

TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE
BUDGET APPROVAL & BOARD MEETING
November 13th, 2023

Attendance: Chair Darwyn Brown, Supv Scott Lauder, Supv Mitch Coyour, Treasurer Karen Mangelsen, Clerk, Sandy Hinkley
3 residents

Budget Approval Meeting

Start: 7:00 pm

Posting Verification – Posted notice on website and 2 physical locations, 2 weeks prior.

Scott moved to accept the 2024 Budget with the increased levy as it was presented and approved by Town Electors on October 16th. Mitch seconded and Darwyn agreed. Board unanimously approved the 2024 Budget.

Scott moved to adjourn, Mitch seconded
Budget Approval meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm

Monthly Board Meeting

Start: 7:02 pm

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Previous Meeting Minutes:

- Oct 9th, Monthly Board meeting minutes were read. Motion to accept by Scott, seconded by Mitch.
- Oct 16th, Town Electors meeting minutes were read. Motion to accept by Scott, seconded by Mitch.
- Nov 7th, Special Board meeting minutes were read. Motion to accept by Scott, seconded by Mitch.

Clerk Report:

- Completed the required steps to report levy increase to DOR. Huge thank you noted to Scott for his efforts.
- Completed first level election training
- Gave update on Workers Compensation claim and mediation results.
- Personal reimbursements for clerk included printer and office supplies. Will begin monthly \$25 reimbursements for internet services.
- Plat books from 1940 & 1938 retrieved from county storage
- Reminder December is time to process year end payments. Need to ensure bank balance accounts for all due. Documentation of personal labor hours and use of personal equipment is required!!

Treasurer Report:

- Monthly report read with a motion to accept by Scott and seconded by Mitch
- The annual Treasurers Bond is due to cover county and state tax withheld amount, estimated at \$400K. Motion to approve a treasure bond was made by Scott and seconded by Mitch.

Monthly Balance Report:

- Will update income with treasure report data.
- Dec going to be big payment to Insurance due as well as Payroll
- Roads fund over budget but can shift unused dollars from other accounts.
- Truck and Warner Lake expenses unknown if occur in 2023 or 2024.
- When we close US Bank account and separate the remaining \$8500 ARPA dollars, will be great deposit into general fund.
- Need to ensure checking account balance covers all year end expenses.

Website:

- Added 2024 election dates and testing dates
- Will add a “Thank You” to Jackson Township for use of their spare truck while ours is being repaired.

2024 Budget Revisions:

- Label of St Crix Hertel Fire Department SAP income & expense. Should not be labeled a pension.
- Board Salaries expenses were over estimated, so reduced and placed into Highway expenses.

Road Items:

- Darwyn received DOT road report, has completed and sent in. Also annual map of mileage of township roads signed and filed. Both prior to Dec 15th deadline.
- Dump truck: Due to lack of response or effort made to begin repairs, we pulled dump truck from Rousar’s Welding and brought to Steve Madison for repairs. Meantime we only have grader, no sander for potential snow. Jackson Township had a spare truck they will rent to us, all properly insured.
- Based on rented truck and wing on grader, Doug ready for snow weather.
- TRIP – If awarded in 22/23, not likely to be awarded in 24/25. In case of a potential opportunity, filed request anyway for Indian Creek road.
- Crack filling in 2024 on Spencer Lake Rd.

Resident Issues:

- Building Insurance – called Holden to state our disagreement with initial estimate as well as adding leak on shop roof. They are looking into and working on it, we expect full siding and roof replacement as well as shop roof fix.
- High Speed Internet – Sirentel still working on it
- Election workers – need to validate number of workers required and supply a list of potential election workers in December meeting.
- Due to 2 Board members with scheduling conflict the next Board meeting will be moved to December 6th, 7:00 pm.

Bills & Correspondence

Scott move to adjourn, Mitch seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:17 pm

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE
28-Sep-23
2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

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

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

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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Town of La Follette
November 13, 2023

RECEIPTS

Burnett County - sign \$38.00

\$38.00

ROAD

\$17,613.46

GENERAL

\$5090.70

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$22704.16

BALANCE BEFORE BILLS

\$5677.59

Comm. } Check. \$16,579.42 (10/31/23)
(Int. 19.36) } Savings \$45,614.81
 } WPC \$14,213.44

US Bank } Check. \$25,648.10 (Int. -21¢)
 } Service Chg. \$6.00

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE
14-Nov-23
2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

	2023 Approved Budget October 2022	2023 Revised Budget April 2023	2023 YTD Total	2023 Revised/YTD Difference
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INCOME

