

Public Hearing

Notice of the Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed 2024 Budget for the Village of Wales was published in the Lake Country Now, posted in the Village and on the Village's website. The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Flaws.

Board Members Present at the Community Center: Jeffery Flaws, Eugene Mayernick, Wolfgang Henschik, John Reinbold, John Meyer and Alan Barrows

Excused: Al Theis

Also Present at the Community Center: Administrator Tamez; Sean Jones, 570 AJ Allen Circle; David and Connie Turbiville, 200 Kummrow Court; Jim and Lora Murphy, 210 Kummrow Court; Jeff and Heather Nagel, 211 Kummrow Court and Jeff Anderson, 312 Genesee Street

Administrator Tamez noted that proper notice of this meeting had been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

Public Comments:

The 2024 operating budget for the Village of Wales is \$2,441,650.00 (this includes debt service). A levy of \$1,351,199.00 (Village-wide) and \$111,432.00 (estimate) (TIF) is being proposed, along with a decrease in the tax rates of the Village of \$0.289 (-10.4%) per thousand of assessed value and a decrease of TIF of \$0.055 (-21.1%) per thousand of assessed value. The new rate is \$2.494 per thousand for 2023 and TIF \$0.206 per thousand for 2023.

Questions were received concerning the increase in the expenses for Public Safety and the increase in revenues under Intergovernmental. The increase for Public Safety is from our joint fire department staffing plan that was needed as the old model with part-time, paid on call and interns is no longer viable and additional full-time personnel are needed. The increase in Intergovernmental revenues is from the increase in State Shared revenues which came out of the bi-partisan bill to add additional funds to the current allocation. The Village received an increase of 226% under the bill.

Trustee Meyer presented an article from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities regarding what does the new shared revenue funding mean for public safety authored by Representative Tony Kurtz and asked that it be included as white paper to budget supporting documents.

The public hearing closed at 6:04 p.m.

Village Board Meeting

The Regular Village Board meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Village President Jeffery Flaws.

Board Members Present at the Community Center: Jeffery Flaws, Eugene Mayernick, Wolfgang Henschik, John Reinbold, John Meyer and Alan Barrows

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Murphy, 210 Kummrow Court addressed the Board on behalf of the residents on Kummrow Court and their opposition to the village constructing a salt shed on property along Brandybrook Road adjacent to their subdivision. He cited many reasons why they were opposed including concerns over property values, increased traffic, light pollution, noise pollution, environmental impact, costs and long-range maintenance of the building. Trustee Meyer addressed some of their concerns and stated that a meeting has been set for December 4, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. to present the proposed site and building plans and as requested by the residents the other options the Village looked at when considering a site for the shed. If the Village decides to move forward with the project many steps including changing the zoning would occur and they would all be able to comment at the different steps. The Board thanked them for coming and will be setting up an email group to keep them updated on this issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Trustee Barrows, second by Trustee Mayernick, Board members approved the Village Board minutes of the October 16, 2023, meeting and acknowledged receipt of the September 26, 2023, and October 3, 2023, Plan Commission meeting minutes and waived reading thereof.

PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposed Monument Signage for Bob Anderson Builders—312 Genesee Street

Motion by Trustee Hemschik to accept the Plan Commission's recommendation and approve the proposed monument signage as submitted for Bob Anderson Builders, 312 Genesee Street, as presented with the requirement that the gooseneck lighting be turned off at by 11:00 p.m. or the close of business, second by Trustee Mayernick, passed.

Specifics can be found in Plan Commission minutes of September 26, 2023.

Proposed Building Mounted Signage to Replace Existing Building Signage for What's in the Bowl Pet Shop and Raw Dog Barkery—570 AJ Allen Circle

Motion by Trustee Meyer to accept the Plan Commission's recommendation and approve the building signage as submitted to replace previously approved building signage for What's in the Bowl Pet Shop and Raw Dog Barkery, 570 AJ Allen Circle, as presented, second by Trustee Reinbold, passed. Signage is not illuminated.

Specifics can be found in Plan Commission minutes of October 3, 2023.

ADOPTION OF 2024 BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE

The Board reviewed the final proposed budget. The 2024 operating budget for the Village of Wales is \$2,441,650.00 (this includes debt service). A levy of \$1,351,199.00 (Village-wide) and \$111,432.00 (estimate) (TIF) is being proposed, along with a decrease in the tax rates of the Village of \$0.289 (-10.4%) per thousand of assessed value and a decrease of TIF of \$0.055 (-21.1%) per thousand of assessed value. The new rate is \$2.494 per thousand for 2023 and TIF \$0.206 per thousand for 2023.

Motion by Trustee Reinbold to approve the proposed 2024 Budget for the Village of Wales as presented with a levy of \$1,351,199.00 and operating expenses of \$2,441,650.00, with the article from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities regarding what does the new shared revenue funding mean for public safety be included as white paper to budget supporting documents, second by Trustee Hemschik, passed.

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE VILLAGE OF WALES FOR 2024

Motion by Trustee Reinbold to adopt an ordinance appropriating funds in the amount of \$2,441,650.00 and levying a tax in the amount of \$1,351,199.00 upon all the taxable property within the Village of Wales as returned by the assessor in the year 2023 for the use and purposes as set forth in said budget for the operation of the government and administration of the Village of Wales for 2024, second by Trustee Meyer, passed.

LINE OF CREDIT RENEWAL FOR LAKE COUNTRY FIRE & RESCUE

Motion by Trustee Mayernick to approve renewing the Line of Credit for the Lake Country Fire & Rescue Department in an amount of \$500,000.00, second by Trustee Barrow, passed.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH WAUKESHA COUNTY 9-1-1 EMERGENCY SYSTEM

Motion by Trustee Hemschik to enter in the annual Joint Powers Agreement with Waukesha County 911 Emergency Systems, second by Trustee Barrows, passed.

This agreement expires 12/31/2024.

RESOLUTION TO BORROW FUNDS FROM WAUKESHA STATE BANK TO PURCHASE PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT

Motion by Trustee Barrows to adopt the resolution to borrow funds up to \$42,000.00 from Waukesha State Bank to purchase public works equipment, second by Trustee Meyer, passed.

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE REPORT—T. SADLER

Board members reviewed the monthly report prepared by Theresa Sadler, DPW Supervisor. No questions were raised.

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Bills submitted for 2023 expenses were approved on a motion by Trustee Reinbold, second by Trustee Mayernick, passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES

Finance Committee

No new updates to report at this time.

Personnel Committee

No new updates to report at this time.

Sewer Utility

No new updates to report at this time.

Plan Commission

They will be working on Chapter 435-17C Zoning amendment.

Parks Commission

No new updates to report at this time.

Public Works Committee

The Board by consensus authorized Trustee John Meyer to act as the representative for the Board for the KM Heating meeting.

Junk/Weeds

No new updates to report at this time.

Fire Department

No new updates to report at this time.

Insurance

No new updates to report at this time.

Administrator

The Board by consensus directed the Administrator to contact the Village Attorney and start the process to remove a dog in the village due to it biting a neighbor while running at large.

Village President

No new updates to report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:26 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Henschik, second by Trustee Mayernick, passed.

Submitted by:

Gail E. Tamez, Administrator-Clerk