

***PUBLIC HEARING
AND
ELECTOR'S BUDGET MEETING
TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE***

Monday, October 21, 2024

Attendance: Chair, Darwyn Brown; Supervisor Scott Lauder; Supervisor Mitch Coyour, Clerk Sandy Hinkley.

Residents: 3 > Mike Tarnowski, Dana Daniels, Doug Coyour

Public Hearing of Proposed 2025 town budget

Start: 7:00 pm

Posting Verification: Notice and proposed 2025 budget posted required number of days, on Website and two physical locations.

2025 proposed budget presented and open for discussion.
No discussion occurred

Motion to adjourn by Mike Tarnowski, 2nd by Dana Daniels. Verbal vote of Aye in favor
Adjourn: 7:02 pm

Meeting of Electors

Start: 7:02 pm

Posting Verification: Notice and proposed budget posted required number of days, on Website and two physical locations.

A motion was made to accept Town Resolution # 2024-002 to authorize the use of unused levy of \$4.00.

Mike Tarnowski made the motion, Dana Daniels seconded
Vote by raise of hands: Aye: 6 Nay: 0

A motion was made to accept Town Resolution # 2024-003 to approve the total 2024 town tax levy (to be collected in 2025) of \$423,374.

Mike Tarnowski made the motion, Dana Daniels seconded
Vote by raise of hands: Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain from Vote: 1

Motion to adjourn by Dana Daniels, 2nd by Mike Tarnowski
Adjourn: 7:08 pm

Sandy Hinkley
Town Clerk

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE
3-Oct-24
2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

2024
Approved
Budget
October 2023

2024
Revised
Budget
Ongoing

2025
Proposed
Budget

2025
Change from
2024 Revised
Budget

Carry Over from Previous Year		\$18,796			
INCOME					
TAXES (LEVY)					
Property Taxes:	\$282,432	\$282,432	\$283,471	0.37%	
Siren Fire Department Increase					
Road Loan Payments:					
Sterling Bank Road Loan Levy #1	\$128,012	\$128,012			
Community Bank Loan Levy #2			\$139,903		
Road Loan Levy #3					
Road Loan Levy #4					
LEVY TOTAL	\$410,444	\$410,444	\$423,374	3.15%	
INTERGOVERNMENTAL :					
MFL/FCL	\$137	\$1,051	\$137		
Shared Revenue	\$39,446	\$39,446	\$47,024		
Transportation Aids	\$117,261	\$117,261	\$117,261		
DNR	\$610	\$610	\$610		
State Fire Aids	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000		
Fire Signs	\$200	\$202	\$200		
License & Permits	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500		
Fuel Tax Refund	\$400	\$400	\$400		
LRIP-S Williams Road -- WISDOT	\$149,210	\$149,210			
TRIP Warner Lake Road	\$18,000	\$18,305			
TRIP Indian Creek Road					
Fire Department SAP	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,200		
INTERGOVERNMENTAL SUBTOTAL :	\$333,964	\$335,185	\$174,332	-47.99%	
MISCELLANEOUS:					
Bank Interest	\$8	\$806	\$500		
Community Bank Loan		\$260,000			
Personal Property Tax	\$130	\$130	\$130		
Dog License Fees	\$300	\$364	\$300		
Land/Equipment Sale					
Exempt Computer	\$5	\$237	\$100		
Transfer From ARPA Account					
Over Paid Taxes	\$0	\$3,561	\$0		
MISCELLANEOUS SUBTOTAL:	\$443	\$265,098	\$1,030		
INCOME TOTAL	\$744,851	\$1,010,727	\$598,736	-40.76%	

LaFollette	BUDGET YEAR		% Change
	2024	2025	
Levy Amount	410,444	423,374	3.15%
Equalized Value	152,910,400	190,807,400	24.78%
Levy/\$1000 EV	\$2.6842	\$2.2189	-17.34%

