The Village was named Wales because the first settlers came from Wales, Great Britain. The land in Wales Wisconsin reminded them of home.

On September 21, 1922, on a 57-20 vote, the citizens of the "Capital of the Welsh Hills" decided to incorporate in to the Village of Wales.

On October 10,1922, the first election was held to elect officers. W. H. Elias was the first Village president.

Village of Wales logo - Red dragon from the national flag of Wales, symbolizing the legend of Merlin. Merlin saw a white dragon kill a red dragon which rose again representing the failure of the Saxons to conquer Wales.

The Wales area was originally inhabited by the Potawatomi Indian Tribe.

In 1882, the size of Wales was 30 acres. Today, there are 1600 acres.

In 1888, the population was 36.

In 1982, the population was 1992.

In 2010, the population was 2549.

Today, it is 2655.

Wales first "neighbor" was the Enos Settlement (the intersection of Highways 18 & 83) also referred to as "Four Corners".

February 21, 1881 First deaths recorded in Wales were Phineas and Lizzie Jones.

First baby born in Wales was Harvey James born on February 22, 1883. "Harv" James was the son of William C and Hannah James.

First marriage December 24, 1883 of Lizzie Evans and Albert Gordon.

In 1896 the first sidewalks were put in Wales.
In 1928, Main Street was paved with concrete

Telephone service came to Wales in 1905.

Electrical service came to Wales in late 1916.

The first street lights were installed on May 23, 1923.

On September 23, 1923, the first fire apparatus came to Wales

In 1929, the Village Hall and firehouse was built.