

TOWN of LAFOLLETTE
Annual Meeting
May 16, 2024

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Darwyn Brown

Verification of Posting: Newspaper, Website and 2 physical locations

Approval of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes: Prior year Annual Meeting, April 18, 2023 minutes were read and a motion made by Doug Coyour to approve, seconded by Dan Makosky, approved by unanimous "Aye".

2023 Fiscal Report: Prior year fiscal report of actual revenue and expenditures was presented by Clerk, Sandy Hinkley. Prior year budget review was presented as informative. Motion to accept 2023 fiscal report made by Anne Taylor, seconded by Dana Daniels, approved by unanimous "Aye".

2024 YTD Fiscal Report: Actual expenditures year-to-date presented by Clerk, Sandy Hinkley. The 2024 Budget, with an increased levy as approved by electors in October 2023, was presented by Supervisor, Scott Lauder. The Budget report is presented each month at Town Meeting to track spending direction.

Discussions:

- Short Term Rental Tax:
 - Was discussed and presented in 2023 to town, LaFollette has not accepted but some towns have. Burnett County Tourism is encouraging townships to join. Discussion was to wait and see how other townships experience the STR tax process.
- Zoning:
 - Messy properties, County is aware of which ones, has a budget but not enough to address or resolve. Township process is for a resident to make a complaint in writing, provide documentation to Town Board. Town Board can use letter to address the offender. Town has no other authorization or enforcement. County can also send letter, no other follow-up or enforcement.
 - Town has no zoning. Builders must adhere to DNR regulations if within 1000 ft of water. Neither the Township nor the County required a building permit, however the State does. If see offenders, contact County, Land Services.
 - No regulations about Campgrounds at this time.
 - One elector in favor of adopting zoning.
- Additional Topics:
 - Karen Mangelsen made a motion to donate \$100 to Central Burnett County Fair to promote involvement for young people and positive effect for county. Motion seconded by Cheryl Elzea, approved by unanimous "Aye".
 - Dan Makosky recommends purchasing an on-demand water heater when time to replace at town hall.

White Pine Cemetery:

Cash balance as of 12/31/23 was \$14,613.44. Five plots were sold and 3 burials, tree removal expense. Plot fees remain; \$400 for land owner and \$500 for non-landowner. Allow 3 burials per lot, 367 plots are available, list is on website. Working with VA to identify and mark veteran's sites.

Road Report:

- Total of 3 miles, ready to go in 2024
 - Williams Road – 8/10 mile with \$149,210 TRIPS/LRIP funding
 - Warner Lake Rd – 2 miles with \$18,300 LRIP funding
 - Cranberry Marsh Rd – 2/10 miles
- Cost Estimate: \$168,370 / mile for 3 inch blacktop (Class A)
\$149,745 / mile 2.5 inch blacktop (Class B)
- $\$168,370 \times 3 \text{ miles} = \$505,110 - (\$142,000 + \$18,000 \text{ funding})$
 $= \$346,000 \text{ (approx.) for road expenditures.}$
- Discussion of potential loan \$350,000 over 2 years to cover town expense for 2024 road work.
 - Current tax levy includes a final loan payment of \$128,000 in 2024.
 - A \$350,000 loan @ 6% would add approximately \$200,000 to the 2025 and 2026 Town Levy
 - Vote was asked – those in favor of completing 3 miles road maintenance in 2024 – 21 electors voted in favor by raise of hands, 1 elector request further information.
 - Vote was asked – those in favor of \$350,000 loan @ 6% - 17 electors voted in favor by raise of hands. 1 elector requested further information, such as other road expense required within year, full analysis of cost over multiple years, as well as ability to cover full expenses until grants received.
- Indian Creek Road – 1 mile
 - Grant application TRIPS & TRIPD – grant received for 50%. Cost estimate at \$375,000, state will pay up to \$186,375. 5 year program must be completed within 2029, plans to begin in 2026.
- Discussion of which roads are determined for repair. State requires a formulated rating system.
- Request trap rock on Root Road - Doug will do ASAP

Town Hall:

Insurance Claim for Hail damage. Bid of \$10,000 to repair roof, door, screens. Determined to replace/repair siding internally for best cost benefit, which will be repaid by recoverable depreciation.

Board Pay:

Motion made to pay Town Board members \$25/hour for work done outside normal job description. Retroactively effective. Motion by Anne Taylor, seconded by Dana Daniels, approved by unanimous "Aye".

Road Inspections:

Monday, May 20th. 6:00 AM Meet at Town Hall

2025 Annual Meeting date set for Wednesday, May 7th, 2025, 7:00pm at Town Hall. Motion made by Dan Makoski, seconded by Linda Terrian,

Motion to adjourn made by Linda Terrian, seconded by Robert Cairns, approved by unanimous "Aye".

