

LUXEMBURG VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023
MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING
206 MAPLE STREET, LUXEMBURG, WI

Members present: Dan Porath, Dan Olson, Dan Rueckl, Bob Seidl, Mike Faltynski, Lori Hurley. Absent: Ron Tlachac. Others present: Clerk/Treasurer MiLissa Stipe, Public Works Rick Simonar, Police Chief Gulbrand.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Dan Porath, Dan Olson, Dan Rueckl, Mike Faltynski, Bob Seidl, Lori Hurley. Absent: Ron Tlachac.

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion (Olson/Rueckl) to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. DISCUSSION/2024 BUDGETS; REVIEW OF ANY CAPITAL PROJECTS/PURCHASES

Clerk/Treasurer Stipe gave the background of the budget build up that has been completed thus far. The current levy is \$1,053,058 which is strictly debt for 2024. The shared revenue increase of \$75,817 (Base budget \$'s) and the special assessments of \$85,225 (one time budget \$'s) has given the Board the opportunity to look at some additions to the budget that in previous years were unable to financial support. Discussion on the lack of communication from Fire/Rescue and the lack of discussion/response regarding the budget numbers and any capital purchases that may be on the horizon for Fire/Rescue. It was the consensus that Dan Porath contact Trustee Tlachac to discuss a plan of action for future discussion regarding communications and the future of the rescue departments.

Discussion started with the pickleball courts; Trustee Faltynski met with a representative from SportCourtWisconsin.com. They stated that the area is enough to install three courts. Based on the preliminary calculations the cost would be approximately \$60,000 for three courts plus a fee for fencing which should only be approximately 80 feet of fencing. They stated that if they receive a 50% down payment, they could secure a spot for installation in spring of 2024.

Motion (Seidl/Rueckl) to approve the installation of pickleball courts at Legion Park with a 50% down prior to yearend to secure a spot for installation in spring of 2024. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rick Simonar/Pubic Works: Discussion focused on capital purchases for the public works area. Rick Simonar supplied the board with a listing of items that he would like to purchase. Bob Romuald's truck is in need of replacement, this request has been put off for the last few budget cycles.

The following is a list of items:

6-foot brush cutter	\$ 7,900.00	split w/water&sewer \$2,633.33
2024 GMC 2500 with plow	\$59,059.00	split w/water&sewer \$19,686.33
Wood Chips	\$ 3,540.00	
2HP Fountain Pump-Pond Park	\$ 5,000.00	
Soccer Nets	\$ 1,000.00	
LED Xmas Lights	\$ 2,000.00	
2' Water Line Baseball Field/North 2 nd Street	\$ 3,400.00	

The total of items reviewed for the Village budget is \$37,259.66. Motion (Olson/Faltynski) to approve the above items for a total of \$37,259.66 from the special assessments funds for 2024. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chief Gulbrand/Police: Chief proposed another full-time position, two full-time officers and a part-time Police Chief. Chief adapted his budget to utilize his part-time salaries funds to be put towards the new full-time position (Proposed Budget #3) and requested a wage adjustment for 2024 for his part-time officers, an increase in supplies & expense and an increase to \$25,000.00 and legal expenses to \$5,000.00. The rationale behind the request of an additional full-time police officer is that a community of our size can use an officer during two shifts (day/evening) and that Kewaunee County would be covering at the graveyard shift. The increase in shared revenue from the state was identified/recommended for public safety. This is exact purpose of the increased funding. This proposal would be approximately an increase in the Police budget by \$48,560.00. Trustee Hurley expressed her concerns that when an officer is needed in the later hours, maybe a shift adjustment could help with those type of concerns.

Motion (Seidl/Faltynski) to approve the Proposed Budget #3 and all of the adjustments that are associated with the proposal. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 19.85 (1) (c) CONSIDERING EMPLOYMENT, PROMOTION, COMPENSATION OR PERFORMANCE DATA FOR ANY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OVER WHICH THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY HAS JURISDICTION OR EXERCISES RESPONSIBILITY

Motion Rueckl/Hurley) to go into closed session. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Motion (Rueckl/Seidl) to go back into open session. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Motion (Rueckl/Seidl) to approve the 3.7% across the board increase other than the poll workers will receive a \$15.00 per hour rate (\$5.00 per hour increase) and the identified increases for the Police department. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion (Seidl/Hurley) to approve the increases for Trustee pay to \$200.00 per Board meeting and \$50.00 per first hour committee/\$25.00 after first hour. All ayes. Motion carried.

NOTE: All members of the board will not receive a pay increase until they are reelected.

8. ANY OTHER ISSUES

The levy approval meeting will need to be scheduled for late November. November 27-30th are dates that will be looked at for the levy approval.

Two quotes for a gate system at the wastewater treatment plant were discussed briefly from Fortress and Custom fencing companies. Further discussion will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

9. ADJOURN

Motion (Olson/Seidl) to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

MiLissa Stipe, Clerk/Treasurer