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## IMPORTANT PAYMENT DATES AND INFORMATION

Dear Village Property Owner,

The information presented here is intended to help you understand how your tax bill is calculated and to alert you to important payment dates. The Village of Cross Plains collects taxes on behalf of three other government jurisdictions. The other taxing jurisdictions establish their own budgets and levies, as outlined on the following page.

About 39% of your tax bill pays for Village services, including public safety (police, fire, EMS), refuse collection, snow and ice control, street maintenance, library, recreation, pool, parks, and other essential services. The 2021 Village Budget was approved with a tax levy increase of \$63,131. The Village Board and staff worked together to prepare a budget that kept expenses in check, resulting in a levy increase of only 2.06%. The Property Tax Rate of \$8.40 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation results in a \$0.08 increase, or 0.90%, from the \$8.32 tax rate established last year.

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

- in person at the Village Hall located at 2417 Brewery Road (please utilize the drop box as the office is closed to the public at this time or ring the doorbell to be let in)
- by mail to Village of Cross Plains, PO Box 97, Cross Plains, WI 53528
- at the State Bank of Cross Plains (Cross Plains Motor Bank ONLY) through Saturday, January 30
- Online at [www.cross-plains.wi.us](http://www.cross-plains.wi.us) (\$1.50 fee for electronic check; up to 3% fee if using a credit card)
  - January 29<sup>th</sup> is the last day the online payment option will be available

**Village Hall hours are from 7:30 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday with the exception of the following times in which it will be CLOSED:**

**Thursday, December 24**

**Friday, December 25**

**Thursday, December 31**

**Friday, January 1**

Payments dated on or before December 31 and received via mail or in the Village Office drop box by open of business on Monday, January 4, 2021 will be processed as being received in 2020 for income tax purposes.

### TAX COLLECTION GENERAL INFORMATION

- Checks should be made payable to the VILLAGE OF CROSS PLAINS
- Tax payments should be accompanied by the remit portion of the tax bill.
- Return receipts will only be mailed if payment is accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. If you would like a receipt emailed to you, please email the Village Treasurer ([bobbi@cross-plains.wi.us](mailto:bobbi@cross-plains.wi.us)).
- If you bring in a check from your lending institution for any amount greater than the total tax bill, you will be refunded at a later date. No refunds for overpayments from escrow checks will be given at the time of payment. Please make sure to endorse escrow checks if the check is made out to the property owner.

### 2021 DOG AND CAT LICENSES

All dogs and cats must be licensed at this time at the Village Hall. You will need to ring the doorbell to be let in. Spayed females and neutered males are \$15 for each license. Otherwise, females and males are \$20 per license. LICENSES WILL NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT PROOF OF RABIES VACCINATIONS. ***Pet licenses must be paid via a separate check from property taxes.***

**WHEN ARE MY TAX PAYMENTS DUE?**

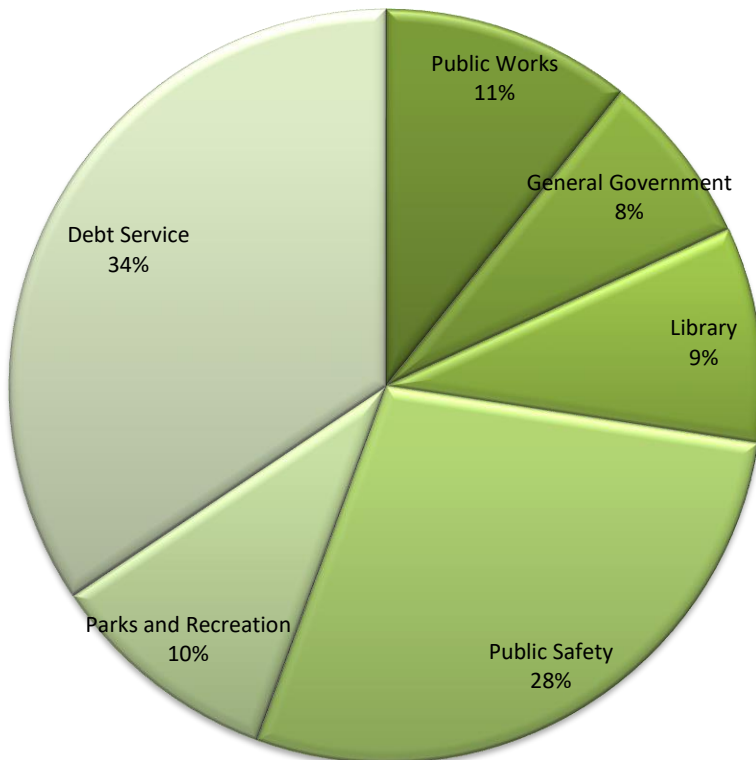
At a minimum, the first installment of real estate property taxes is due January 31, 2021. All personal property taxes, special assessments, special charges, and special taxes will also be due on January 31. In addition, all real estate property taxes of \$99.99 or less per parcel must be paid in full. Please pay careful attention to the amounts and the due dates printed on the front of your tax bill. You could be charged interest and a penalty if you fail to pay the correct amount by the date specified. If you have any questions about the amounts or dates, please contact the Village Hall. **All payments after January 31 must go directly to the Dane County Treasurer.**

*Verify to make sure you are getting the lottery credit on your property IF IT WAS YOUR PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AS OF 1/1/2020. If not, please contact the Village Hall.*

**Example of Property Taxes On Home Assessed at \$250,000**

Taxing Jurisdiction	2020	2021	\$ Change	2021 % of Total
Middleton-Cross Plains School District	\$ 2,664	2,763	\$ 98.89	51.02%
Village of Cross Plains	\$ 2,080	2,099	\$ 18.79	38.77%
Dane County	\$ 765	755	\$ (10.14)	13.95%
Madison Area Technical College	\$ 233	228	\$ (5.61)	4.20%
Minus School Property Tax Credit	\$ (430)	(430)	\$ (0.25)	-7.95%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,313</b>	<b>5,414</b>	<b>\$ 101.68</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Assessed Home Value: \$250,000**  
**Property Tax (Village of Cross Plains Portion): \$2,099.21**  
**Monthly Cost: \$174.93**



**Public Works:** The department is responsible for snow plowing, street repair, tree trimming, chipping, street sweeping, mowing of public right of way, and other tasks as needed. Also includes street light costs and garbage and recycling services.

**\$18.78**

**General Government:** Includes expenditures for Administrative functions, Village Board, Elections, Municipal Court, Village Hall, Insurance, and Community Development.

**\$12.97**

**Library:** Includes funding to support operations of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library.

**\$16.24**

**Public Safety:** This includes costs to operate the Police Department, as well as the Village's portion of the Cross Plains - Berry Fire District and the Cross Plains Area EMS. Also includes building inspection services.

**\$49.24**

**Parks & Recreation:** This department is responsible for maintaining all public open spaces and conservancies, providing recreation programs, and operating the Cross Plains pool.

**\$17.53**

**Debt Service:** Payment of principal and interest on debt incurred for various capital improvements and acquisitions.

**\$60.17**