

TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE
TOWN ELECTORS MEETING(s)
Monday, October 16, 2023

Attendance: Chair Darwyn Brown, Supervisor Scott Lauder, Treasurer Karen Mangelsen, Clerk Sandy Hinkley.

Residents: 16

Presentation and discussion of proposed 2024 Town Budget

Open: 7:00 pm

Verification of Posting: All proper posting and required time frames followed

Expressed gratitude for attendance and noted Town Board is accountable to residents.

Presentation and discussion of proposed 2024 Town Budget

Format of budget follows Dept of Revenue reporting requirements.

Open for questions – none asked

Intergovernmental Income sources explained.

LRIP-S - Williams Road repair, will be paid by WISDOT

TRIP – Warner Lake Road, will also be paid

Reimbursements expected, not actual work proposed or completed

Shared Revenue from DOR increased from \$6522 to \$39,446

Open for questions again - None

Adjourn: 7:08 pm - Scott moved; Darwyn seconded

ELECTORS MEETING to Endorse Resolution 2023-002 to Exceed Levy Limit

Open: 7:08 pm

Verification of Posting: All proper posting and required time frames followed

Discussion of LEVY

- State funded Road Loan levy was paid in full on 2023, no payment required in 2024
- Sterling Bank loan is part of 2024 and will be paid in full 2024
- Because of the continuous work needed to maintain the quality and durability of town roads we propose to raise Levy \$150,000
 - Details of future road work expected were discussed
 - Application for Grants in place and will assist, if accepted

Question from resident: How does raising levy effect tax rates? Response: town portion should basically same because the \$165,000 loan of 2023 is gone, and the \$150,000 Levy replaces it.

Could also borrow to complete work at 6% loan or just not complete work
Raising Levy is a permanent option.

Discussion of Shared revenue vs Levy. Shared revenue what state gives for operating expenses.
Explained how we asking for 114.33% Levy increase from what State gave us as starting point from 2023.

Resident summarizes: Total levy in 2024, including the raised \$150,000 is actually lower than what asked for in 2023.

Summary: 3 options: Raise levy, take out loan, or don't do work. Board proposing raised levy, town choice.

Motion to accept Resolution to Exceed Levy Limit made by Linda Terrian and seconded by Gary Kaefer

Town Electors voting AYE: 18 Town Electors voting NAY: 1

Resolution 2023-002 to Exceed Levy Limit is passed

Adjourn: 7:26 - Motion by Mike Tarnowski and seconded by Renae Judd. Vote to adjourn, verbal aye majority.

ELECTORS MEETING to Adopt Total Town Tx Levy

Open: 7:26

Verification of Posting: All proper posting and required time frames followed

Discussion:

Now opening discussion of total \$410,444.00 proposed levy.
No discussion

Motion to adopt total levy made by Bob Berquist, seconded by Mike Tarnowski.

Town Electors voting AYE: 19 Town Electors voting NAY: 0

Resolution to Adopt the Total Town Levy is passed

Adjourn: 7:28 - Motion by Gene Anderson, seconded by Mike Tarnowski. Vote to adjourn, verbal aye majority.

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE
28-Sep-23
2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

2023	2023	2024	2024
Approved	Revised	Proposed	Change from
Budget	Budget	Budget	April 2023
October 2022	April 2023		Budget

INCOME

TAXES (LEVY)

Property Taxes:	\$131,775.00	\$131,775.00	\$282,432.00	114.33%
Siren Fire Department Increase				
Road Loan Payments:				
Sterling Bank Road Loan Levy #1	\$127,980.00	\$127,980.00	\$128,012.00	
Road Loan Levy #2				
Road Loan Levy #3				
State Funded Road Loan Levy #4	\$165,437.00	\$165,437.00	\$0.00	

LEVY TOTAL **\$425,192.00** **\$425,192.00** **\$410,444.00** **-3.47%**

INTERGOVERNMENTAL :

MFL/FCL	\$137.00	\$992.88	\$137.00
Shared Revenue	\$6,522.00	\$6,522.00	\$39,446.00
Transportation Aids	\$114,988.00	\$117,261.00	\$117,261.00
DNR	\$610.00	\$682.39	\$610.00
State Fire Aids	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Fire Signs	\$200.00	\$228.00	\$200.00
License & Permits	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Fuel Tax Refund	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
LRIP-S Williams Road -- WISDOT	\$149,210.00		\$149,210.00
TRIP Warner Lake Road			\$18,000.00
Fire Department SAP		\$3,131.61	\$3,200.00

INTERGOVERNMENTAL SUBTOTAL : **\$277,567.00** **\$134,717.88** **\$333,964.00** **147.90%**

MISCELLANEOUS:

