

Community Progress Report

May 2026 – August 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 concerning our community.

Police Department. Accepted the resignation of Police Chief Gorecki. Within days appointed Deputy Police Chief Scott Runge as Interim Police Chief, and subsequently appointed Runge as the permanent Police Chief in July. The Town thanks Chief Gorecki for structuring the law enforcement organization with succession planning in mind. Without this forward thinking, finding a new chief would have consumed extensive board time and would have taken weeks or months to complete. We wish Chief Gorecki the best in his new endeavors!

Public Works (DPW). Beulah Heights Culvert Project - Engineering by Lynch Associates, construction by RLP Diversified Inc. Water way was closed, temporary bypass roadway installed, utility re-work, sheet piling installation to dam waterway, and dredging for culvert. Excessive spring activity filling the channel became apparent and the team rose to the challenge modifying the plan to deal with this excessive water. The Town thanks RLP Diversified for their determination and commitment to complete this project given some of these unexpected challenges! As we were reaching the end of August, the culvert itself was being assembled and prepped for a crane to drop in place. In addition, a bid was awarded for hot in place for Miramar Rd and Miramar Dr. to Gallagher Asphalt for \$127,696.50. Expected 10-12 years of life (May 2026). Seal coating for Haams, Colbo and Miramar Roads and Miramar Drive. Bid awarded for new road work on Honey Creek Road to Asphalt Contractors for \$358,380.00 (May 2026). DPW quick thinking enabled some wedge work on Hamms road to help correct a pitch problem.

Administration. Approved the employment offer to Caitlin Owens for the position of Municipal Clerk. Clerk Owens and Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Loth were subsequently sworn into office. (Jun/Jul'26).

Community. America 250 Independence Day Farmers Market at Jim Byrnes Memorial Park. Live Music, Local Vendors, Food Trucks, Touch a Truck event. Thank you to the sponsors, volunteers, Town staff and everyone who came out to make this event a success. (Jul'26). We look forward to more events like this in 2027.

Jim Byrnes Memorial Park. Giant Adirondack Chair placed at park in a Hosta Garden. Thank you to East Troy Tech Ed. Teacher, Fab Lab Teacher, East Troy Horticulture and Landscape teacher and all of the dedicated students for collaborating with the Town of East Troy Department of Public Works and the Parks Committee to make this idea

become a reality. The Town received a donation from the Deana Byrnes family for a tree and/or a perennial garden for the park this fall. Discussions began between the Town, East Troy Railroad and donors regarding a permanent ETRR ADA Compliant platform at Byrnes Park to more effectively facilitate ETRR Halloween events in October. (Jun/Jul'26).

Borrowing. Approved Resolution 2026-20 authorizing borrowing for capital projects including roadwork, DPW equipment, police equipment (boat launch kiosk), town hall audio/visual equipment, fire and rescue capital purchases. Approved First Citizens State Bank for the 2026 borrowing of \$1,563,036 at an interest rate not to exceed 5.5%. (Jul'26).

Town Lakes. Adopted Ordinance 2026-14, amending Section 16.05.240(1) to make all Lake Districts within the Town of East Troy responsible for buoy placement. Adopted Ordinance 2026-17, creating 16.10.045, to require pier owners on all Town of East Troy piers (Army, Beulah and Potter) to display their address at the end of the pier. Adopted Ordinance 2026-18 the Town's Spotter Ordinance, Section 16.05.140, to conform with 2017 Wisconsin Act 163 which allows a motorboat with one driver to tow a water skier if there is a wide-angle mirror in the boat to provide spotter visibility (Jul/Aug'26).

2025 Town Financial Audit. Baker Tilly, the Town's auditor, presented their final audit for Financial Statements, Supplementary Information and an Executive Summary – Reporting & Insights for fiscal year ending December 31, 2025. Refer to the Aug'26 Town Board meeting packet for the complete audit reports (Aug'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