

VILLAGE OF WRIGHTSTOWN
VILLAGE BOARD

A regular bi-monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees, of the Village of Wrightstown, was held in the Community Room at Wrightstown Village Hall, 352 High St., Wrightstown, WI, 54180, on **Wednesday, April 5, 2023**, and convened at 6:27 p.m. at the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Roll Call: Present – Village President Dean Erickson and Trustees Sue Byers, Mark Leonard, Andy Lundt, Terry Schaeuble, Dan Segerstrom and Julie Sigmund

Also present: Administrator Travis Coenen; Public Works Director Andy Vickman; Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Seidl; Fire Chief Mike Schampers; Police Chief Greg Deike; Residents Joe Coenen, Dan Hurst, Steve Johnson, Dalton Rupiper, Brad Sigmund and Keith Wendlandt

UTILITY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

Motion made by Trustee S Byers with a second made by Trustee T Schaeuble to open the April 2023 Utility Commission Monthly Meeting. **Motion carried.**

WATER UTILITY

- Finalizing the 2022 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)
- PFAS testing at Well #4 is scheduled for next week

SEWER UTILITY

- Collecting quotes for a replacement sanitary lateral that was found defective at 205 Main St.
- Crews are busy searching for I/I in sanitary collection system. Repairs have been scheduled for a couple of the larger leaks found

Motion made by Trustee D Segerstrom with a second made by Trustee S Byers to close the April 2023 Utility Meeting. **Motion carried.**

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES – Motion made by Trustee T Schaeuble with a second made by Trustee J Sigmund to approve the Tuesday, March 21, 2023 Village Board Meeting Minutes. **Motion carried.**

VOUCHERS – Motion made by Trustee S Byers with a second made by Trustee T Schaeuble to approve the vouchers, totaling \$721,900.48, from March 16, 2023 through March 29, 2023. **Motion carried.**

SCHEDULED APPEARANCES: None

WALK INS: Resident Keith Wendlandt, 562 Royal St. Pat’s Dr. thanked Trustee’s Sue Byers and Mark Leonard for all the investigative work done regarding the school district budget. He shared the tax history on his own property as follows:

2019

\$244 School District increase (11.8%)

\$131 Outagamie County decrease (10.2%)

\$160 Village of Wrightstown increase (6.7%)

\$ 21 Fox Valley Technical College increase (7%)

Total Increase: \$294

2020

School District increase (13.67%)

Outagamie County increase (2%)

Village of Wrightstown decrease (0.5%)

Fox Valley Technical College increase (3.6%)

Total Increase: \$315

2021

School District increase (9.8%)

Outagamie County increase (3%)

Village of Wrightstown decrease (1.2%)

Fox Valley Technical College decrease (2.2%)

Total Increase: \$256

2022

\$288 School District increase (10%)

In 4 years, the overall tax increase cost an additional \$1,160 with 95% (or \$1,103) due to Wrightstown School District.

Every Outagamie County (Village of Wrightstown) resident had the same percentage impact, which reflects that Wrightstown School District is collecting increased revenues. Additional funds are being used to pay down debt service. These overpayments were not communicated as part of the referendum request.

Reviewing the 2022-2023 Annual Meeting Booklet, from 2020-2023, \$5,180,000 in additional payments were made that were not necessary. This shows a lack of stewardship on behalf of the school board members for not asking why, or recognizing, that this was being done. The community has entrusted student education and financial responsibility to the school board members, and they have not met the financial responsibility obligation.

Mr. Wendlandt challenged the school board to follow through and stop these huge tax hikes, otherwise, the constant increases will kill the Wrightstown Community. He feels that the lack of transparency and communication by the School Board, on this matter, is extreme.

Trustee Sue Byers pointed out that the Village of Wrightstown now has the highest overall mill rate in Brown County due to the school district increases.