Bank Interest	\$8.00	\$147.23	\$8.00
Sterling Bank Loan			
Personal Property Tax	\$130.00	\$130.00	\$130.00
Dog License Fees	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Land/Equipment Sale		\$83.00	
Exempt Computer	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Transfer From ARPA Account		\$13,410.00	
Refund		\$1,901.31	\$0.00

MISCELLANEOUS SUBTOTAL: **\$443.00** **\$15,976.54** **\$443.00**

INCOME TOTAL **\$703,202.00** **\$575,886.42** **\$744,851.00** **29.34%**

BUDGET YEAR			
LaFollette	2023	2024	% Change
Levy Amount	\$425,192	\$410,444	-3.47%
Equalized Value	\$131,789,200	\$152,910,400	16.03%
Levy/\$1000 EV	\$3.2263	\$2.6842	-16.80%

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EXPENSES

General Fund:

Board Salary	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$15,600.00
Board Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Legal Fees/Publications	\$500.00	\$2,050.00	\$500.00
Town Clerk Wages	\$16,050.00	\$17,425.00	\$16,200.00
Clerk Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$2,654.00	\$3,000.00
Accounting Expenses			\$0.00
Payroll Expenses	\$7,973.00	\$8,173.00	\$22,250.00
Treasurer Wages	\$7,000.00	\$8,020.00	\$9,000.00
Treasurer Expenses	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$1,000.00
Bank Charges	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Assessor	\$5,700.00	\$5,700.00	\$5,700.00
Election Wages	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
Election Expenses	\$7,815.00	\$4,248.00	\$7,900.00
Town Insurance	\$7,600.00	\$7,600.00	\$7,600.00
Misc Insurance/Bond/WC	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Siren Fire Department	\$9,156.00	\$9,156.00	\$11,570.00
Hertel Fire Department	\$10,676.00	\$10,676.00	\$10,700.00
Hertel FD Pension	\$2,191.00	\$5,501.50	\$5,600.00
Ambulance Services	\$33,100.00	\$33,100.00	\$35,000.00
Town Infrastructure	\$1,800.00	\$6,691.00	\$7,000.00
Utilites	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Dog License Paid to County	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Website	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$400.00
Overpaid Taxes Refund		\$241.20	\$0.00

GENERAL FUND SUBTOTAL **\$140,561.00** **\$146,435.70** **\$167,170.00** **14.16%**

Road Fund:

Hwy Wages	\$61,337.00	\$61,337.00	\$70,000.00
Outside Contractors	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Highway Expense	\$179,887.00	\$46,746.72	\$349,969.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Fuel	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Bldg Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$4,750.00	\$5,000.00
Shop Supplies		\$200.00	\$200.00
Highway Materials - Salt/Sand	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00

ROAD FUND SUBTOTAL **\$269,224.00** **\$136,033.72** **\$449,669.00** **230.56%**

Loan Payments:

Principle Equip Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Equip Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Road Loan Principle	\$284,870.00	\$281,160.00	\$124,303.00
Road Loan Interest	\$8,547.00	\$12,257.00	\$3,709.00

LOAN PAYMENT SUBTOTAL **\$293,417.00** **\$293,417.00** **\$128,012.00** **-56.37%**

EXPENSE TOTAL **\$703,202.00** **\$575,886.42** **\$744,851.00** **29.34%**

INCOME TOTAL **\$703,202.00** **\$575,886.42** **\$744,851.00** **29.34%**

ARPA BREAKOUT

	Income	Expenses	Balance	Available
				\$8,470.00
2021 Grant (Broad Band & Adm)	\$28,470.00		\$28,470.00	
2021 Siren Tel BroadBand Expense		\$9,000.00	\$19,470.00	
2022 Siren Tel BroadBand Expense		\$11,000.00	\$8,470.00	

WHITE PINE CEMETERY

Beginning Balance	\$13,763.14		\$13,763.14	\$13,763.14
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RESOLUTION OF TOWN BOARD PROPOSING TO EXCEED LEVY LIMIT

**Town of LaFollette, Burnett County
Resolution No. 2023-002**

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin has imposed levy limits on town, village, city, and county levies for 2023 and thereafter under Wis. Stat. § 66.0602;

Whereas, Wis. Stat. § 66.0602 limits the allowable local levy for 2023 to a percentage increase of no more than the greater of (a) zero percent of the 2022 payable 2023 adjusted actual levy as calculated under the state's levy limit law or (b) a percentage equal to the percent change in equalized value due to net new construction less improvements removed, which for the Town of LaFollette is **0.498%**;

