

## Regular Town Board Meeting

September 11, 2024 Kildare Town Hall

Present: Chairman Dennis Franek, Supervisors Ken Rogge, Brian D. Hawkins, Clerk Jennifer Masch and Treasurer Michelle Senzig. Guests Jack Hammer and Lynda Oleinik from the Mauston School District.

The Regular Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Franek at 7:00 p.m.

Written Minutes of the September 2024 Town Board Meetings were provided. Motion by B.D. Hawkins to approve the minutes; second by K. Rogge; carried by a voice vote of 3 ayes.

Treasurer's Report was given by M. Senzig: End of Aug 2024 checking account balance was \$83,944.33. Bank of Mauston CD balance was \$100,000.00. A Motion by B.D. Hawkins to enter the treasurer's report into the official minutes; second by K. Rogge; carried by a voice vote of 3 ayes.

Clerk's Report. Budget workshop tentative date October 23, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

Ambulance Report B.D. Hawkins reported that they are looking at the cardiac monitor LifePak 35 units and getting price points, 5 units would be \$297,013.00, 4 units \$239,000.00. One unit would be around \$60,000.00. These have not been approved for purchase but will be reviewed when the budget is being done. The budget will determine how many units they can get. They have four different budgets to share, one includes a new ambulance and staff to work it. The by laws are being revised to add the new areas. Call numbers were 256 total with 13 in Kildare and 19 transfers. The balance at the end of July was \$426,644.

Supervisor's Report D. Franek reported that the WTA has a checklist for grant applications and he will be reviewing this. Jim Morris should have an estimate for the new town hall to us in the next month to month and a half. Both structures on HH that needed to be torn down have been. The culvert on 60<sup>th</sup> is doing ok but we are still watching it. A complaint came in about a ditch on 55<sup>th</sup> St being filled in with stuff, D. Franek stopped by the property and talk to Dan Shackelford and he has been putting hay and manure in the ditch trying to level it out. They will need to clean out the ditch and put a culvert in the driveway. D. Shackelford said he would take care of this.

Public Comments None

### Business

- A. Jack Hammer and Lynda Oleinik from the Mauston School District came to talk about the referendum on the November 5, 2024 ballot asking for Operational cost for the school district. A flyer is attached with the information they provided. A couple questions were asked one by B.D. Hawkins asking them about funding from the COVID19 grants, was it spent on programs that still need to be funded now that it's gone. They

answered No, they knew the funding wasn't long term, so they planned for that and purchase equipment like computers, Chromebooks, ovens, security, etc. M. Senzig asked about the extra sports events that use buses that are not school events but optional tournaments; by not having these could that help the budget? They would look at this and add it to their question list. They also let us know that the Mauston and Royal School Districts are the only two schools in Juneau County that do not have Operational referendums, and that Mauston gets less money on average per student than other areas. B.D. Hawkins also wanted to let them know they did a great job getting students back to school after COVID19 shutdown.

B. The owners of W3533 55th Street, Mauston had a second letter mailed but still have not contacted us we will need to check on the progress.

C. Camper Permit Review

1. Parcel 290140655 on 56th St Has a Camper it looks newer than the one that has been there. Fire number has been applied for, need to talk to them about camper.
2. All campers have been at N2856 24th Ave.

D. The Emergency Management Plan review was tabled until next month.

E. A Review of Special Charges for Garbage/Refuse Disposal and Recycling to be charged to the properties with improvements due to the increase of other budgeted services the past couple years. Motion by B.D. Hawkins to have a public hearing October 9, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Kildare Town Hall; second by D. Franek; carried by voice vote of 3 ayes.

Building Permits/Land Use: Kenneth Rogge N2281 28th Ave - Camper Permit | Henry Lee N3532 Pine Dr - Camper Permit | James Bilgrien 56th St - Fire Number | Eric & Jennifer Christianson W1470 Buffalo Ridge - Fire Number | Larry Egofske N2904 Townline LK Rd - New Home w/ Porch | Glamping Bro LLC 55th St - 20x20' Yurt | Oakdale Electric Emenee Rd - Underground Lines. Motion by D. Franek to approve all applications with the contingency that Larry Egofske provides a sanitary permit; second by B.D. Hawkins; carried by voice vote of 3 ayes.

Payables. Motion by B.D. Hawkins to pay bills; second by K. Rogge; carried by voice vote of 3 ayes.

Future Meeting Agenda/ Items: Review of abandon/unsafe structures, Emergency Management Plan, Camper Review, ATV/UTV Resolution, Schedule Budget workshop.

Motion by B.D. Hawkins to adjourn; second by D. Franek; carried by voice vote of 3 ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Masch, Clerk



# INVESTING IN OUR STUDENTS' FUTURE

For the School District of Mauston, an operational referendum is necessary to maintain current programming and provide residents with the high-quality school district they have come to expect.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Had Wisconsin's revenue limit kept up with inflation since 2009, the School District of Mauston would have had an additional \$5 million for the 2024-25 school year budget.
- In Wisconsin, 357 out of 421 (85 percent) public school districts have asked voters to consider an operational referendum.
- It's estimated that a quarter of school districts in the state will put a referendum on the ballot in 2024.

## OUR PRIORITIES

With an approved referendum, we will prioritize the following:

- Avoiding additional cuts in staffing and student programs
- Maintaining small class sizes and our current level of instruction
- Providing a full range of academic programming
- Retaining our experienced staff

## 2024-25 Budget Cuts:

- Paused hiring of teaching and support staff
- Temporary freeze on administrative salaries
- Reduced curriculum and professional development
- Lower rate increase than budgeted for health insurance
- Reduced overall building budgets

## Positions Not Filled for 2024-25:

- 7 Elementary School Teachers
- 4 Middle School Teachers
- 3 High School Teachers
- 3 Reading Interventionists
- 3 Custodians
- 2 Paraprofessionals
- 1 Elementary Music
- 1 Guidance Counselor
- 1 Charter School Teacher
- 1 Food Service Coordinator
- 1 Human Resources Coordinator
- 1 Information Technology Assistant
- 1 Elementary Library Media Specialist



The deficit for 2024-25 is approximately \$1.5 million

## Proposed 2025-26 Budget Cuts:

- Reduce 15-18 positions
- Close Lyndon Station Elementary
- Cut athletics, clubs & field trips
- Eliminate afternoon summer school
- Eliminate one bus route
- Discontinue JEDI program
- Close the OMS swimming pool during winter
- Eliminate elementary Family Fun Nights
- Eliminate the musical

## District Mill Rate History

Mill rate is a figure representing the amount per \$1,000 of the assessed value of the property which is used to calculate property tax. There will be no increase to the proposed \$7.21 mill rate, even if the referendum is approved.

