

Town of Port Washington 2025 Newsletter

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Townofportwashingtonwi.gov



Port Washington Town Hall:

3715 Highland Drive, Port Washington, WI 53074

262-284-5235

Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Town Board Meetings: First Monday of each month at 7:00 PM

Plan Commission Meetings: Second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM

In-Person Tax Collection Schedule

Property tax payments can be made in person at the Town Hall during the following collection times.

December 2025

Sat, Dec 20: 8:00-Noon

Mon, Dec 22: 9:00-Noon

Wed, Dec 24: 9:00-Noon

Sat, Dec 27: 8:00-Noon

Mon, Dec 29: 9:00-Noon

Wed, Dec 31: 9:00-Noon

January 2026

Mon, Jan 19: 9:00-Noon

Wed, Jan 21: 1:00-4:00 PM

Sat., Jan 24: 8:00—Noon

Mon, Jan 26: 9:00—Noon

Wed, Jan 28: 1:00-4:00 PM

Sat. Jan 31: 8:00—Noon

Other Tax Payment options:

By Mail: please include the tear off stub with payment.

Drop Box: Located on the southern door of the town hall.

Bank: Port Washington State Bank, Port Washington location is the only bank that payments will be accepted at. If you have a refund coming, payment at the bank is suggested.

First Payment: Due by January 31, 2026

Second Installment or late payment: Only accepted at the Ozaukee County Treasurer office, 121 Main St., Port Washington.

Town Representatives

Chairman: Mike Didier 474-573-0018 mike@mikedidier.com

Supervisors: Gary Schlenuogt 262-483-7712 Gary.town.port-washington@gmail.com

Supervisor: Greg Welton 262-370-6207 Gregwelton.townofport@gmail.com

Treasurer: Mary Sampont 262-284-5394 treasurer@townofportwashingtonwi.gov

Clerk: Heather Krueger 262-284-5235 clerk@townofportwashingtonwi.gov

Building Inspector: Roger Kison 414-333-4511 rkison@wi.rr.com

**Plan Commission Members include the Town Board and
Chuck Baranek, Ed Potokar, Melissa Alexander, Mark Doll**

Summary of the Data Center Annexation

The Town of Port Washington, like all towns in Wisconsin, may have land annexed into a city or village under Wis. Stat. § 66.0219. The annexations in 2025 were direct annexations by petition initiated by the landowners.

The Town currently has a 20-year Boundary Agreement with the City of Port Washington that outlines which areas of the Town may or may not be annexed upon petition. This agreement was set to expire in December 2025. After expiration, the City may annex territory in the same manner that commonly occurs statewide between cities and towns, without Town approval or input.

This year, landowners both within and outside the Boundary Agreement area sought annexation into the City.

On February 1, 2025, the City and Town negotiated an amendment to the Boundary Agreement with the following terms:

• **Knellsuille “Non-Annexation Area” (Permanent)**

The City agrees that lands within the Knellsuille Zoning District shall never be annexed into the City unless detachment is approved by a resolution of the Town Board. This provision has no expiration date.

• **City Non-Opposition to Town Decisions**

The City must not oppose any Town zoning or development decisions within Knellsuille. *(The original agreement allowed the City to oppose such decisions.)*

• **Water and Sewer Extension**

The City agrees to extend public water and sewer service to Town properties located within Knellsuille at no cost to the Town. Rates, terms, and conditions for Town users will be identical to those for City users.

• **Annexation Payments**

The City agrees to pay the Town, for five years, an amount equal to the property taxes the Town levied on the annexed lands— \$14,308.20 annually. In addition, the City will pay the Town \$135,691.80 annually for five years following the annexation of any portion of the project site. These payments total \$150,000 per year for five years.

• **Fire Contract**

The base fee of the Fire Contract with the City will remain unchanged for three years at \$176,660 per year.

• **Professional Fee Reimbursement**

The City agrees to reimburse the Town up to \$50,000 for attorney, engineering, and professional fees related to the agreement.

• **Continuation of Existing Uses**

Any Town landowner annexed into the City may continue any existing lawful use of the land for five years following annexation.

• **Extension of Boundary Agreement**

The Boundary Agreement is extended three additional years, from December 2025 to April 2028.