TAXES (LEVY)				
Property Taxes:	\$131,775.00	\$131,775.00	\$131,775.00	\$0.00
Road Loan Payments:				
Sterling Bank Road Loan Levy #1	\$127,980.00	\$127,980.00	\$127,980.00	\$0.00
Road Loan Levy #2				
Road Loan Levy #3				
State Funded Road Loan Levy #4	\$165,437.00	\$165,437.00	\$165,437.00	\$0.00
LEVY TOTAL	\$425,192.00	\$425,192.00	\$425,192.00	\$0.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL :				
MFL/FCL	\$137.00	\$992.88	\$992.88	\$0.00
Shared Revenue	\$6,522.00	\$6,522.00	\$4,679.59	\$1,842.41
Transportation Aids	\$114,988.00	\$117,261.00	\$117,261.00	\$0.00
DNR	\$610.00	\$682.39	\$682.39	\$0.00
State Fire Aids	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00
Fire Signs	\$200.00	\$342.00	\$342.00	\$0.00
License & Permits	\$2,500.00	\$11,640.00	\$11,640.00	\$0.00
Fuel Tax Refund	\$400.00	\$400.00		\$400.00
LRIP-S Williams Road -- WISDOT	\$149,210.00			\$0.00
Fire Department SAP		\$3,131.61	\$3,131.61	\$0.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL SUBTOTAL :	\$277,567.00	\$143,971.88	\$138,729.47	\$5,242.41
MISCELLANEOUS:				
Bank Interest	\$8.00	\$147.23	\$147.23	\$0.00
Sterling Bank Loan				\$0.00
Personal Property Tax	\$130.00	\$130.00	\$130.00	\$0.00
Dog License Fees	\$300.00	\$203.00	\$203.00	\$0.00
Land/Equipment Sale		\$83.00	\$83.00	\$0.00
Exempt Computer	\$5.00	\$5.00		\$5.00
Transfer From ARPA Account		\$13,410.00	\$13,410.00	\$0.00
Refund		\$1,901.31	\$1,901.31	\$0.00
MISCELLANEOUS SUBTOTAL:	\$443.00	\$15,879.54	\$15,874.54	\$5.00
INCOME TOTAL	\$703,202.00	\$585,043.42	\$579,796.01	\$5,247.41

Moved to 2024

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14-Nov-23
2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

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Green = paid plus projected

EXPENSES

General Fund:

Board Salary	\$17,000.00	\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00	\$0.00
Board Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,803.79	\$103.79
Legal Fees/Publications	\$500.00	\$2,050.00	\$2,071.28	\$21.28
Town Clerk Wages	\$16,050.00	\$16,425.00	\$16,425.00	\$0.00
Clerk Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$2,954.00	\$3,590.66	\$636.66
Accounting Expenses			\$0.00	\$0.00
Payroll Expenses	\$7,973.00	\$18,190.00	\$7,635.13	\$10,554.87
Treasurer Wages	\$7,000.00	\$7,450.00	\$7,450.00	\$0.00
Treasurer Expenses	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$915.82	\$34.18
Bank Charges	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$9.00	\$41.00
Assessor	\$5,700.00	\$5,700.00	\$5,225.00	\$475.00
Election Wages	\$5,000.00	\$1,204.00	\$1,203.25	\$0.75
Election Expenses	\$7,815.00	\$4,611.00	\$4,553.58	\$57.42
Town Insurance	\$7,600.00	\$7,600.00	\$0.00	\$7,600.00
Misc Insurance/Bond/WC	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,413.00	\$413.00
Siren Fire Department	\$9,156.00	\$8,931.00	\$8,552.90	\$378.10
Hertel Fire Department	\$10,676.00	\$10,676.00	\$10,676.00	\$0.00
Hertel FD Pension	\$2,191.00	\$5,501.50	\$5,501.50	\$0.00
Ambulance Services	\$33,100.00	\$33,100.00	\$32,951.94	\$148.06
Town Infrastructure	\$1,800.00	\$4,279.00	\$344.48	\$3,934.52
Utilities	\$2,000.00	\$3,590.00	\$2,845.02	\$744.98
Dog License Paid to County	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Website	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$71.88	\$28.12
Overpaid Taxes Refund		\$241.20	\$241.20	\$0.00

GENERAL FUND SUBTOTAL \$140,561.00 \$152,902.70 \$129,980.43 \$25,271.73

Road Fund:

Hwy Wages	\$61,337.00	\$71,931.00	\$72,900.00	\$969.00
Outside Contractors	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 Includes:
Highway Expense	\$179,887.00	\$38,842.72	\$47,195.00	\$8,352.28 \$35,427 Warner Lake RD
Equipment Maintenance	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$14,409.37	\$6,409.37 \$5,000 Truck Repair Equip Main
Fuel	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,292.51	\$292.51
Bldg Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$4,750.00	\$4,776.62	\$26.62
Shop Supplies		\$200.00	\$379.99	\$179.99
Highway Materials - Salt/Sand	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,334.70	\$334.70

