

Town of Port Washington

Winter/Tax Collection
Newsletter 2018

PROPERTY TAX BILLS & PAYMENTS

IN FULL & FIRST INSTALLMENT:

2018 Tax Bills were mailed in early December. The full amount or first installment will be due to the Town of Port Washington by Thursday, January 31, 2017.

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

LOCAL 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: December & January, the Treasurer will be available to take payment at the Town Hall:

December 2018 / January 2019

Mondays: 1:00 pm—4:00 pm

Wednesdays: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Thursdays: Dec. 20 & 27: 3:30 pm—6:00 pm

Jan 24 & 31: 3:30 pm—6:00 pm

Saturdays: Dec 22 & 29: 9:00 am—Noon

Jan 19 & 26: 9:00 am—Noon

SECOND INSTALLMENTS or late First Installments: Payable to Ozaukee County Treasurer by July 31, 2017. Address: 121 W. Main Street, Port Washington, WI 53074.

The Town cannot accept second installment payments or late first installment payments.



Your Town Board:

Chairman:

Jim Melichar
262-206-1731

Supervisors:

Mike Didier
414-573-0018

Gary Schlenvogt
262-483-7712

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 NEW
WEBSITE:**

www.town.port-washington.wi.us

ELECTIONS

2019 ELECTIONS

February 19, 2019

Spring Primary

April 2, 2019

Spring Election



VOTING LOCATION, Wards 1 & 2

Town Hall

3715 Highland Drive

To Register to Vote:

Register online at: myvote.wi.gov

If you are not a registered voter, please stop in at the Town Hall before the election. 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.

PHOTO ID: It is now a law that photo id: driver's license, military ID or Passport is provided before voting

To Vote Absentee:

Register online at: myvote.wi.gov

Keep in mind that if you plan to vote Absentee, you need to fill out the WI Application for Absentee Ballot every year, unless you have checked the box on the form that says you're Indefinitely confined, which will add you to the Absentee list until you take yourself off. You can also find the forms and link on the towns website:

www.town.port-washington.wi.us

Interested in working the election polls? Call the Clerk at 262-284-5235 and ask for information on how to become an election inspector

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.

By state statute all agendas are posted in at least three places:

- Town Hall –outside bulletin board
- Town Hall /Drop-off site sign
- Town website: <https://www.town.port-washington.wi.us>

*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

**These meetings will be posted and also published in the Ozaukee Press*

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, Jim Melichar 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.



Time to renew dog licenses

Fill out enclosed form and include it with your tax payment as a separate payment, or mail or stop at Town Hall.

Include:

1. Rabies vaccination certificate
2. Self-addressed, stamped return envelope
3. Check made out to Town of Port Washington

Cost:

Spayed/neutered \$3.00 each

Male or Female \$8.00



Farm Vehicles on Town Roads

By: Supervisor Mike Didier

Have you ever been driving behind a combine or other large farm vehicle and wondered “Is that thing really allowed on the road when it takes up both lanes”? Well, the answer is most likely yes, it is legal.

This article will give a general explanation of farm vehicles, or more properly “Implements of Husbandry” (IOH) or “Agricultural Commercial Motor Vehicles” (Ag CMV’s) on Town roads.

IOH vehicles such as tractors, combines, and self-propelled pesticide application equipment, do not have license plates and are not built to any type of highway manufacturing specifications. An Ag CMV is a vehicle that started life as a commercial vehicle such as a box truck, straight truck or semi but has been permanently modified for exclusive agricultural use. An example would be a box truck that has been altered to distribute feed to livestock. Ag CMV’s are also not registered vehicles.

The Town of Port Washington has maintenance authority for its own highway system just like all our neighbors Belgium, Saukville and Fredonia do for theirs. With the increased amount of very large and heavy agricultural equipment being used on the roads and the extreme weights IOH can put on the roads, a balance between the success of agriculture in the town and the protection of the Town road system has to be obtained. In 2014-2015 all Town Boards within Ozaukee County came to a consensus as of now all Towns have uniform weight restrictions for IOH. The maximum Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) for IOH is 92,000 lbs. with a maximum of 23,000 lbs. per axle. Self-propelled tillers, planters and harvesters are exempt from the per axle limitations however must still conform to the 92,000 GVW. If a producer wants to exceed these weights on Town roads, they must apply for a permit and the Town will work with them to create a plan that limits the wear and tear on the road system. An example would be creating a temporary one-way road so the IOH can travel down the center of the road and limit outer edge wear on the pavement.

As for width, there are no limits for IOH but if over 15 ft. wide they must have front and rear warning lights and if over 22 ft. wide must have a chase vehicle accompany them when traveling more than a ½ mile.

Regarding length, a single IOH can be up to 60 feet long (longer with permit) and a 2 vehicle IOH, such as a tractor pulling a manure spreader, can be up to 100 feet long (longer with permit).

There is no limit or restrictions for height of an IOH, however the operators remain responsible for ensuring clearance. Just because an IOH can be 18 feet tall does not mean it can go under a 15-foot bridge!

There is one more vehicle that per state law is treated like an IOH. All Terrain Vehicles (more commonly called 4-wheelers) and Utility Terrain Vehicles (commonly called Kubota’s or Razors) **if registered as “Private Use Agricultural”** may operate on roadways while transporting farm implements, equipment, supplies, or products on a farm or between farms in the following manner: 1) At the extreme right side of the roadway, except for left turns. 2) With headlights and taillights activated and visible and 3) Obeying the roadway speed limit. Also, helmets are not required for agricultural use.



I hope this information gives you a little more understanding of the use of agricultural vehicles on our Town roads. Safe travels.

