



Town of Black Wolf

2024 Winter Newsletter



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OSHKOSH, WI 54902**

 **MON-TUES | 11:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
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 **920-688-1404**

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A Letter From Our Chairman

Cell Tower Land Lease sold

For almost 25 years, the town has leased space to SBA Communications (current cell tower owner) on town property located on Lone Elm Road for the purpose of siting a cell tower. During this time, the town has received countless unsolicited offers to sell the lease. We have always declined these offers.

Recently we received an offer that got our attention. We felt it necessary to bring this offer to the electors for guidance. Last September, a special meeting of electors passed a resolution giving the board permission to sell the lease to Tower Point Acquisitions LLC for a lump sum payment of \$397,531.20. All parties are going through the necessary due diligence and we should be closing on this transaction before the end of the year.

This money will be deposited into the Capital Improvement Segregated Account and will earn interest that can be used as a revenue source for future town budgets.



- Frank Frassetto. Town Chairman

REMINDERS ON HOW TO PAY YOUR TAX BILL



1. Bank First

- In person payments or drive thru at 1159 N. Koeller St. Oshkosh, WI
- Operating hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. & Drive Thru 8:00a.m.-5:30p.m.
- One check may be used for making multiple payments. A receipt will be provided. Note: Dog licenses are only issued at Town Hall

2. Mail

- Town of Black Wolf 380 E. Black Wolf Ave. Oshkosh, WI 54902
- Check made payable to "Town of Black Wolf" if paying in full or 1st installment

3. Drop-Box

- Drop box is located to the left of front door and is available 24/7

Town Hall Updates

Black Wolf Town Clerk, Susan Snyder, will be transitioning to her new role as Register of Deeds for Winnebago County with her term beginning January 6, 2025. Susan has worked for the Town of Black Wolf in multiple different roles for nearly 12 years, acting as Town Clerk for the last 6 years. You most likely have spoken to her when calling into the office, attending Board Meetings, and voting at the Town Hall and may have even seen her campaign signs for Register of Deeds around town! The Town Board has appointed current Black Wolf Deputy Clerk, Alex Snyder, to the role of Town Clerk and will begin her appointment January 6, 2025. We're grateful for the dedication Susan has shown Black Wolf and wish her much success in her next endeavor with Winnebago County.



Winter Dates to Remember

- **December 24th & 25th:** Closed for Holiday
- **December 31st & January 1st:** Closed for New Year
- **January 6th:** 6:00p P&Z Meeting
- **January 7th:** 7:00p Board Meeting
- **February 3rd:** 6:00 P&Z Meeting
- **February 10th:** 7:00p Board Meeting
- **February 18th:** Spring Primary
- **March 3rd:** 6:00 P&Z Meeting
- **March 10th:** 7:00 Board Meeting

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ATV/UTV Use in Black Wolf

There have been recent concerns by some town residents regarding ATV/UTV traffic on County Roads. Please keep in mind that County Roads and US Highways are under the control of Winnebago County and the DOT and not the Town of Black Wolf when deciding if ATV/UTV's are allowed to travel on them. With that being said, County Road Z has been authorized for travel while County Road R has not. The



reason Cty Rd Z is open and Cty Rd R is not is based on traffic counts determined by Winnebago County. All town roads are open for ATV/UTV travel. There has been talk that Winnebago County would like to see a single ATV/UTV ordinance for all townships within the county but discussions on this topic have been tabled until sometime in 2025.

It is recommended that all ATV/UTV operators please review the town ordinance that is currently in place. This can be found on The Town of Black Wolf website. Click on the **Resident Info** tab and then **Ordinances**. There is also a county map showing all routes that are open to travel.

- Town of Black Wolf Supervisor I, Mike Pollack

DOG LICENSING INFORMATION

Town ordinance allows three (3) dogs per residence and licensing is governed by chapter 174 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Licenses cannot be processed without proof of current rabies vaccination.

Applications can be found on the Town website or by visiting the Town Hall. Fees are \$5 for neutered/spayed or \$10 unneutered/unsprayed. Applications, proof of rabies vaccination, and fee may be submitted to the Town Hall in-person, mail, or drop box.



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Roads Update From Supervisor II, Rob Keller

Things to know about your town's roads. First are the main WI state statutes that we must follow:

WI STAT 82.03(1) The town board may appoint in writing a superintendent of highways to supervise, under the board's direction, the construction, repair, and maintenance of the highways and bridges under the town's jurisdiction. Where no superintendent of highways is appointed, it shall **be the duty** of the town board to perform all of the duties that are prescribed by law for the superintendent of highways to perform, including **keeping the highways passable at all times**. *Town of Black Wolf has appointed Supervisor II as the Superintendent of Highways.*

82.03 (2) FUNDING AND EQUIPMENT. The town board shall provide machinery, implements, material, and equipment needed to construct, maintain, and repair the highways and bridges under the town's jurisdiction, ...

