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## TOWN OF WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

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### Incorporation Update: Your Voice Matters as We Enter a Major Milestone

*By Town Board Chair Bob Solberg*

The Town of Washington has officially entered one of the most important phases in our incorporation journey. Following extensive preparation and community input, our Incorporation Petition has advanced to review by the Wisconsin Department of Administration (WDOA) and the state's Incorporation Review Board. This is the most significant and challenging stage of the process, and your continued involvement is essential.

#### Public Hearing Set for December 17 — Your Participation Matters

As part of the state's review, the Incorporation Review Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 17, at the Town of Washington Municipal Building, from 4–6 p.m. Both in-person and virtual attendance options will be available to ensure all residents can participate.

This hearing is a legislative-style session designed to help the Board determine whether our petition meets the requirements of Wisconsin Statutes. It is also the community's opportunity to speak directly to decision-makers about why becoming the Village of Washington is important for our future.

Your voice has been central to this effort, and now is the time to make it heard. You're welcome to attend, offer testimony, and leave whenever you need. The hearing will continue until everyone who wishes to speak has had the opportunity.

Incorporation Review Board Public Hearing  
Town of Washington Municipal Building  
December 17, 4 PM – 6 PM

#### Why Your Testimony Is Critical

Community members play a key role in demonstrating:

- The value of local control and community-led decision-making
- The long-term benefits of incorporation
- How our petition meets the standards outlined in Wisconsin Statute 66.0207
- The importance of protecting our identity, services, and planning authority

If you have a perspective or story about why incorporation matters, this is the moment to share it. We will soon publish a guide on the Town website to help residents provide impactful public testimony. This resource will include helpful do's and don'ts to ensure everyone feels confident and prepared.

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