Once land is annexed into the City, Town zoning no longer applies, and the City imposes its own zoning. The Town has no further involvement in land-use decisions for annexed property.

Although towns in Wisconsin cannot prevent annexations, the Town Board did negotiate several important benefits—particularly the extension of sewer and water service to the Knellsuille area. The annual \$135,691.80 payment to the Town over the next five years will be placed into a Capital Fund Account for Town Board-identified projects, including the Woodland Road bridge replacement and the Lake Drive storm-culvert improvement project.

A Brief History of Zoning in the Town of Port Washington

By: Chairman/Town Historian: Mike Didier

In 1920, the city of Milwaukee became the first Wisconsin municipality to create a zoning ordinance. To-day, the Town of Port Washington administers its own zoning. This is rare for a Wisconsin Town, as 80% of Wisconsin towns do not administer Town zoning. Currently, of the 1,244 Towns in Wisconsin, only 245 administer their own zoning ordinances, like the Town of Port does. 746 towns participated in County zoning, and the remaining 253 WI Towns are unzoned, with no zoning at the local or county level. To trace the origins of our zoning, we can look at the handwritten meeting minutes from over 70 years ago.

The first recorded mention of zoning in the Town of Port was made during the annual meeting of town electors in April of 1952, back when Chas Biever was the Chairman. According to the meeting minutes, residents Ray Aller and Robert Ansay made a motion to “zone” the Township, and after a lengthy discussion, the motion was passed. Two months later, a special meeting of electors was held to further discuss the matter, during which several people questioned the rationale of a zoning ordinance, as at the time, the town was largely agricultural. Wm. Karrels questioned the result of such zoning, and M. Eidenberger suggested delaying the ordinance. The Town attorney, Frank X. Didier, also advised delaying the matter until after the new Highway 141 was complete (Highway 141 is now County Road LL). Ultimately, a motion was made by Ed Wescott and seconded by M. Fromm to delay zoning, and the motion carried, tabling the matter for 2 years. Then, in the April 1954 annual meeting of electors with Alton Noll as Chairman, a motion was made by N.J. Jacque and Walter Gantner to appoint a committee to investigate the cost of zoning and report back to the Town. Also, Rolland Fellenz and Walter Gantner motioned to allocate up to \$3,000 for zoning. Both motions passed. This was the last of the zoning discussion at a meeting of electors, and from this point forward, all zoning discussion was at Town board meetings.

April and May 1963: discussion on zoning and soil testing for septic.

July 2, 1963: motion by Supervisor Nic Lanser and seconded by Supervisor Mel Schinker for creating a planning commission and adopt an Interim Zoning ordinance, Motion carried.

December 13, 1965: public hearing on the proposed comprehensive zoning ordinance, after much discussion the planning commission recommended the board adopt the comprehensive zoning ordinance as amended.

January 3, 1966: the first zoning ordinance No. 101 and the first zoning map was officially adopted. (Alton Noll Chairman)

TRASH & RECYCLING **The Town of Port Washington is the only town in Ozaukee County that does not charge for trash or recycling!**

Please help us self-police by making sure only town residents are using the drop-off facility! The town has added additional signage and cameras to assist with this.

TRASH: All household trash is required to be bagged, the town does not accept construction debris, yard waste or large items. For this type of trash, please contact any private waste contractor or Ozaukee Iron & Metal @262-284-4060, located at 728 Schmitz Dr., Port Washington.

RECYCLING: Recycling should not be bagged or include plastic bags of any type. Any food item in or on a recycled product is not recyclable—please clean recycling products before separating. If you are unable or unwilling to clean the recyclable, please dispose of it in the trash.

HOURS: THURSDAYS 4:00-6:00PM & SATURDAYS 8:00AM-Noon

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS SHOULD NOT BE PLACED IN THE COMINGLED RECYCLING DUMPSTER:

FOOD, HAZARDOUS WASTE, PLASTIC BAGS, LIQUIDS



2026 Election Dates

FEBRUARY 15

SPRING PRIMARY (if needed)

APRIL 7

SPRING ELECTION

AUGUST 11

PARTISAN PRIMARY

NOVEMBER 3

GENERAL ELECTION

REGISTER TO VOTE! Plan ahead and make sure you are registered to vote prior to election day! Proof of residence is required when registering. If you are new to the town, have moved within the township, or have a name change, you will need to register to vote. This can be done in the Clerk's office, but it is easiest to register online at myvote.wi.gov.