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE 3-Oct-24 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET		2024 Approved Budget October 2023	2024 Revised Budget Ongoing	2025 Proposed Budget	2025 Change from 2024 Revised Budget
EXPENSES					
General Fund:					
Board Salary		\$15,600	\$14,600	\$14,600	
Board Expenses		\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	
Legal Fees/Publications		\$500	\$500	\$500	
Town Clerk Wages		\$16,200	\$16,200	\$16,200	
Clerk Expenses		\$3,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Accounting Expenses		\$0	\$0	\$0	
Payroll Expenses		\$22,250	\$14,400	\$22,250	
Treasurer Wages		\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	
Treasurer Expenses		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Bank Charges		\$50	\$50	\$50	
Assessor		\$5,700	\$5,700	\$5,700	
Election Wages		\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	
Election Expenses		\$7,900	\$7,900	\$7,900	
Misc Insurance/Bond/WC		\$1,000	\$1,312	\$7,600	
Siren Fire Department		\$11,570	\$11,570	\$11,570	
Hertel Fire Department		\$10,700	\$10,700	\$10,700	
Hertel Fire Department SAP		\$5,600	\$5,600	\$5,800	
Ambulance Services		\$35,000	\$35,260	\$37,000	
Town Infrastructure		\$7,000	\$18,000	\$10,000	
Utilities		\$2,000	\$3,200	\$4,000	
Dog License Paid to County		\$100	\$100	\$100	
Website		\$400	\$400	\$1,000	
Overpaid Taxes Refund		\$0	\$3,561		
GENERAL FUND SUBTOTAL		\$159,570	\$169,053	\$174,970	3.50%
Road Fund:					
Hwy Wages		\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	
Outside Contractors		\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	
Highway Expense		\$182,759	\$448,418	\$175,363	
Highway Grants Expense		\$167,210	\$167,210		
Equipment Maintenance		\$8,000	\$15,000	\$8,000	
Highway Insurance		\$7,600	\$7,600	\$8,000	
Fuel		\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	
Bldg Maintenance		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Shop Supplies		\$200	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Highway Materials - Salt/Sand		\$7,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	
Animal Control/Culvert Cleaning			\$1,000	\$1,000	
ROAD FUND SUBTOTAL		\$457,269	\$730,728	\$283,863	-61.15%
Loan Payments:					
Principle Equip Loan		\$0	\$0	\$0	
Interest Equip Loan		\$0	\$0	\$0	
Road Loan Principle		\$124,303	\$124,303	\$126,461	
Road Loan Interest		\$3,709	\$3,709	\$13,442	
LOAN PAYMENT SUBTOTAL		\$128,012	\$128,012	\$139,903	9.29%
EXPENSE TOTAL		\$744,851	\$1,027,793	\$598,736	-41.75%
INCOME TOTAL		\$744,851	\$1,010,727	\$598,736	-40.76%
WHITE PINE CEMETERY					
Beginning Balance		\$14,993		\$14,993	\$14,993

**RESOLUTION OF TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE BOARD
TO USE PREVIOUS YEAR'S UNUSED TAX LEVY**

**Town of LaFollette, Burnett County
Resolution No. 2024-002**

Whereas, the Wisconsin state legislature has encouraged fiscal restraint by establishing tax levy limits on municipal budgets, providing needed tax relief to property owners;

Whereas, the Town of LaFollette has proposed an operating budget for 2025 that heeded that direction and significantly restrained expenditures without reducing services;

Whereas, Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(3)(f) permits municipalities to use a portion of the prior year's unused tax levy limit, up to a maximum of 1.5% of the actual tax levy;

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

1. The Town Board board approves the use of unused levy limit capacity, as determined by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue in the amount of **\$4.00** to help fund the 2025 operating budget.
2. The town board directs that the question of authorizing the town board to use unused levy limit capacity, as determined by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue in the amount of **\$ 4.00**, shall be placed on the agenda for the special town elector meeting to be held on October 21, 2024.

Adopted this 2nd day of October, 2024.

Signature of Town Chair: *Dawn L Brown*

Attested by Town Clerk*: *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
Resolution No. 2024 – 003**

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 2024 total town tax levy (to be collected in 2025), pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 60.10(1)(a);

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 21st day of October, 2024, hereby resolves and orders as follows:

The Town Electors of the Town of LaFollette, Burnett County, Wisconsin adopt the total town tax levy for 2024 (to be collected in 2025) in the amount of \$ **\$423,374.00**

Adopted this 21st day of October, 2024, at a Special Town Meeting of the Town Electors.

Number of town electors voting aye 5

Number of town electors voting nay 0

Number abstaining or not voting (if determined) 1

Signature of Town Meeting Chair: Dawn I Brown

Attested by Town Clerk: Sandy Hinkley

NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE

**Monday, October 21, 2024
Immediately following Elector's Meeting**

Attendance: Chair, Darwyn Brown; Supervisor Scott Lauder; Supervisor Mitch Coyour, Clerk Sandy Hinkley

Residents: 3

Meeting Start: 7:08 pm

Verification of Posting: Posted notice on website and 2 physical locations.