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm

Darwyn Brown, Board Chair
Sandy Hinkley, Clerk

Electors (22) attendance by sign-in upon entering:

Scott Lauder	Karen Mangelsen
Darwyn Brown	Kelly Taylor
Carol J Makosky	Anne Taylor
Dan Makosky	Al Elzea
Mitchell Coyour	Cheryl Elzea
Renae Judd	John Schulz
Linda Terrian	Patti Hurd
Mark Terrian	Doug Coyour
Dana Daniels	Jeramie Christianson
Melba Denotter	LaDonna Christianson
Bob Cairns	Jeffrey Christianson

**TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE
2023 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

REVENUE

Levy / Taxes	131,775.00	
Road Loan #1	127,980.00	
Road Loan #2	<u>165,437.00</u>	
		425,192.00
Federal / State Aid		
MFL	1,805.67	
Shared Revenue	6,657.31	
Fire Dues	3,696.14	
Transportation Aid	117,261.26	
PILT / MFL	551.67	
Lottery	7,969.39	
Computer Grant	<u>500.00</u>	
		138,441.44
Licenses (Liquor + Publication)	11,640.00	
Licenses (Dog)	352.11	
Fire Signs	490.00	
Cemetery Plots	1,250.00	
Intergovernmental Charges (SAP)	3,128.61	
Misc: Bank Interest, Scrap Sale	228.00	
Payroll Tax Refund from 2021	1,901.63	
Insurance Claim Payment	<u>12,906.00</u>	
		<u>31,896.35</u>
TOTAL REVENUE		<u><u>595,529.79</u></u>

EXPENSES

EXPENSES: GOVERNMENT

Board	18,775.00
Clerk	24,124.00
Elections	6,167.00
Treasurer & Asser	11,367.00
Assessor	5,700.00
Dog Licenses	277.00
Dog Admin	48.00
Legal	1,894.00
General Bldg	3,417.00
Highway Ins	10,942.00
General Ins	711.00
MFL to County	362.00

TOTAL GOVERNMENT

83,784.00

PUBLIC SAFTEY

Fire - Siren	8,552.90
Fire - Hertel	10,676.29
Fire Service Award Plan (SAP)	5,501.50
Ambulance	32,951.94

57,682.63

PUBLIC WORKS

Wages / Taxes	79,342.00
Hwy Exp	46,992.00
Salt/Sand	6,277.00
Equipment Maint	17,316.00
Shop Supplies	379.00
Fuel	12,512.00
Bldg Maint	4,727.00

167,545.00

PUBLIC HEALTH & RECREATION

300.00

URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Sirentel)

11,500.00

Loan Payment (Principle & Interest)

293,417.00

Banking Charges

159.00

305,376.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

614,387.63

ENDING BALANCE

-18,857.84

Revenue:

BEGINNING BALANCES: 1/1/23

White Pine Cemetery	13,363.44	
Community Bank Checking	10,597.10	
Community Bank Savings	100.06	
US Bank Checking	<u>47,164.58</u>	
		<u>71,225.18</u>
		52,367.34

APPROVED

**TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE
2024 YTD FISCAL REPORT
MAY 13, 2024**

REVENUE

Levy / Taxes

2024 Taxes Deposited	986,283.18	
Overpaid Taxes, R Smith	<u>2,554.38</u>	
TOTAL TAXES		988,837.56
County/School/Tech College	<u>-871,882.33</u>	
		<u>116,955.23</u>

Federal / State Aid

MFL	286.30	
Personal Property Aid	130.39	
State Lottery	8,101.16	
Fire Dues		
Transportation Aid	58,630.62	
PILT / MFL	<u>551.67</u>	
		67,700.14

Licenses (Liquor + Publication)

Licenses (Dog)	263.77	
Fire Signs	38.00	
Cemetery Plots	400.00	
Intergovernmental Charges SAP	2,392.04	
Clerk Fees	150.00	
Motor Fuel Refund	344.84	
Bank Interest	515.32	
Payroll Tax Refund from 2021	<u>81.58</u>	
		<u>4,185.55</u>

TOTAL REVENUE

188,840.92

EXPENSES

GOVERNMENT

Board Salary / Expense	1,164.19	
Clerk Salary / Expense	8,041.58	
Elections Wages / Expense	2,572.08	
Treasurer Wages	2,723.93	
Assessor	2,375.00	
Cemetery Exp	19.49	
General Bldg	155.00	
Utilities	1,525.75	
General Ins	1,312.00	
Overpaid taxes	<u>3,560.95</u>	
		23,449.97

PUBLIC SAFETY

Siren FD	9,185.81	
Siren FD 2023 payback 2% dues	1,259.06	
Fire Service Award Plan (SAP)	4,294.40	
Ambulance	<u>17,629.29</u>	
		32,368.56

PUBLIC WORKS

Roads Wages - Gross	26,801.23	
Hwy Ins	60.00	
Salt/Sand	2,689.07	
Equipment Maint	8,024.58	
Shop Supplies	167.49	
Fuel	3,692.59	
Bldg Maint	<u></u>	
		41,434.96

PUBLIC HEALTH & RECREATION

Banking Charges	500.00	
	5.00	
		<u>505.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES:

97,758.49

NET INCOME: 5/13/24

91,082.43