ROAD FUND SUBTOTAL \$269,224.00 \$138,723.72 \$155,288.19 \$16,564.47

Loan Payments:

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

LOAN PAYMENT SUBTOTAL \$293,417.00 \$293,417.00 \$293,417.00 \$0.00

EXPENSE TOTAL \$703,202.00 \$585,043.42 \$578,685.62 \$41,836.20

INCOME TOTAL \$703,202.00 \$585,043.42 \$579,796.01 \$5,247.41

Surplus

Year Begin	Current	Projected
\$0.00	\$1,110.39	\$36,588.79

ARPA BREAKOUT

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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	
2022 Grant (General - Highway Use)	\$28,470.00		\$28,470.00	
2022 Nelson Road Gravel		\$15,060.00	\$13,410.00	
2023 Warner Lake Road Gravel		\$13,410.00	\$0.00	

WHITE PINE CEMETERY

Beginning Balance	\$14,213.44		\$14,213.44	\$14,213.44
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TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, November 7, 2023

Attendance: Chair Darwyn Brown, Supervisors Scott Lauder and Mitch Coyour, Treasurer Karen Mangelsen, Clerk Sandy Hinkley. Residents: 1

Call to Order: 7:01 pm

Verification of Posting

Discussion of Building Insurance Claim

A claim was submitted for hail damage to Town Hall and Shop buildings from 7/19/23 storm to CWG, our building insurance provider. An adjuster made an inspection and a primarily actual repair cost estimate was processed resulting in a payment of \$9,995.01 (the estimated amount minus depreciation and deductible) being made.

As per our policy, the Town has the right to counter the actual repair estimation to also include replacement costs, but must do so within 180 days of damage date (prior to Jan 19, 2024).

The estimate quoted repair to partial siding for the Town Hall while the Board agrees siding need to be fully replaced to maintain a constant look of entire building.

Town Board discussed original estimate received and unanimously deemed it inadequate and agreed a rebuttal for full replacement should be filed with Insurance Agent. Darwyn will contact the Agency directly to submit the full replacement request as per our policy. Based upon agreement, the full replacement value will be submitted and paid after repair work is complete.

The policy states coverage for the shop is limited to damage that prevents that roof from functioning, not cosmetic. No repair will be done to shop.

TRIP Application:

Communication from WTA and committees state that previous year's (2022-2023) awarded participants unlikely to receive award in 2024 – 2025.

Determined we should still submit application using previous submitted forms.

Board discussed the forms, data and formats of application and the process to complete it prior to Nov 15th deadline. Scott will compile and enter the data into the on-line forms and Darwyn will submit the application.

Scott moved to adjourn; Mitch seconded

Meeting Adjourn – 7:30 pm

November 7, 2023

REPLACEMENT COST CLAIM AGREEMENT

Darwyn via browndarwyn@gmail.com

Claim No.: 40 PC 000000311248

Date of Loss: 07/19/2023

Location: 24184 Malone Rd

Webster, WI 54893-9203

You are afforded Replacement Cost Coverage with your policy. Your policy permits you to settle claims for loss on either an actual cash value or replacement cost basis. You are being paid on an actual cash value basis at this time. You may still make a claim under the Replacement Cost Coverage for the building provided you notify us of your intent to do so within 180 days after the loss or damage.

We will not pay on a replacement cost basis until the lost or damaged property is actually repaired or replaced; and unless the repairs or replacement are made as soon as reasonably possible after the loss or damage. We will not pay more for loss or damage on a replacement cost basis than the least of:

1. The limit of insurance applicable to the lost or damaged property.
2. The cost to replace the lost or damaged property with other property:
 - a. of comparable materials and quality; and
 - b. used for the same purpose; or
3. The amount actually spent that is necessary to repair or replace the lost or damaged property.

Any amount claimed over "The full cost of repair or replacement" as outlined in line 1. below must be agreed to with the adjuster prior to starting repair or replacement.

Your Claim:

1. **The full cost of repair or replacement is: \$19,280.66**
2. **Less the amount of depreciation applicable to this claim: \$8,285.65**
3. **The actual cash value (ACV) is: \$10,995**
4. **Less the prior payments on unrepaired damage, if applicable: \$**
5. **Less the deductible applicable to this claim: \$1,000**
6. **Amount paid this date: \$9,995.01**
7. **Amount of recoverable depreciation: \$8,285.65**

Claim for supplemental payment should include invoices, repair bills, or other documents supporting the repair or replacement. The documentation for the supplemental payment requests may be submitted to your agent or directly to this company. This form is a partial summary of the language in your policy for replacement cost. For more detailed information and conditions regarding this additional coverage, you should refer to that section of your policy.

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