

TOWN OF BROCKWAY
RESIDENTS

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Brockway Board of Supervisors will be held on **Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024** at the Brockway Town Hall. Regular monthly agenda will be followed. Time of the meeting will be immediately following the Sanitary District meeting at 5:45 p.m.

JANN DAHL, CLERK/TREASURER

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TOWN OF CURRAN
OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the October Meeting has been **rescheduled** and will be held on **Tuesday, Oct. 15 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Curran Town Hall.**

Genell Severson, Clerk

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TOWN OF ADAMS
Monthly Meeting

Will be held on **Tues., Oct. 8, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the town hall.**

Agenda will include minutes of prior meeting(s), approval and payment of outstanding bills, and any zoning petitions which may be presented. Other items may be added to the agenda prior to the meeting.

Dale Ann Bohac, Clerk

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TOWN OF ALBION
REGULAR
MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024 at the Albion Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Regular monthly agenda will be followed. Notice will be posted in regular posting places.

Joan Hanson, Clerk

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NOTICE TOWN OF FRANKLIN
Regular Monthly Meeting

7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024
FRANKLIN TOWN HALL
townoffranklin.wi.gov

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
JACKSON COUNTY ZONING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held in the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main Street, Black River Falls, Wisconsin on October 21, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. on the following:

- **ZONE CHANGE PETITION #2024-32** as requested by Michael and Julie Coombs, on property known as Lot 2 CSM 3347 located in the SW1/4-NE1/4, Section 18, T22N, R03W, Town of Adams, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 3.04 acres of the A2(Agriculture) District to the R2(Residential)District for the construction of a single-family home.
- **ZONE CHANGE PETITION #2024-33** as requested by Edwin Borntrager, on property known as Lot 1 CSM 2041 located in the SW1/4-NE1/4, Section 17, T20N, R06W, Town of Franklin, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 10.98 acres of the A2(Agriculture) District to the R6 (Residential-Rural Ag) District for the construction of a single-family home and the ability to have animals.

The petitioner or their agent must attend the County's Public Hearing.
Jackson County Zoning Department
307 Main Street, Courthouse
Black River Falls WI 54615
715-284-0220
Jonathan.Hemp@Jacksoncountywisc.gov
Rebecca.Ayers@Jacksoncountywisc.gov
Dustin.Mccune@Jacksoncountywisc.gov
Zoning@Jacksoncountywisc.gov

This public hearing is being held so that the Committee may hear those persons who have an interest in the proposed changes, and they will consider all input presented which will aid in their decision-making process. The decision of the Committee to either grant, conditionally grant or to deny any conditional use or subdivision request will be finalized at this public hearing. The Committee, following the public hearing, will make a recommendation to the full County Board for their final decision to either grant, conditionally grant, or to deny any proposed zone changes. Should you desire more information regarding the proposals, please call or visit the Jackson County Zoning Department, Telephone Number (715) 284-0220.

A Notice of this Petition will be forwarded to the Town Board. The Town officials will discuss this request and return a "TOWNSHIP POSITION" form. Thus, the Petitioner SHOULD contact the Town Chairman to explain his/her proposal and answer their questions. An effort has also been made to notify adjoining landowners of the proposal/s, so that they may contact the Town Chairman for more information and/or voice their concerns. To ensure that those interested have been notified, please share this notice with your neighbors. CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK FOR TOWN MEETING DATE and TIME.

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Dated this 20th day of September 2024.

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**REQUEST FOR BID #B-2024-01
Bidding Opens October 7th, 2024 at 7AM
Village of Merrillan Comprehensive Energy Plan
and Electric Infrastructure Upgrades**

Project Overview:

The Village of Merrillan is seeking a qualified consultant to conduct a Comprehensive Energy Plan at its existing facilities to identify the feasibility of converting its energy delivery system from 2400 volts to 7200 volts. The goal of this project is to reduce energy losses, increase resiliency, and reliability, such as undergrounding, while also identifying opportunities for electric infrastructure efficiency upgrades and transitioning generating facilities from diesel to natural gas and/or solar generation.

Scope of Work:

The successful bidder will be responsible for conducting the following tasks:

1. Review and analyze the Village’s current energy delivery system, including existing infrastructure, load data, and energy usage patterns.
2. Develop a Comprehensive Energy Plan that evaluates the feasibility of converting the energy delivery system from 2400 volts to 7200 volts, including:
 - a. Assessing the technical and economic viability of the conversion
 - b. Identifying potential challenges and risks associated with the conversion
 - c. Developing a phased implementation plan for the conversion
3. Conduct a detailed analysis of electric infrastructure efficiency upgrades, including:
 - a. Identifying opportunities for reducing energy losses through system optimization and modernization
 - b. Evaluating the feasibility of installing smart grid technologies
 - c. Developing a plan for implementing these upgrades
4. Identify facilities that can be transitioned from diesel to natural gas and/or solar generation, including:
 - a. Conducting a feasibility study for each facility
 - b. Evaluating the costs and benefits of each option (natural gas vs. solar)
 - c. Developing a plan for implementing these transitions
5. Provide a comprehensive report outlining the findings and recommendations of the Comprehensive Energy Plan, including:
 - a. A detailed analysis of the benefits and costs associated with the proposed upgrades and conversions
 - b. A phased implementation plan, including timelines and budget estimates
 - c. Recommendations for future energy efficiency measures and initiatives

Requirements:

The successful bidder must possess the following qualifications:

1. A bachelor’s degree in engineering or a related field (Master’s degree preferred)
2. At least 5 years of experience in electrical engineering or a related field, with expertise in energy transmission and distribution systems
3. Experience in conducting Comprehensive Energy Plans or similar energy-related projects
4. Familiarity with Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) regulations and guidelines