Whereas, the town board of the Town of LaFollette, Burnett County, believes that for the 2023 tax levy (to be collected in 2024) it is in the town's best interest to exceed the state levy limit as described above by a greater percentage than **0.498%**;

Whereas, the Town of LaFollette's 2022 payable 2023 adjusted actual tax levy was **\$131,905**, and further whereas the state law would limit this year's increase to **\$527**, for a total allowable town tax levy after adjustments for 2023 (to be collected in 2024) of **\$132,432**;

THEREFORE, the town board of the Town of LaFollette, Burnett County does hereby resolve and order as follows:

1. The town board supports an increase in the town tax levy for 2023 that will exceed the amount allowed by the state levy limit.
2. The town board directs that the question of increasing the allowable town tax levy for 2023 (to be collected in 2024) by **113.27%**, which would increase the town levy by **\$150,000**, for a total tax levy (after adjustments) of **\$282,432** shall be placed on the agenda for the special town meeting to be held on October 16, 2023.

Adopted this 27th day of September, 2023.

Signature of Town Chair: *Darwyn Brown*
Darwyn Brown

Signature of Town Supervisor: *[Signature]*
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Signature of Town Supervisor: *[Signature]*
Scott P. Lauder

Attested by Town Clerk: *Sandy Hinkley*
Sandy Hinkley

**RESOLUTION BY TOWN ELECTORS TO ENDORSE THE TOWN BOARD'S
RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE LEVY LIMIT**

**Town of LaFollette, Burnett County
Resolution No. 2023-002**

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin has imposed levy limits on town tax levies for 2023 and thereafter under Wis. Stat. § 66.0602;

Whereas, Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(5) allows the town electors in a town with a population of less than 3,000 to exceed the maximum allowable levy limit by adoption of a resolution at a town meeting of the town electors;

Whereas, the town board has adopted a resolution (Resolution 2023-002) supporting an increase in the town tax levy which would exceed the maximum allowable state levy limit for the Town of LaFollette;

Whereas, a special town meeting of the town electors has been called and properly noticed to consider the adoption of a resolution to endorse a town board resolution to exceed the state levy limits, specifically by increasing the allowable town tax levy for 2023 (to be collected in 2024) by **113.27%**;

THEREFORE, the special town meeting of the Town of LaFollette, Burnett County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote of the eligible electors duly assembled and voting on this 16th day of October, 2023, hereby resolves and orders as follows:

1. The town electors of the Town of LaFollette, Burnett County, Wisconsin endorse the town board resolution to increase the town tax levy for 2023 (to be collected in 2024) by **113.27%** over the state's allowable 2023 levy limit, for a dollar increase of **\$150,000** over the allowable 2023 town tax levy.
2. The town clerk shall post or publish this resolution as required by law under Wis. Stat. § 60.80(1)(a) within 30 days after its adoption.

Adopted this 16th day of October, 2023, at a Special Town Meeting of the Town Electors.

Number of town electors voting aye 18

Number of town electors voting nay 1

Number abstaining or not voting (if determined) 0

Signature of Town Meeting Chair:

Darwyn Brown
Darwyn Brown

Attested by Town Clerk:

Sandy Hinkley
Sandy Hinkley

**RESOLUTION OF TOWN ELECTORS TO ADOPT THE TOTAL TOWN TAX LEVY
AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF TOWN ELECTORS**

Town of LaFollette, Burnett County

Whereas, Wis. Stat. § 60.10(1)(a) authorizes the town electors of a town to adopt the town tax levy at a town meeting of the electors;

Whereas, a special town meeting of the town electors has been called and properly noticed to approve the 2023 total town tax levy (to be collected in 2024), pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 60.10(1)(a);

Whereas, the town electors, after proper notice, have, via a special town meeting, authorized the Town of LaFollette to exceed the allowable state levy limit;

THEREFORE, the special town meeting of the Town of LaFollette, Burnett County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote of the eligible electors duly assembled and voting on this 16th day of October, 2023, hereby resolves and orders as follows:

The town electors of the Town of LaFollette, Burnett County, Wisconsin adopt the total town tax levy for 2023 (to be collected in 2024) in the amount of **\$410,444**.

The town clerk shall post or publish this resolution as required by law under Wis. Stat. § 60.80(1)(a) within 30 days after its adoption.

Adopted this 16th day of October, 2023, at a Special Town Meeting of the Town Electors.

Number of town electors voting aye 19

Number of town electors voting nay 0

Number abstaining or not voting (if determined) 0

Signature of Town Meeting Chair: Darwyn Brown
Darwyn Brown

Attested by Town Clerk: Sandy Hinkley
Sandy Hinkley