Steel – 3%
- Newspaper – 40%
- Cardboard – 16%
- Mixed paper – 7%
- Total = 100%

# Agriculture & Household

## Hazardous Material Clean Sweep

April 24 & 25, 2015

**Bring Your Old and Unwanted:**

Pesticides	Gasoline
Herbicides	Automotive Fluids
Poisons	Toxic Cleaners
Lead & Oil Based Paint	Degreasers
Spray Paint	Mercury
Solvents	Pool Chemicals

**Farmer and residents of Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties may dispose of hazardous materials free of charge. Appointments are Required.**

**Friday, April 24th**

9-11 AM—Omro Fire Department  
520 W. Huron St., Omro

9-11 AM—Outagamie Co. Hwy Garage  
W7517 Hwy 54, Shiocton

3-6 PM—City of Menasha Public Works Garage  
455 Baldwin St, Menasha

**Saturday, April 25th**

9 AM-Noon—Harrison Town Hall  
W5298 Hwy 114, Menasha

Call 920-849-1450 or visit [www.WinnebagoCountySolidWaste.com](http://www.WinnebagoCountySolidWaste.com) to schedule an appointment.

**Hazardous Household Materials** are found in sheds, garages, basements, craft rooms, workshops or under kitchen sinks in many homes. Often these products are labeled with words such as: Caution, Warning, Danger, Poison, Flammable, Combustible or Corrosive.

**Hazardous Agricultural Materials** such as pesticides, herbicides and chemicals are found on both active and abandoned farms. Banned substances such as DDT, Chlordane, and Silvex, 2, 4-D will be accepted.

**Hazardous Business Materials** will be accepted from businesses identified as Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQG) and located within the participating Counties. Businesses must pay for their disposal costs, but may avoid on-site pick-up fees. Eligible businesses may receive a 50 percent subsidy for disposal of pesticide wastes.

The following materials **WILL NOT** be accepted at the Clean Sweep Events.  
(For proper disposal, please contact any sponsoring agency)

- Latex paint
- CFL and fluorescent light bulbs
- Electronic devices (TVs, computers, printers, etc.)
- Propane cylinders and gas tanks
- Vehicle and household batteries
- Explosives and ammunition
- Radioactive material (smoke detectors)
- Appliances (Microwaves, stoves, dehumidifiers, etc.)



Sponsored by Winnebago County Solid Waste, Outagamie County Recycling & Solid Waste, Calumet County UW-Extension and DATCP. Residents, farmers and businesses of sponsoring counties are encouraged to participate.

## 2015 Town Hall Holiday Hours

**New Year's Day** - Thursday, January 1, 2015  
**Memorial Day** - Monday, May 25, 2015  
**Independence Day** (info only) – Saturday, July 4, 2015  
**Labor Day** - Monday, September 7, 2015  
**Thanksgiving Day** - Thursday, November 26, 2015  
**Day after Thanksgiving** - Friday, November 27, 2015  
**Christmas Eve** – Thursday, December 24, 2015  
**Christmas Day** – Friday, December 25, 2015

## BURNING??



Please be considerate of your neighbors as you clean up yard waste! Watch the direction and strength of the wind prior to burning. Although you don't need a permit, we ask that you contact the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, non-emergency line at (920) 236-7300. We also request the Town Hall be notified as well as the Van Dyne Fire Department (920) 960-3207.



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**Town Chairman:** Frank Frassetto  
**Clerk:** Kim Hopkins  
**Zoning Admin:** Tom Verstegen

**Supervisor I:** Mike Pollack  
**Constable:** Leo Lefebber  
**Building Ins:** Dave Frank

**Supervisor II:** Robert Keller  
**Treasurer:** John McDermott  
**Office Manager/Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer:** Susan Snyder  
**Assessor:** Bowmar Appraisal, John Bodouski

### Town Hall Office Hours:

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
Use the drop box located by the front door when the office is closed.

**Please note:** Phone calls should be directed to the Town Hall, unless it's an emergency. Messages will be taken and forwarded to the proper individual or department, thus eliminating the need to contact town officials at their homes. Thanks!

#### **Zoning Administrator, Tom Verstegen, Town Hall Office Hours**

*Mondays 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall*  
Zoning permits and information may be obtained by contacting Tom at the Town Hall on Monday evenings or contact Tom directly at (920) 379-3081.  
Appointments can be made to meet with him at other times

#### **Building Inspector, Dave Frank**

Building permits and questions are answered by calling Dave directly at (920) 233-1999.

#### **Assessor:**

Bowmar Appraisal, Inc. John Bodouski (920) 733-5369  
3005 W. Brewster, Appleton, WI 54914

### Town Hall Meeting Schedules

Special circumstances sometimes require the need to change meeting dates and/or times. Postings are updated on a regular basis. Check the website or posting boxes located at the following locations:

- Town Hall
- Lakeshore Mart
- Lakeshore Superette
- Ripple Rd across from Oshkosh Country Club

#### **Town Board Meetings**

7:00 p.m. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month.

#### **Planning & Zoning Committee Meetings**

6:30 p.m. – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month.

#### **Stormwater Utility District**

6:00 p.m. – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday- bi-monthly meetings