Previous Meeting Minutes were read:

September 9th, 2024 Monthly Board meeting minutes. Motion to accept by Mitch, 2nd by Scott
October 2nd, 2024 Budget Development meeting minutes. Motion to accept by Mitch, 2nd by Scott

Clerk's Report:

Assessment complete and filed with Dept of Revenue
Election Prep – large number of Absentee mailings, Absentee in-person begins Oct 22nd. Full staff scheduled on election day to provide ample coverage. In process of training a second Chief Inspector. Darwyn will purchase "Vote Here" signs.

Treasurer's Report:

Last 2024 transportation deposit received. Motion to accept by Scott, 2nd by Mitch
Gave out actual bank statements to be aware of balances.

Monthly Financial Report:

Should get one more check for Shared Revenue. Transportation Aid complete
Revenue for SAP is complete. Fuel Tax refund may be added in 2024.
TRIP Programs still in process
Siren Fire / Hertel Fire paid at year end.
Web site expenses are recorded in clerk expenses
Highway expenses look good.

Web Site:

Voting announcements up to date.
One query how to find septic/well

White Pine Cemetery:

One sale.
Inquiry about compost burial, not at this time. Future agenda topic to discuss.

Road Items:

Gravel done / grading roads, rough shape due to lack of rain

Resident Issues:

Visiting presentation: Siren School District

Katie Tewalt – Siren School Board Treasurer

Kevin Shelter – Siren District Administrator

Discuss referendum on voting ballot for boiler system and roof.

Outline of tax impact. 20 year loan – 5.4%

Restricted to building, only capital maintenance.

Town Hall repairs:

Almost done, finishing touches next week, final cost numbers at next meeting.

Sending estimates to insurance.

Use of Doug personal skidster for roof repair – will be reimbursed.

Siding will wait until spring 2025.

Choice of color with grey roof,

Jeremy could do doors in 2024, Menards rebate expected to cover door expense

Resident call to Mitch, reported a new building with no permits, told to call county.

Bills and Correspondences

Motion to adjourn by Mitch, 2nd by Scott

Adjourn: 7:40 pm

Sandy Hinkley,
Town Clerk

Town of La Follette
Oct. 21, 2024

RECEIPTS

Burnett Cty-sign -K. Anderson \$ 38.00

State of WI- quant. trans. aids 29,315.31

WPC- \$ for com. expense 19.49

Comm. Bank - loan 260,000.00

Fisherman's Ins. 6413.34

\$295,786.14

ROAD

\$181,138.04

GENERAL

\$2519.07

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$183,657.11

BALANCE BEFORE BILLS

\$296,405.43

Comm. Bank { \$11,104.93 Check. Statement
Int. \$88.93 { \$216,483.36 Savings
 { \$14,993.95 WPC

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE 19-Oct-24 2024 BUDGET	2024 Approved Budget October 2023	2024 Revised Budget Ongoing	2024 YTD Total	2024 Revised/YTD Difference
INCOME				
CarryOver from 2023		\$18,796	\$18,796	\$0
TAXES (LEVY)				
Property Taxes:	\$282,428	\$282,428	\$282,428	\$0
Siren Fire Department Increase				
Road Loan Payments:				
Sterling Bank Road Loan Levy #1	\$128,012	\$128,012	\$128,012	\$0
Road Loan Levy #2				
Road Loan Levy #3				
State Funded Road Loan Levy #4				
LEVY TOTAL	\$410,440	\$410,440	\$410,440	\$0
INTERGOVERNMENTAL :				
MFL/FCL	\$137	\$3,291	\$3,291	\$0
Shared Revenue	\$39,446	\$39,446	\$7,026	\$32,420
Transportation Aids	\$117,261	\$117,261	\$87,946	\$29,315
DNR	\$610	\$610		\$610
State Fire Aids	\$3,000	\$4,327	\$4,327	\$0
Fire Signs	\$200	\$202	\$202	\$0
License & Permits	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,477	\$23
Fuel Tax Refund	\$400	\$400	\$345	\$55
LRIP-S Williams Road -- WISDOT	\$149,210	\$149,210	\$149,210	\$0 In Process
TRIP Warner Lake Road	\$18,000	\$18,305	\$18,305	\$0 In Process
Hertel Fire Department SAP	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$2,392	\$808
INTERGOVERNMENTAL SUBTOTAL :	\$333,964	\$338,752	\$275,521	\$63,231
MISCELLANEOUS:				
Bank Interest	\$8	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Community Bank Loan		\$260,000	\$260,000	\$0
Personal Property Tax	\$130	\$130	\$130	\$0
Dog License Fees	\$300	\$264	\$264	\$0
Land/Equipment Sale				
Misc Revenue	\$5	\$319	\$319	\$0
Transfer From Insurance Account (Hail Damage)				
Refund/Overpayment of taxes	\$0	\$3,561	\$3,561	\$0
MISCELLANEOUS SUBTOTAL:	\$443	\$265,274	\$265,274	\$0
INCOME TOTAL	\$744,847	\$1,033,262	\$970,031	\$63,231