82.05 Superintendent of highways. (3) When any highway under the superintendent's charge becomes impassable, the superintendent shall put the highway in passable condition as soon as practicable. Upon actual notice of the existence of any depression, ditch, hump, or embankment that impedes the use of any highway under the superintendent's charge, the superintendent, or in the absence of a superintendent the chairperson of the town board, shall as soon as practicable take action to **make the highway safe for travel**, which may include closing the highway.

Enough about the state laws!

See Wisconsin Transportation Bulletin • No. 19

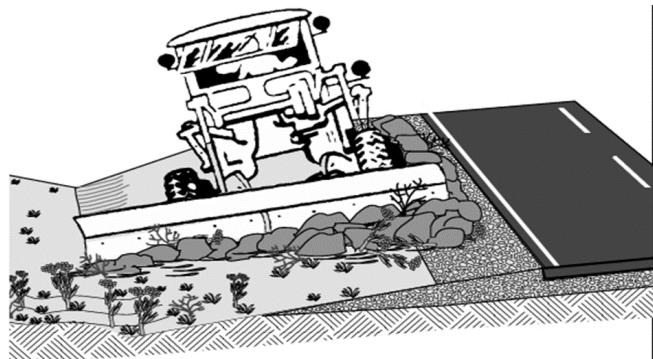
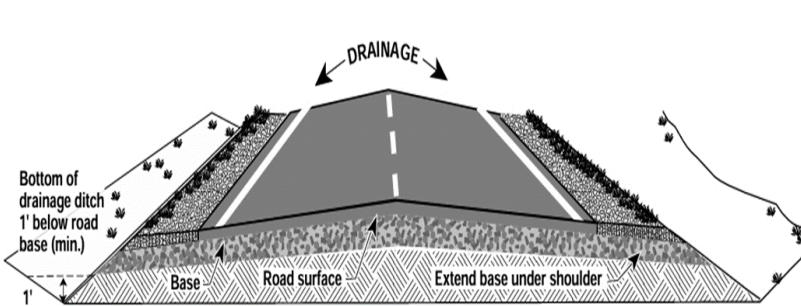
THE BASICS OF A GOOD ROAD. We have known how to build good roads for a long time. Archaeologists have found ancient Egyptian roads that carried blocks to the pyramids in 4600 BCE. Later, the Romans built an extensive road system, using the same principles we use today. Some of these roads are still in service. If you follow the basic concepts of road building, you will create a road that will last. The ten commandments of a good road are: To prevent these problems remember that **water: • flows downhill • needs to flow someplace • is a problem if it is not flowing.** Effective drainage systems divert, drain and dispose of water. To do this they use interceptor ditches and slopes, road crowns, and ditch and culvert systems. 1. Get water away from the road 2. Build on a firm foundation 3. Use the best materials 4. Compact all layers properly 5. Design for traffic loads and volumes 6. Design for maintenance 7. Pave only when ready 8. Build from the bottom up 9. Protect your investment 10. Keep good records

HIGHLIGHTS TWO OF THE POINTS:

1. Get water away from the road. We can't overemphasize the importance of good drainage. Engineers estimate that at least 90% of road problems can be related to excess water or to poor water drainage. Too much water in any layer of a road's structure can weaken that layer, leading to failure.

2. Protect your investment. The road system can be your municipality's biggest investment. Just as a home needs painting or a new roof, a road must be maintained. Wisconsin's severe climate requires more road maintenance than in milder places. Do these important maintenance activities: Surface — grade, shape, patch, seal cracks, control dust, remove snow and ice.

Drainage — clean and repair ditches and culverts; remove all excess material Roadside — cut brush, trim trees and roadside plantings, control erosion Traffic service in Town Right of Way. ROW is generally 66 feet wide. — clean and repair or replace signage.



