

December 2025 Chairman's Report

Unless an individual is directly involved with the day-today operation of either a business or in this case a government entity, changes in operations could go unnoticed. As it is, having firsthand insight of the staff, Plan Commission and Board operations, 2025 was and is impressive.

Looking at a map of southeast Wisconsin, this area is a hotbed of activity fueled by the Highway influence of I-41, 45, Hwy 60, 144, 145 plus the healthy County Highway system. The outside world has finally realized what we have known for years. We live in a special corner of the world. Your Board realized we need to be proactive to protect the rural character, or it will be gone forever.

To start the year off, the Land Division Ordinance was updated to reflect the needs of today, giving better options for business, ag and homeowners. The Plan Commission got the Ordinance forwarded to the Board in January for adoption and promptly took on the updating of the Zoning ordinance, completing it in October for action by the Town Board a week later. Since all this is fluid and different items have needs to be addressed, we will start after the new year to visit additional subjects, keeping us current with ever-changing needs.

As mentioned last year, the Board aggressively addressed aging roadways. In 2025, Lakeview Circle, Edgewood Drive, Hillcrest Parkway, Western Avenue from Mayfield Rd to Hwy P, Sherman Rd, from Slinger Rd (3/4 mile west) and Cedar Creek Rd from Hillside Rd (1/2 mile east) were all paved.

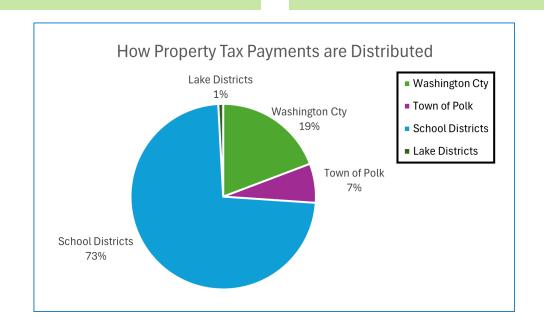
The Town also participated in two intergovernmental highway projects; One in cooperation with the Village of Richfield to pave Pioneer Rd from Hillside Rd to Scenic Rd, the other was with the Village of Slinger to use County Shared Revenue funds to level the roadway surface, using a product known as 'Mastic' to improve the ride on Lover's Lane north of Kwik Trip extending to the water tower at Hwy 41. Maintenance that has been put off due to funding issues such as crack filling has been done over the past few years to gain longevity of pavement.

The list of roads needing attention is reevaluated using the State rating program known as the PASER system along with input from the DPW. Next year will be another active year.

As a point of reference, a pie chart is included to explain where your tax dollars we all assume go to the Town but are passed through to other taxing entities.

Wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert Schulteis, Board Chairman





Winter is Coming!

Snowy and icy roads are soon on their way. With inclement weather, the Town plow trucks will be out to clear and salt town roads as soon as possible. During major storms, it make take several passes over the course of the day or days to get all snow cleared back.

No Depositing of Snow in Roads

It is illegal for residents to deposit snow on the Town roadways. Moving snow onto roads places a liability risk to the Town and to the property owner should an accident occur as a result of depositing snow onto the roadway. Placing

the snow on the road could cause hazardous conditions, alter the path of the snowplows, vehicles, and pedestrians on the road.

Place Garbage Bins Out of The Way Of Snow Plows.

Inspect Your Mailbox!

Take a look at your mailbox to make sure it is sturdy and able to withstand the force of plowed snow. The posts should be solid in the ground, and boxes secure on the posts so they will withstand snow being pushed against it. It is the policy of the Town of Polk to only reimburse the owner for the mail boxes and posts broken from coming into direct contact with the snow plow.

We wish you a safe winter driving season!

- Public Works Dept.

Town Hall Hours

Mon, Weds, Thur: 7:30AM to Noon

Tuesday: 2:30 PM to 6:00PM

Friday: Closed

Check our website for Holiday closures and Tax Collection hours. With inclement weather, call Town Hall before visiting to make sure we are open.



Agendas for Meetings and Public Hearings are posted on the Town Bulletin Board and website. To view current and archived Agendas and Minutes of the various meetings, visit www.townofpolk-wi.gov. You can also sign up for text or email notifications on the website.

Town of Polk Recycling Center

The Town's Recycling Center is located behind the gates, between the Washington County Humane Society and Town of Polk parking lots.

The Center is open on Saturdays 9AM – NOON, except holidays or during inclement weather.

A list of accepted materials is available on the Town website or at Town Hall.

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