

Town of Port Washington

2021 Newsletter

PROPERTY TAX BILLS & PAYMENTS

IN FULL & FIRST INSTALLMENT:

2021 Tax Bills were mailed in early December. The full amount or first installment will be due to the Town of Port Washington by Monday, January 31, 2022

BY MAIL:

Include the tear off stub for the 1st installment or full payment with your check made payable to Town of Port Washington and mail to: (Include a self addressed stamped envelope if you would like a receipt.)

Town of Port Washington Treasurer
2354 Willow Road
Port Washington, WI 53074

DROP BOX @ Town Hall Located on the south doors of the town hall. Please include your statement and check, along with your phone number.

BANK: Port Washington State Bank, 206 N. Franklin St., Port Washington is the only bank that payments will be received at. Payment accepted during lobby hours.

** If you have a refund coming, payment at the bank is suggested. Refunds can only be made after the entire tax bill has been paid.*

IN PERSON: at the Town Hall:

December: **Saturday: Dec 18—8:00am—Noon**
Mondays: Dec 20 & 27 - 9:00am—Noon
Wednesdays: Dec 22 & 29 - 1:00pm—4:00pm
Thursdays: Dec 23 & 30 - 4:00pm—6:00pm
Fridays: Dec. 24 & 31 - 9:00am—Noon

January: **Mondays: Jan 17, 24 & 31— 9:00 am—Noon**
Wednesdays: Jan 19 & 26 - 1:00 pm—4:00 pm
Thursdays: Jan 20 & 27 - 4 pm—6 pm
Saturdays: Jan 22 & 29 - 8:00 am—Noon

SECOND INSTALLMENTS or late First Installments: The Town cannot accept second installment payments or late first installment payments. Payment is only accepted by the Ozaukee County Treasurer. Due by July 31, 2022. Mail or in person to: **Treasurer, 121 W. Main Street, Port Washington, WI**



Your Town Board:

Chairman:

Mike Didier
414-573-0018

Supervisors:

Greg Welton
262-370-6207
Gary Schlenvogt
262-483-7712

Building Inspector:

Roger Kison
414-333-4511

Treasurer:

Mary Sampont
262-284-5394

Clerk:

Heather Krueger
262-284-5235

Town Hall Hours:

Monday & Wednesday
9:00 am—4:00 pm

Or by Appointment

Phone: 262-284-5235

Email: clerk@town.port-washington.wi.us

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE:

www.town.port-washington.wi.us

TOWN MEETINGS:

All Meetings are held at the Town Hall, 3715 Highland Drive

Town Board Meetings: **The Town Board meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30pm.**

Planning Commission Meetings: **The Planning Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm.**

Annual Meeting of Electors—3rd Tuesday of April

Board of Review & Open Book with Assessor—TBD, Spring

Town of Port Washington Public Hearing, meeting of Electors to pass Levy—November

All meetings are posted at the town hall & on the town website.

Agendas of upcoming meetings and also Minutes of past meetings can be found on the Town Website. All meetings are open to the public, and we welcome you to attend. If you would like to have an item placed on the agenda of either the Town Board or Planning Commission meeting, please notify the Town Chairman, Mike Didier or the Town Clerk, Heather Krueger no later than the Wednesday prior to the meeting. It remains at the discretion of the Town Chairman whether or not your item will be discussed.

ELECTIONS

VOTING LOCATION, Wards 1 & 2

Town Hall

3715 Highland Drive

To Register to Vote:

Register online at:
myvote.wi.gov

Register to vote in person at the Town Hall any time before an election or on election day. You will need to provide at least one form of ID showing residency in the town for a minimum of 10 days. Any document used as proof of residence MUST include your current address and complete name, your current and complete residential address. Examples of proof of residency: drivers license, utility /

phone bill or bank statement.

To Vote Absentee:

Register online at: myvote.wi.gov

You must be a registered voter in the town to register for an absentee ballot. If you would like to vote absentee, you must fill out the WI Application for Absentee Ballot each calendar year.



2022 Election Dates:

February 15, 2022—Spring Primary

April 5, 2022—Spring Election

August 9, 2022—Fall Partisan Primary

2021 Passed Ordinances:

- ◆ Lake Drive, Bay Hill Road and Dixie Court—Change in speed limit; from 55 mph to 45 mph.
- ◆ Update in the Town of Port Washington Comprehensive Plan, per state statues Comprehensive Plans need to be updated every 10 years.
- ◆ Redistrict of Voting Wards—per state statues, all wards need to be updated. There were no changes in Ward 1 or Ward 2 in the Town.

All passed ordinances and resolutions can be found in entirety on the Town's website.

Fire Signs: Fire signs, or address markers issued by the town are not to be moved, altered or decorated. These signs are put in place so they are clearly marked for the Fire Department and Emergency Response vehicles can easily locate a residence when called upon for aide. If yours is damaged or missing, call the Town Hall to request a new one. Please keep the fire sign area free of snow so that they are visible to emergency personnel. Remember—fire signs are for your family's safety and protection.



Thank you Rick!

The Town of Port Washington would like to thank Rick Fellenz for his service to the town.

Rick will be retiring as the town Building Inspector at the end of 2021. Rick has been very involved and has a long history of service to the town including Town Board Chairman 1983-1989 and Town Building Inspector and Zoning Administrator since 1989.

The Town Board along with the residents of the town THANK YOU for your service!

BUILDING PERMITS:

Building permits and planning project applications can be printed from the Town website: <https://www.town.port-washington.wi.us/>

Permits are required for any structural changes, remodeling and alterations, additions, basement and/or garages. Also, replacement of heating equipment, plumbing and electrical. A permit is not required for residing, window or door replacement as long as there are no structural modifications or the first reroof. If you are unsure or have questions please call the Building Inspector.