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Some Town of Black Wolf specific road cost and spending history:

Current miles within the Town limits: Total (not incl private roads) 38.28 miles, County jurisdiction 10.13 miles, town maintains 28.15 miles, private miles estimate 3.34 miles. *Note private road maintenance is the responsibility of the private road residents. It's like their driveway, except we plow for emergency access.*

The following amounts are from State records which are reported each year by the Town. They represent how much was spent on Road Maintenance (including snow plowing) each year. Some of these costs are offset by the state transportation aid. In 2025 Black Wolf will receive \$76,962 in Transportation aids. *i.e. \$2734 per mile. The \$ spent below can be reduced by money received from the transportation aids.*

- 2023 \$279,102.00 \$9,915 per mile (We spent Covid Spirit funds.)
- 2022 \$423,213.50 \$15,034 per mile (An outside of the norm year. Howlett Ave was resurfaced. We received some LRIP FUNDS for this. We spent Covid Spirit funds.)
- 2021 \$195,053.00 \$6,929 per mile
- 2020 \$225,889.00 \$8,024 per mile
- 2019 \$185,501.00 \$6,589 per mile
- 2018 \$197,795.00 \$7,026 per mile
- 2017 \$111,393.00 \$3,957 per mile
- 7-Year Average 2023-17: \$231,135.21 \$8211 per mile
- Remove the high and low outliers 4-year average 2021-18: \$201,059.50 \$7,172 per mile.
- Budget 2024 \$220,600 7808.85
- Budget 2025 \$220,600 7808.85

Black Wolf Highway Expenditures are currently 28% of Annual Expenditures. The six-year average for 11 other towns' highway expenditures in Winnebago County is an average of \$273,996 annually.

One more thing: What happens on Town Boundary Roads?

Boundary agreements are made with Towns of Nekimi, Friendship and Eldorado. By law the responsibility is split down the middle of the road. Since it would be impractical for a Town to maintain one lane of a road the Towns agree to maintain $\frac{1}{2}$ of the distance of road between them on both sides of the road. Agreements are signed as to which $\frac{1}{2}$ of the road is maintained by which Town.

That's it about your town's roads!

Town of Black Wolf Superintendent of Highways, Supervisor II, Robert Keller.



Election Official Update

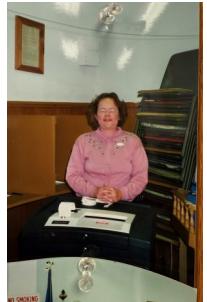


Chief Election Inspector for Black Wolf, Karen Sagemeister, has officially passed the torch to a new team of Chief Election Inspectors. Karen has served as a Black Wolf Election Official in multiple capacities for 28 years, providing guidance and leadership for all who serve as poll workers and those who come in to vote during elections. Chief Election Inspectors are in charge of the polling place

on Election Days and must be certified through the Wisconsin Elections Commission.

As an Election Official, Karen performed a very important public service by ensuring the integrity and operations of Wisconsin Elections. We're grateful for

Karen's service since 1996! Steve and Dianne Sagmeister have been designated as Chief Election Inspectors to serve the Town of Black Wolf moving forward.



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Aging & Disability Resource Center of Winnebago County

With the Holiday season approaching it is important to talk to your loved ones about preparations for the future and ensuring they have the resources to make informed decisions to ensure the best quality of life. Winnebago County ADRC is an organization dedicated to supporting seniors, people with disabilities and families.

"The ADRC is a no-cost, single point of contact for information and assistance. It can help you, or a loved one sort out available options so you can make an informed decision about how to proceed and be in control of choices affecting your independence. An ADRC is a visible and trusted place to turn to when you have questions about long-term care in Winnebago County."

ADRC serves the following:

- Anyone over 60 years old
- Adults 18+ with physical and/or developmental disabilities
- Family, caregivers, and others who are seeking information about Long-Term care options

The Oshkosh office for ADRC can be found at 220 Washington Ave. and have hours M-F 8:00am-4:30pm.



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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Black Wolf Sanitary District

(920) 233-2901

GFL

(920) 387-0987

Bowmar Appraisal Specialist

(920) 733-5369

Diggers Hotline

800-242-8511 or 811

DNR (local office)

(920) 424-3050

Land & Water Conservation

(920) 232-1950

Nekimi Town Hall (Rental)

(920) 426-5811

Oshkosh Humane Society

(920) 424-2128

Van Dyne Post Office

(920) 688-5566

Winnebago County Clerk

(920) 236-4888

Winnebago County Health Dept

(920) 232-3020

Winnebago County Treasurer

(920) 236-4777

Winnebago County Zoning

(920) 232-3340

Wisconsin Public Service

800-450-7260

2025 CAMPAIGN SIGN REMINDER

Political campaign signs shall not exceed 6sq. ft. If you allow someone else to place a sign on your property, you are responsible for that sign.

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

Held the 2nd Monday of each month at the town hall. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Agendas and minutes are posted on the website. Minutes are not posted until approved the following month.

PLANNING & ZONING

MEETINGS

Held the 1st Monday of each month at the town hall. Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. Agendas and minutes are posted on the website.

STORMWATER UTILITY

DISTRICT

Held the 3rd Monday, bimonthly at 6:00 p.m.

REGISTER TO VOTE

www.myvote.wi.gov