

# Town of Black Wolf

## A Letter From Our Chairman

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### 2026 TOWN BUDGET RECAP

Last November at the Annual Budget Meeting, the town approved the draft 2026 budget. The tax levy was increased by \$2,947.00 which is an increase of .01% over the 2025 budget. This small increase put forward by the board was achieved by focusing on priorities to meet the safety and well being of the town residents. That, along with the revaluation of all properties in the town last year has now reduced our mill rate to .70 cents per thousand.

Even though we did not increase our budget during the last couple years, the budget was increased this year due to some items that needed to be addressed in the 2026 budget, notably, a firetruck purchase to replace an aging truck for the Van Dyne Volunteer Fire Department, the need to absorb double-invoicing in 2026 for Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance), and cost-of-living (CPI) increase in salaries of town officials and staff.

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### Important Changes to USPS Postmarking

In August 2025, the United States Postal Service (USPS) announced changes to its postmarking process. Mail dropped off at local post offices will no longer be postmarked at that location. Instead, mail will be postmarked when it arrives at a regional mail processing facility. For the Oshkosh area, the nearest regional facility is located in Milwaukee. As a result, postmarks may be delayed by up to three business days, depending on when mail is deposited at the local post office. This change is especially important for items that have deadlines based on the postmark date.

Residents are encouraged to mail time-sensitive materials earlier than usual to help avoid potential delays. This issue was reported by local news outlet WBAY in early December 2025.

Additional information is also available in an article from WisLawNow, which can be found on the Town's website in the December 1 post.





# Holiday String Light Drive

December 1-January 31

Black Wolf is once again partnering with Winnebago County to collect your holiday string lights for recycling! String lights should never go in your recycling cart, they tangle in the high-speed sorting equipment used to process your boxes, bottles, and cans. Instead, drop them off at the [Black Wolf Town Hall](#) for proper recycling for free.

## ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Holiday String Lights  
Extension Cords  
Power Strips

## UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Garland  
Loose Bulbs  
Miscellaneous Decorations



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SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

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## Stay Visible, Stay Safe on Rural Roads

As the days get shorter, we would like to remind residents to take extra care when walking along rural roads at dusk or at night. Many of our roads have little to no street lighting, and drivers may have limited visibility—especially on higher-speed routes such as County Road Z and Highway 45.

Please be especially cautious when walking along roads with faster-moving traffic and limited lighting. A few simple precautions can go a long way in keeping you and your family safe. Wearing dark clothing can make it very difficult for drivers to see pedestrians until it's too late. For your safety, we strongly encourage walkers of all ages to wear light-colored clothing and, whenever possible, reflective or high-visibility gear. Reflective vests, jackets, or even small reflective accessories can make a significant difference.



Lakeside Elementary School is launching an exciting recycling program to reduce plastic waste and promote sustainability. The target is to gather 1,000 pounds of plastic, which will be sent to NexTrex, a company that transforms recycled plastics into durable outdoor products. By partnering with NexTrex, the school has the opportunity to earn a bench made entirely from recycled materials, a lasting symbol of the community's commitment to protecting the environment. Every bag, film, and plastic collected brings the school closer to this goal while teaching the importance of responsible recycling. Together, this initiative not only reduces waste but also creates a tangible reminder of what can be achieved when a community works toward sustainability.

### Items that we collect:

Product wrap, pallet wrap and stretch film, case overwrap, grocery bags, produce bags, retail bags, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ziploc and other resealable food storage bags, air pillows, bubble wrap, plastic shipping envelopes and electronic wrap. The plastic and/or film can be dropped off at Lakeside Elementary School by door #1 or The Town of Black Wolf Town Hall. This program will conclude in April 2026.

If you have any questions please feel free to email at: [Terri.oesterreich@oshkosh.k12.wi.us](mailto:Terri.oesterreich@oshkosh.k12.wi.us)

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# Winter Road Conditions & Community Reminders



As winter settles in, the Town of Black Wolf is preparing for changing road conditions and asks residents to use extra caution when traveling. Winnebago County Road crews actively monitor weather conditions and will continue plowing and treating town roads as needed to keep them as safe as possible throughout the season. We're also pleased to share that the State Highway 45 resurfacing project has been completed. Thank you for your patience during construction—this improvement will provide a smoother and safer drive through our community this winter and beyond.