Roger Kison 414-333-4511

rkison@wi.rr.com



Trash & Recycling:

TRASH

& RECYCLING

Located at the Town Hall, 3715 Highland - open for **Town of Port Washington Residents ONLY.**

DROP-OFF

HOURS:

THURSDAYS:

4:00PM—6:00PM

SATURDAYS:

8:00AM-NOON

Keep doing your part!

The Town of Port Washington is one of the only townships in Ozaukee County that does not charge for trash or recycling!

Please be mindful when separating your recycling: Recycled products to not include plastic bags of any type. Any food item in or on a recycled product is not recyclable—please clean recycling products before separating.

Drop-off Site reminders:

- ◆ Limit of 5 bags weekly . Only household garbage is accepted, no construction or yard waste allowed.
- ◆ Please enter from the south side of Highland Dr. to allow for drive-through traffic.
- ◆ Please pull to the side if you plan to socialize so your neighbors can continue to drive-through in a timely manner.
- ◆ A Town resident card which is available from the clerk, or your driver's license with current address may be necessary if the attendant does not recognize you.
- ◆ Please respect the hours posted, the attendant needs time to open/close the site.

The following items should not be placed in the commingled recycling bin— FOOD PARTICLES WILL CONTAMINATE THE ENTIRE DUMPSTER

The town board has approved plans for a new drop-off site shelter building. Building can begin when materials are available, June of 2022 is the tentative deadline.



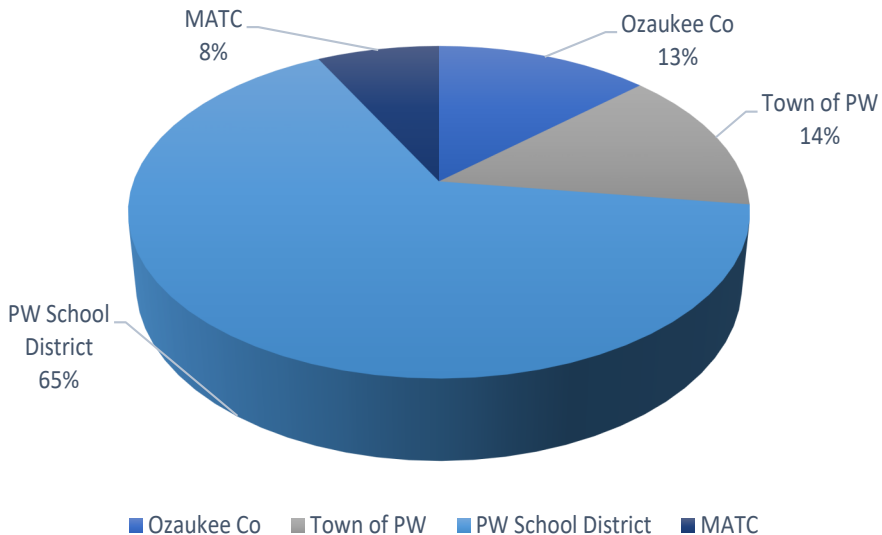
Town Road update:

2021: Hawthorne Drive from County Road H to County Road KW was resurfaced this year by Payne & Dolan.

2022: the annual road tour takes place in spring. The board will determine which roads will need to be repaired in 2022.

WINTER: Please use caution this winter, keep in mind that this is a rural area and perfectly clear roads and will not always be possible. Please do not push driveway snow into the road way.

TOWN TAX ALLOCATION



WINTER MAILBOX DAMAGE POLICY

The Town can only assume responsibility for mailboxes damaged by direct contact with snowplow equipment. If a mailbox or post is pushed over or damaged as a result of the snow or slush coming off the snowplow, it is considered a winter hazard. Therefore, the Town will not assume responsibility, as the mailbox should be designed to stand up to the rigors of the winter plowing season.

If damage is discovered, residents should report it to the Town via e-mail or phone as soon as it is discovered. The Town will have the damage inspected and determine if it is a result of a direct hit with snow removal equipment. If it is determined that the damage is from the snowplow and not from snow load or inferior-quality products the Town will, at the Town's discretion, either:

- ⇒ Furnish and install a standard replacement post and/or mailbox; this may include a temporary repair until weather conditions permit final repair. OR
- ⇒ Reimburse the owner in an amount of not more than \$75.00

This repair or reimbursement policy does not apply to inferior construction or mailboxes and post in deteriorated condition or improperly installed per U.S. Postal guidelines.

Please note: Plastic mailboxes are more prone to damage due to the varying qualities of plastics and the brittle nature of the plastic in extreme cold temperatures. Please consider this when purchasing a mailbox. Plastic parts have a high failure rate on Town roads.

MAILBOX INSTALLATION GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED PER USPS REGULATIONS *Mailboxes MUST be 41" to 45" above the roadway surface. *The face of the mailbox must be between 6" to 8" back from the edge of the roadway surface.

Dog License Applications:

Included in this mailing is the annual dog license application., or it can be found on the Town's website.

All dogs over 5 months of age must be licensed. Licenses are valid for one (1) year from Jan.—Dec., and must be renewed annually. Fees are \$5.00 per dog if the dog is neutered or spayed or if not altered the license is \$8.00. A copy of a current rabies vaccination must be included with the application.

State Statute §174 require all dogs to be licensed. The goal in licensing dogs is to ensure all dogs are vaccinated for rabies; hence the requirement for a current rabies certificate each year is a matter of public safety. Straying dogs having current tags can be traced back to their owners and assist reunification.