TRASH

& RECYCLING

Located at the Town
Hall, 3715 Highland
Drive is open for
Town of Port Wash-
ington Residents

DROP-OFF

HOURS:

THURSDAYS:

4:00PM—6:00PM

&

SATURDAYS:

8:00AM-NOON

Single-Stream

Recycling

CO-MINGLE

IN ONE CONTAINER

(NO PLASTIC BAGS)

Magazines

Office Paper

Brown paper bags

Newspapers

Paperboard

Cardboard

Phone books

Junk mail

Paper cardboard, dairy &
juice containers

Aluminum cans

Tin or steel cans

Glass bottles & Jars

Plastic bottles & Containers
#1-7

Drop—Off Site, things to remember

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!

By separating your recycling from your trash, the Town receives a rebate per pound on the recycling we collect. This year has not been as successful as years past, spread the word to your neighbors and keep up the recycling efforts!

2016—\$1340 rebates received

2017—\$ 4800 rebates received

2018—\$1200 rebates received

Do your part ~ Recycle!

- ◆ Please respect the hours posted, the attendant needs time to open/close the site.
- ◆ All garbage must be bagged.
- ◆ 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.



OZAUKEE
IRON & METAL, LLC

"The first choice in recycling"

Give Us A Call
(262) 284-4060

When items cannot go in the dumpsters, please take them to a reputable facility that will dispose of them correctly.

Ozaukee Iron & Metal, 728 Schmitz Drive, Port Washington

ITEMS ACCEPTEED: (w/ disposal fee) Freon Units, furniture, mattresses, TV, monitors, microwaves, construction debris.

Ozaukee Iron & Metal will purchase Ferrous & Non-Ferrous products from you.

Check out their website for more information: www.ozaukeeironmetal.com



215 Park Street, Port Washington - Open Mondays only 8:00—5:00

Veolia accepts electronics, TV's, appliances, hazardous waste and other items that are not allowed in the recycling/landfills. Please call for a complete listing

262-243-8900

Do you want your trash/recycling picked up weekly at your home?

Please contact Waste Management directly for schedule and fees.

888-960-0008

Riding Animals on Town Roads

By Mike Didier Town Supervisor



Have you ever been driving behind a person on a horse and wondered “Is that really allowed on the road”? Well, the answer is most likely yes, it is legal.

This article will give a general explanation of rights and responsibilities the riders of animals and animal-driven carriages have on the public roadways.

A person riding an animal or driving an animal-drawn vehicle (usually horses) has the same right to the road as drivers of vehicles do. With the exception of rules of that have no application, they must also follow the same rules of the road as vehicles. Certain state statutes exist that apply to encountering animals on the road. For example, S. 346.11, WI. Stats states *“Whenever a person riding, driving or leading an animal which is frightened gives a signal of distress to the operator of a motor vehicle by a raising of the hand or otherwise, the operator of the motor vehicle shall promptly stop the vehicle unless a movement forward is necessary to avoid an accident or injury and shall, upon request, stop all motive power until such animal is under control.”*

Many of these rules are old and have been on the books a long time. In 2017, the Wisconsin legislature attempted to modern things up a bit. Before 2018, the lighting rule for animal-drawn carriages at night was *“one lamp or lantern during the hours of darkness.”* The amended, current rules specify that in hours of darkness and inclement weather, carriages must have at least one lighted white light visible from the front along with two yellow or amber strobe lights and two lighted red lights mounted on the rear of the vehicle. S. 347.24(2)



In addition to the lighting requirements, all animal-drawn vehicles are required to have a slow-moving vehicle triangle on the rear at all times. This is actually required for all vehicles traveling at a speed under 25 miles per hour, not just animal-drawn vehicles.

We must remember that like all animals, horses have minds of their own. Cars and trucks may frighten them along with situations such as flapping tarps on trucks or trailers, air brake releasing, engine brake noise, sudden acceleration, honking, sirens, and vehicles passing. Let’s all be cautious and courteous around our live-horsepower friends on the road.

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 if there are any structural changes, remodeling and alterations, additions, basement, garages. Also, replacement of heating equipment, plumbing, new 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 question please call the Building Inspector:

Rick Fellenz

414-651-0021

rgfellen@powercom.net



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Town Hall
3715 Highland Drive
Port Washington, WI 53074

Town Roads Update:

2018 was a busy summer for road repair. The I-43 project is complete, and although no Town funds were used in the repair, we all had to endure the rehabilitating of I-43 in Ozaukee County. In the Town, Northwoods Road was reconstructed from Hillcrest to the YMCA. Micro surfacing took place on Weiler's Way and Lake Drive, and the Town's portion of Dixie Road from Hwy B to Hwy KW was chip sealed.

2019 will include the annual Road Tour, which takes place in Spring. It is when the Town Board members tour and rate all the Town roads. This is preformed to anticipate which roads will need repairs.

The Town will be seeking bids to have Hawthorne Drive and Dynna Drive reconstructed in 2019.

Winter is coming, are you prepared? The Town will continue using private contractors to remove

snow and to salt/sand Town roads. The Town participates in an early buy salt program with the state. Road salt is purchased at a discounted rate by committing to the purchase early in the year, and storing the salt ourselves. We have two licensed storage facilities in the Town where over 100 ton of salt is currently being stored. By using private contractors and self-purchasing the salt, the Town is able to save you tax dollars!

Please use caution this winter, and keep in mind that this is a rural area and perfectly clear roads will not always be possible. Please do not follow plow trucks closer than 200 feet. Pushing your driveway snow onto or across a Town road, or into the right-of-way is illegal. Please keep all right-of-ways free from snow piles or any personal items.