ABSENTEE VOTING: If you are a registered voter, you can request an absentee ballot after January 1, 2026, for an individual election or the entire calendar year. The Post Office cannot forward election material, so please make sure you are putting the correct address on your request if you will be out of town.

ELECTION WORKERS: If you are interested in working at the polls on election day, contact Clerk Heather Krueger. Duties include checking in and registering voters, initialing ballots, processing absentee ballots and end of night closing procedures.



Visit [MyVote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov) to:

Register to vote

Name or address change

Request and track absentee ballots

Find polling place

Review voting history

BUILDING PERMITS: Building permits and planning project applications can be printed from the Town website: www.townofportwashingtonwi.gov 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.

2025 STATEMENT OF TAXES = \$3,747,004

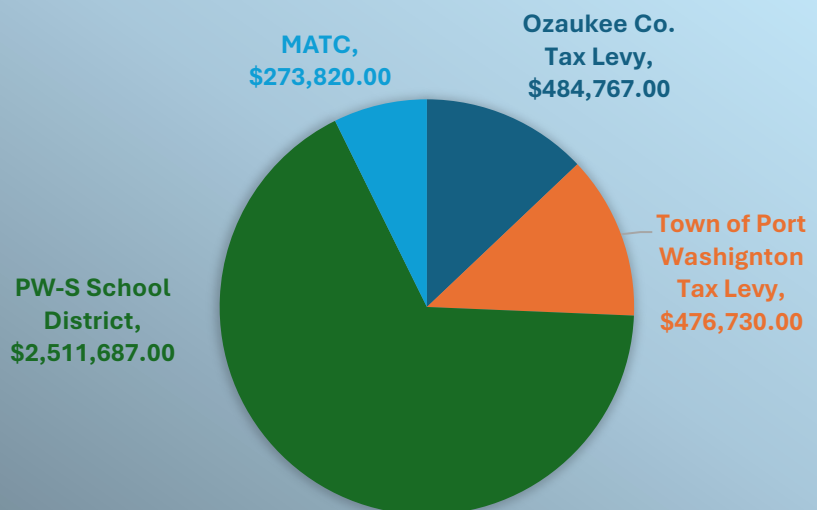
**PORT WASHINGTON
SAUKVILLE
SCHOOL DISTRICT = 67.03%**

**TOWN OF
PORT WASHINGTON =
12.74%**

**OZAUKEE CO TAX LEVY =
12.93%**

MATC = 7.3%

2025 TAX DISTRIBUTION





**WHAT?!
YOU DIDN'T
LICENSE ME ?
THAT IS NOT
OPTIONAL!**

TOWN OF PORT WASHINGTON DOG LICENSE APPLICATION

Licensing your dog is not an option, Wisconsin State Statutes mandate that the owner of a dog more than five months of age on January 1, or five months of age within this year, **shall** obtain a license prior to April 1st or on the /before the date the dog becomes five months of age.

- All dogs must be licensed in the Town of Port Washington
- If you own a dog/s, please complete the application below and send it to the town treasurer
- Please do not include the dog license fees on the same check as your property tax payment.
- You will need to send along verification of rabies vaccination
- Please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your return dog tag, license and vaccination records.

[Mail Application, Information, and check to: Mary Sampont, Treasurer, 2354 Willow Road, Port Washington, WI 53074.](#)

COST:

Spayed or Neutered Dogs: \$3.00 Each / Female or Male Dogs: \$8.00

OWNER NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

1 NAME OF DOG: _____

BREED: _____ **COLOR:** _____

☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

☐ SPAYED ☐ NEUTERED

2 NAME OF DOG: _____

BREED: _____ **COLOR:** _____

☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

☐ SPAYED ☐ NEUTERED

3. NAME OF DOG: _____

BREED: _____ **COLOR:** _____

☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

☐ SPAYED ☐ NEUTERED