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE 19-Oct-24 2024 BUDGET	2024 Approved Budget October 2023	2024 Revised Budget Ongoing	2024 YTD Total	2024 Revised/YTD Difference
EXPENSES				
General Fund:				
Board Salary	\$15,600	\$14,600	\$0	\$14,600
Board Expenses	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,264	\$736
Legal Fees/Publications	\$500	\$500	\$128	\$373
Town Clerk Wages	\$16,200	\$16,200	\$12,150	\$4,050
Clerk Expenses	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$3,913	\$1,087
Accounting Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Payroll Expenses	\$22,250	\$14,400	\$6,082	\$8,318
Treasurer Wages	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$6,750	\$2,250
Treasurer Expenses	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$354	\$646
Bank Charges	\$50	\$50	\$5	\$45
Assessor	\$5,700	\$5,700	\$4,750	\$950
Election Wages	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$1,808	\$1,192
Election Expenses	\$7,900	\$7,900	\$1,703	\$6,197
Misc Insurance/Bond/WC	\$1,000	\$3,313	\$3,313	\$0
Siren Fire Department	\$11,570	\$11,570	\$10,445	\$1,125
Hertel Fire Department	\$10,700	\$10,700	\$0	\$10,700
Hertel Fire Department SAP	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$4,294	\$1,306
Ambulance Services	\$35,000	\$35,259	\$35,259	\$0
Town Infrastructure	\$7,000	\$18,000	\$0	\$18,000
Utilities	\$2,000	\$3,200	\$2,450	\$750
Dog License Paid to County	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100
Website	\$400	\$400	\$0	\$400
Overpaid Taxes Refund	\$0	\$3,561	\$3,561	\$0
GENERAL FUND SUBTOTAL	\$159,570	\$171,053	\$98,227	\$72,825
Road Fund:				
Hwy Wages	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$52,023	\$17,977
Outside Contractors	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$900	\$600
Highway Expense	\$182,759	\$446,417	\$382,387	\$64,030
Highway Grants Expense (TRID)	\$167,210	\$167,210	\$167,210	\$0
Equipment Maintenance	\$8,000	\$15,000	\$11,150	\$3,850
Highway Insurance	\$7,600	\$7,600	\$0	\$7,600
Fuel	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$7,665	\$335
Bldg Maintenance	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$2,304	\$2,697
Shop Supplies	\$200	\$1,000	\$295	\$705
Highway Materials - Salt/Sand	\$7,000	\$6,000	\$3,306	\$2,694
Animal Control/Culvert Cleaning		\$1,000	\$500	\$500
ROAD FUND SUBTOTAL	\$457,269	\$728,727	\$627,740	\$100,987
Loan Payments:				
Principle Equip Loan	\$0	\$0		\$0
Interest Equip Loan	\$0	\$0		\$0
Road Loan Principle	\$124,303	\$124,303	\$124,303	\$0
Road Loan Interest	\$3,709	\$3,750	\$3,750	\$0
LOAN PAYMENT SUBTOTAL	\$128,012	\$128,053	\$128,053	\$0
EXPENSE TOTAL	<u>\$744,851</u>	<u>\$1,027,833</u>	<u>\$854,019</u>	<u>\$173,813</u>
INCOME TOTAL	<u>\$744,847</u>	<u>\$1,033,262</u>	<u>\$970,031</u>	<u>\$63,231</u>
Available			Current \$116,012	Projected \$5,430
HAIL DAMAGE 2023	Income	Expenses	Balance	Available \$19,319
2023 Initial Payment Firemans Ins	\$9,995		\$9,995	
2023 Second Payment Firemans Ins	\$2,911		\$12,906	
2024 Payment for Shop Roof	\$6,413		\$19,319	
WHITE PINE CEMETERY				\$15,493
Beginning Balance	\$14,613		\$14,613	
Plot Sold	\$900		\$15,513	
Expense		\$20	\$15,493	