Mr. Wendlandt plans on submitting the information shared this evening with the news media, and also plans on attending future school board meetings to make sure members of the school board stay involved and focused on making changes.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

- More NEW retail and industrial development is being worked on
- Plan is to start 2024 budget early in 2023 to make sure the Board and property owners are aware of the process and information stays transparent

CLERK TREASURER’S REPORT:

- 940 residents voted in the 2023 Spring Election yesterday, between Brown and Outagamie Counties. It took election officials 2 ½ hours to process the write in votes for the 49 individuals named
- Working with Ehlers and Quarles & Brady, LLC to provide requested documentation for the upcoming Spring 2023A borrowing, for funding at the end of May
- 2023 Expenditure Restraint submitted. Due to the conservative budgeting in 2022 (for 2023) the Village qualifies for a 2024 Expenditure Restraint Payment
- Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Seidl sat in on an interview for a NEW Clerk/Treasurer for the Town of Freedom in March

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE/PERSONNEL

- **Wrightstown Properties, LLC (Print Pro) 2023 (2022 Tax Year) Development Incentive Payment** – Motion made by Trustee S Byers with a second made by Trustee T Schaeuble to approve the 2023 (2022 Tax Year) Development Incentive Payment to Wrightstown Properties, LLC, (Print Pro) for \$17,228.00. Call of roll: 7 yes votes. **Motion carried.**
- **Staff Resignations**
 - Motion made by Trustee S Byers with a second made by Trustee T Schaeuble to approve the resignation from Public Works Laborer/Relief Wastewater Operator Josh Ritchie, effective Friday, April 7, 2023. Public Works Director Andy Vickman thanked Josh for his service to the Village and wished him luck on his return to Foth. **Motion carried.**
 - Motion made by Trustee S Byers with a second made by Trustee J Sigmund to approve the resignation from Police Officer Breten Vande Hey, from full time status, effective 4/11/2023. Officer Vande Hey will be switching career paths and going into the construction field. His last day will be Tuesday, April 11th. **Motion carried.**

PARKS, RECREATION AND REGIONAL PLANNING

- **Vacant Land Offer to Purchase – 886 Mallard Rd.** – Motion made by Trustee T Schaeuble with a second made by Trustee S Byers to approve the Vacant Land Offer to Purchase, for \$550,000, for the property at 886 Mallard Rd., Town of Wrightstown. This is the new site for the public works facility. Closing date is May 24th and it is permitted for composting. **Motion carried.**
- **Resolution 04052023 CTH D/Plum Road Trail Support** - Motion made by Trustee T Schaeuble with a second made by Trustee D Segerstrom to approve Resolution 04052023 in

support of the CTH D/Plum Road Trail, between STH 96/High Street to Golden Wheat Ln. This resolution is a requirement of the grant process. **Motion carried.**

- **NEW Operator License Applications** - Motion made by Trustee T Schaeuble with a second made by Trustee D Segerstrom to approve the NEW Operator License Applications for:
 - Mackenzie Ax Hennes, N3979 Washington Ave. Apt 19, Freedom, WI 54130, for Royal St. Patrick's Golf Links
 - Shannon R. Keenan, 714 Meadow Ln., Kaukauna, WI 54130 for Royal St. Patrick's Golf Links**Motion carried.**

PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Fire Department**
 - Held another integrated shooter training at Wrightstown Elementary with Outagamie County agencies
- **Police Department**
 - NEW Officer Zach Schultz started his training and is going into week 2
 - Wrightstown Community Conversation Saving Live was held last Monday evening at Wrightstown High School. Over 50 people attended! Thank you to the Board Members, Fire Department, First Responders, County Executive Troy Steckenbach, Brown County Public Health, Wrightstown School District and the recovering addict that participated. This event gave hope to individuals and families that are currently struggling with drug or alcohol dependency.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

- Took delivery of the 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 this week. It replaces the 2013 Ford F250. The purchasing program has been renewed for 2023-2024
- Working with the Royal St Patrick's Homeowners Association to get quotes to remove the entrance monuments on Kerrigan Dr.
- Lead Water Operator Jason Krueger was nominated for District I Operator of the year! Although he did not end up the awarded recipient, Public Works Director Andy Vickman acknowledged the great work Jason does for the Village of Wrightstown
- Floodlight has been installed in the parking lot under the bridge, at the request of some of the downtown businesses, for security. One additional floodlight is to be added to the north pole.
- **ADJOURN** – Motion made by Trustee S Byers with a second made by Trustee D Segerstrom to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Michelle Seidl

Clerk/Treasurer

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