

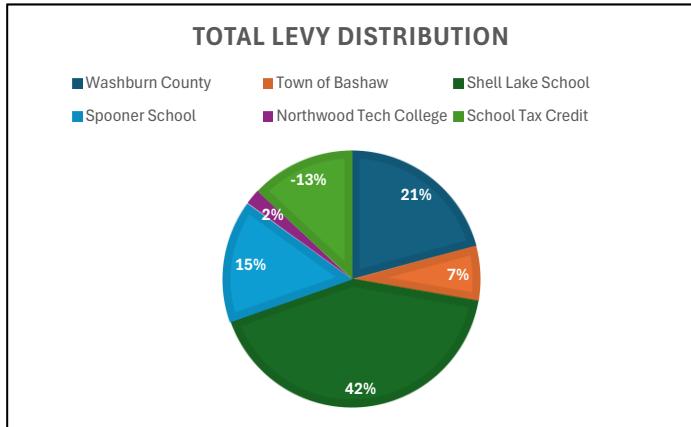
# TOWN OF BASHAW

## Annual Newsletter – December 2025

Find information about our township's history, government, elections, taxes, meetings, financials, public notices, forms & permits, as well as contact information for our town board at [www.townofbashaw.org](http://www.townofbashaw.org).

### 2025/26 Financial Information

#### Distribution



#### Budget

	2025	2026
Transportation Aids	\$151,518.28	\$162,380.60
Shared Revenue	\$34,000.00	\$34,000.00
DNR	\$850.00	\$850.00
Local Levy	\$136,030.00	\$137,745.00
Snowplow Private Drive	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Interest	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$330,898.28</b>	<b>\$344,475.60</b>

#### **EXPENDITURES**

Roads	\$87,480.87	\$75,665.11
Capital Road Outlay	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Equipment Purchase/ Maintenance	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00
Elections	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Truck Loan	\$17,975.55	\$17,975.55
Insurance	\$11,888.00	\$12,000.00
Fire Protection Fees - Shell Lake Fire	\$25,917.89	\$25,227.32
Fire Protection Fees - Spooner Fire	\$12,835.97	\$12,607.62
Ambulance	\$30,000.00	\$32,700.00
Board Salaries & Per Diems	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Assessment	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Ambulance	\$37,000.00	\$15,000.00
Road Payment	\$30,000.00	\$75,000.00
Shell Lake Library Donation	\$500.00	\$500.00
Spooner Library Donation	\$500.00	\$500.00
Hospice Donation	\$500.00	\$500.00
Washburn County Humane Society Donation	\$800.00	\$800.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$330,898.28</b>	<b>\$344,475.60</b>

#### **Terri Trail**

This quarter mile road was platted many years ago as part of a residential development but never constructed. Because two homes were scheduled to be built it was necessary to build the road bed and gravel it this past summer.

## Real Estate Tax Payment

Real estate tax payments made through January 31, 2025 shall be remitted to:

Town of Bashaw  
Treasurer  
W8885 CTH B  
Shell Lake, WI 54871

All payments after January 31, 2025 need to be remitted to:

Washburn County Treasurer  
PO Box 340  
10 Fourth Avenue  
Shell Lake, WI 54871

If you wish to receive a printed receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. We highly recommend that you instead go directly to the Washburn County Government's website and view the receipt online, print it or save it for your files from here.

The website to visit:

<https://beacon.schneidercorp.com/Application.aspx?AppID=1211&LayerID=36507&PageTypeID=2&PageID=13940>

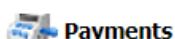
Type in your name or tax identification number. In the appropriate box and click on the search button. Once you click on the appropriate tax parcel there will be a link that states



view tax data. Click on the View Tax Data link.



Then click on the Tax Records heading. It will list your tax payments within the Payments section.



Receipt #	Posted	Paid By	Amount
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Click on the blue receipt link for the payment you are looking for confirmation on. From here you can print it, save it or just view that the payment has been posted.

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Storm

This storm impacted only a small part of Bashaw township but did do major damage. Within the impacted area there were reports of 6 to more than 8 inches of rain, all in just a few hours. That rain took out three large county culverts on "B" and two more on township roads, one on Hector Dam road and one on Cadle road. Additionally, it damaged two more Bashaw culverts requiring the complete replacement of one. The Wisconsin D.O.T. has funding to help repair some storm damage and in our case paid 70-75% of the \$48,388 needed to replace the two largest culverts. The remaining work was paid for with township funds.



## Road Budget

Elsewhere in this newsletter is the annual budget showing both the township's revenue and expenses, where it all came from and where it goes. This is very much a simplification of that process, but basically anything left over after all the day to day bills are paid becomes the road budget. For Bashaw that means our annual road budget is typically not much more than \$100,000 while a mile of new blacktop costs around \$275,000 and just new gravel will be about \$35,000. This is why alternative funding sources must be found to make much progress on road improvements.

## Grant Funding

In recent years the Bashaw Town Board has been aggressive in searching for grants to help fund road construction and maintenance. In 2024 about \$350,000 was received to make paving 3 miles of Sand Road possible. This year 3 grants, potentially exceeding \$150,000 or more, have now been applied for to pave one road and gravel two more during the next couple years. Let's hope Bashaw is, again, a successful grant recipient in 2026.

## Reminders

**Garbage containers:** We understand why many people leave their containers at the end of their driveway but they must also understand the obligation the township has to push the snow back from the roadway. If you leave your container within 6-8 feet off the roadway expect it to get pushed back by the plow wing and don't expect the township to either clean up the mess or pay for damage done. **Mailboxes:** Postal regulations require the front of the mailbox to be a minimum of 2' beyond and 42" above the roadbed. Consider installing a swinging mailbox. **Snow plowing:** Remember that it is against the law to push snow on or across the road. If you do so you and/or the person hired to plow for you can be fined and you can be liable for an accident!

