

Community Progress

November 2025 – January 2026



Dear Residents of Town of East Troy,

The Town is committed to open and transparent communication, and wants to bring to your attention our latest developments and accomplishments from Nov'25 through Jan'26 concerning our community.

Police Department. Police department listed their 2021 squad on WI Surplus and sold it for \$12,322 (Nov' 25).

Approved purchase of a new laser speed unit, cost \$2,185.00 (Nov'25).

Public Works (DPW). Beulah Heights Culvert project bids were due in early November 2025 however, some soil issues were discovered requiring deeper pilings and the project is delayed until spring 2026. Bid opening for construction of the culvert scheduled on Feb 6, 2026. Honey Creek Culvert on Town Line Road designated (Dec'25) as a bridge per the State's Culvert Inspector which requires an initial inspection, Walworth County to perform inspection with an estimated cost of \$1,000 which will occur in the Spring of 2026. Installation of five (5) replacement windows at the Town Hall's Administration Building \$15,102, by James R. Taylor & Sons (Jan'26) who also installed new interior trim.

Tri-Troy Alliance (Village of East Troy, Town of East Troy and Town of Troy). ETAESD and Troy Center ongoing discussions on cross-training opportunities and shared SOP's for fire and rescue emergency services. Shared bucket truck needs repairs (Jan'26); high likelihood it will be sold and municipalities will seek alternate shared solution or rental options based upon Tri-Troy Alliance Public Meeting on Jan 27, 2026.

Community. Approved Resolution 2025-9 to express support to Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2026-2030 Transportation Alternatives Grant Program (TAP) Application – East Troy to Mukwonago Multiuse Path (Oct'25). Approved Revocable Occupancy Permit Agreement for the Village Multiuse Trail proposed on the Village corner parcel RXUP00249 at Honey Creek Rd and Hwy 120 (Dec'25). Mukwonago Annexation of parcel # PET 100003 per Mukwonago Boundary Agreement, approved (Jan'26).

Town Board. Town's Employee Handbook worked on in Nov'25, submitted by Town Committee (3 town staff & 2 board members) to Board in Dec'25, Board approval for review by a Labor Attorney, Labor Attorney provided feedback (Jan'26), and Board approved to send handbook to all employees for feedback by Feb'26 board meeting. A credit card contract for new credit card payment option for town and judicial payments is under review (Dec'25). The 2026 fee schedules marginally increased for the Boat Launch, Brynes Park permits and Planning Commission applications. Approved electronic banking on all Town accounts (Nov'25). Approved Ordinance 2026-1 amending and recreating Section 2.20.020(4) to provide statutory options for providing Meeting Notices on the Town's website as one of the legal posting locations in compliance with WI Open Meeting Law (Jan'26).

Appointments and Separating Clerk/Treasurer Position. Appointed Jean Loth to the Clerk/Treasurer position effective January 1, 2026. Special Elector meeting held on January 19, 2026 separated the appointed Town Clerk/Treasurer position into separate appointed Town Clerk and appointed Town Treasurer positions. Per Wisconsin Towns Association, over 80% of towns in Wisconsin have separate clerks and treasurers. Job posting for a new Municipal Town Clerk (Jan'26). Brain Johnson appointed as the interim Supervisor to fill Supervisor Jahner's vacancy until the April 21, 2026 Annual Elector's meeting (Jan'26).

2025 Budget Amendment. Resolution 2025-11 amending the 2025 Budget by a net decrease in expense \$351,591.82 and borrowing (Nov'25). Main amendments items adding to Town expenses were Old Roads \$155k, purchasing a Snow Plow & Tractor \$385K and a new Police Squad \$57K. Main amendment items subtracting from Town expenses were delayed into 2026 for the town's portion of a new Fire Ladder Truck \$814K and a new Rescue Ambulance \$130K (Nov'25).

2026 Budget Hearing. Held on November 24, 2025 with an approved maximum allowable levy limit of \$2,185,068.00. Chairman Jones provided a presentation highlighting our increasing expenses, stagnant revenue and increasing reliance on borrowing over the past eight (8) years. Workshops will be scheduled in 2026 to identify effective cost mitigation measures, unnecessary expenses and cost improvement opportunities while prioritizing essential services and long term financial sustainability of the Town. The video of the hearing can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/live/jT8JNMKpYal> . A copy of the budget hearing presentation by Chairman Jones can be accessed at: <https://storage.googleapis.com/juniper-media-library/269/2025/11/Budget%20Hearing%20Presentation%2011-24-2025.pdf>

Town Lakes and Parks. New ordinance Section 16.35 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) was presented by Chief Gorecki and approved by the Board (Jan'26). Approved Park funds to cover ETHS Woodworking and Fab Labs material costs, not to exceed \$500, to support giant Adirondack chair construction at Jim Byrnes Memorial Park (Nov'25).

Planning Commission. Planning Commission moving to a monthly single-meeting, same-day decision format. Beginning January 2026, Planning Commission meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month, 6:30 pm, Town Hall. Contact Jen Olsen at the Town Hall for information and packet deadlines (Nov'25). Approved Walworth County amendment to Chapter 6 of the 2050 Comprehensive Land Use Plan that affects all Towns (Jan'26).

Thank you for your continued support and for making the Town of East Troy a great place to live.

Sincerely,

Town of East Troy