## Annual Road Assessment & Planning

Each year, I participate in an annual road assessment with the Winnebago County Highway Department. The next assessment is scheduled for April 2026, when we will inspect all public roads within the Town of Black Wolf to evaluate current conditions and identify maintenance needs. Following the assessment, the Highway Department presents an itemized report outlining recommended repairs along with estimated costs.

These recommendations are then reviewed and discussed at a Town Board meeting. The Board works through prioritization of the proposed projects, determines what maintenance can be completed within the Town's budget, and decides whether projects will be completed by the County Highway Department or by private contractors. This process helps ensure a thoughtful, transparent approach to maintaining and improving our local road system.

## Important Winter Reminders

- Snow removal and mail delivery: Please clear snow around mailboxes to ensure uninterrupted mail delivery and to help keep postal carriers safe.
- Fire number signs: Make sure your fire number sign is visible and free of snow or obstructions. Clear signage is critical for quick emergency response during winter conditions.

Thank you for helping keep the Town of Black Wolf safe and accessible throughout the winter months. Safe Travels!

~Beth Oswald, Supervisor II



# 2026 Garbage & Recycling Schedule (GFL)



OBSERVED HOLIDAY

TRASH & RECYCLING

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# UPCOMING DATES

JANUARY	
1st	CLOSED - New Years Day
5th	P&Z Meeting at 6PM
12th	Board Meeting at 7PM

FEBRUARY	
2nd	P&Z Meeting at 6PM
3rd	In Person Absentee Voting Begins for Spring Primary (If a primary election is required)
9th	Board Meeting at 7PM
13th	In Person Absentee Voting Ends for Spring Primary (If a primary election is required)
16th	Presidents Day
17th	Spring Primary Election (If required)

MARCH	
2nd	P&Z Meeting at 6PM
9th	Board Meeting at 7PM
24th	In Person Absentee Voting Begins for Spring Election

APRIL	
3rd	In Person Absentee Voting Ends for Spring Election Ends
5th	Easter
6th	P&Z Meeting at 6PM
7th	Spring Election
13th	Board Meeting at 7PM



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Regarding the fire truck, we've been putting money away in the Fire Truck Replacement Fund annually but we anticipate delivery of the new truck that was ordered back in 2024, near the end of 2026. This will mean a large payment somewhere near \$400 thousand dollars in the 2026 fiscal year.

As to the double billing of ambulance service, this occurs because the City of Oshkosh sends their invoices for ambulance service in the year AFTER services were rendered. Our new ambulance provider – Lifestar – invoices clients monthly in the CURRENT year. So, while we are paying twice this year, next year we'll be back on track paying only once for our EMS service.

Lastly, general government costs rose by 2.9% which is in line with the Consumer Price Index. This formula was voted on by electors at a previous annual meeting during which board members stipends were set along with advisory compensation for employees.

When you review your 2025 tax payment information that were sent out in mid-December, please pay attention not only to the Black Wolf portion of your property tax, but also the other taxing entities such as Winnebago County, Fox Valley Technical College, and the Oshkosh Area School Board. You'll notice that their tax levies either increased or decreased from the previous year and are solely out of our control. The pie charts that were included with your 2025 tax statement provides you with the breakdown, by taxing entity, of the changes.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Frank Frassetto**  
**Town Chairman**

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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

### BlackWolf SanitaryDistrict

(920) 233-2901

### GFL

(920) 685-0771

### 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

### Oshkosh Humane Society

(920) 424-2128

### Van Dyne Post Office

(920) 688-5566

### Winnebago County Clerk

(920) 232-3430

### Winnebago County Health Dept

(920) 232-3020

### Winnebago County Treasurer

(920) 232-3420

### Winnebago County Zoning

(920) 232-3340

### Wisconsin Public Service

800-450-7260

## 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.

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