Submittal Requirements:

- Bidders must submit the following documents:
1. A letter of interest, including a brief overview of their qualifications and experience
 2. A detailed proposal outlining their approach to completing the project, including:
 - a. A work plan with milestones and timelines
 - b. A budget estimate for the project with clearly defined costs and their breakdown
 - c. A list of personnel who will be assigned to the project
 - d. Proof of Insurance – General Liability and Workers’ Compensation
 3. A sample report outline detailing how they would structure their Comprehensive Energy Plan report

Evaluation Criteria:

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications and experience (30%)
2. Approach to completing the project (25%)
3. Budget estimate (20%)
4. Sample report outline (15%)
5. Letter of interest (10%)

Important Bidding Details:

1. Transportation charges and shipping costs will be the responsibility of the bidder.
2. Guarantees - bidder will guarantee that their proposal matches the requirements set forth and the desired plan will be relevant for at least a period of seven (7) years from the delivery date listed below.
3. Payment Terms - payments will be made based on milestones; generally at the end of a quarter, or post-delivery.
4. Rejection - The Village reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.
5. Alternative Proposals - should you believe you have updates, amendments, or other changes that would enhance the goals of this project, you may provide said innovative solutions or cost-savings within your proposal.
6. Taxes - the Village of Merrillan is tax-exempt. Please provide any information, if applicable, in your proposal that may affect this plan/project from a tax-perspective.

7. Compliance
 - a. Bidders must comply with Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) requirements:
 - i. Build America/Buy American (BABA)
 - ii. Davis Bacon Act (DBA)
 - b. Bidders must comply with the State of Wisconsin Affirmative Action Requirements

Contact Information:

For questions or additional information, please contact:

Christopher Wruck
President, Village of Merrillan
cwruck@merrillanwi.gov
608-487-3505

Bid Due Date:

Proposals must be received by **December 2nd 2024, at 3:30 PM CST** either in person or by mail: Village Hall, 101 S Main St, PO Box 70, Merrillan, WI 54754 - or - via email hi@merrillanwi.gov.

The formal delivery date for this planning project is **June 1st, 2025.**

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**NOTICE OF ELECTION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALMA CENTER-HUMBIRD-
MERRILLAN NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

Referendum Details

At an election in the School District of Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, the following questions will be submitted to a vote of the people:

QUESTION NUMBER I

“Shall the School District of Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan, Jackson and Clark Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$745,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year and ending with the 2027-2028 school year, for non recurring purposes consisting of operational and facility maintenance expenses, including for roof and floor replacement, HVAC upgrades, safety updates and technology infrastructure?”

QUESTION NUMBER II

“Shall the School District of Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan, Jackson and Clark Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,910,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: construction of an addition and renovations at the Elementary School for classrooms and to repurpose existing space for a new childcare center, and traffic flow and safety upgrades; district-wide capital maintenance, building infrastructure and site improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?”

A copy of the entire text of the resolution directing submission of the questions set forth above to the electorate and information concerning District boundaries can be obtained from the District Clerk at the School District offices located at 124 South School Street, Alma Center, Wisconsin.

Additional Information

Acceptable photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Drew Semingson, District Administrator.

Done in the School District of
Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan
on October 2, 2024
Kara Paul, District Clerk

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**Village of Melrose, Jackson County
Notice of Board of Review**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the Village of Melrose, Jackson County, Wisconsin, shall hold its meeting on October 31st, 2024 from 11am to 1pm, at the Melrose Village Hall, 112 N Washington Street.

Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirements if appearing before the board.

1. After the first meeting of the Board of Review and before the Board of Review’s final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact or provide information to a member of the Board of Review about the person’s objection, except at a session of the Board of Review. Open book shall occur no less than 7 days prior to the Board of Review.

2. The Board of Review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the Board of Review’s first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the Board of Review Clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the Board of Review shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the Board of Review’s first scheduled meeting, and the Board of Review may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session, or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5

days, with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the Board of Review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.

3. Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the Board of Review Clerk of the board or review within the first 2 hours of the Board of Review’s first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the Board of Review may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The board may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, and the Board of Review shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the Board of Review in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the Board of Review, under oath, of all of that person’s property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the Board.

4. When appearing before the Board of Review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person’s estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person’s objection and specify the information used to arrive at that estimate.

5. No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board of Review by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless no later than 7 days before the first meeting of the Board of Review, the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses that the assessor requests, as specified in the Assessor’s Manual under Wis. Stat. § 73.03(2a). The Village of Dresser has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their officer or by order of a court. The information that is provided in this paragraph, unless a court determines that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under Wis. State § 19.35(1).

6. The Board of Review shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse prescriber certified under s. 441.16(2) that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone unless the Board of Review, in its discretion, has determined to grant a property owner’s or their representative’s request to testify under oath by telephone or written statement.

7. No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board of Review by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the Board of Review, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under Wis. Stat. § 70.47(3) (a), that person provides notice to the Board of Review Clerk as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the Board of Review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take.

8. No person shall be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to enter onto property to conduct an exterior view of the real or personal property being assessed.

Notice is hereby given this
19th day of September 2024 by:
Jamie North - Village Clerk
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**TYPE A NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION
November 5, 2024**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages, cities, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people pursuant to law:

“Eligibility to vote. Shall section 1 of article III of the constitution, which deals with suffrage, be amended to provide that only a United States citizen age 18 or older who resides in an election district may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum?”

This referendum ballot is a result of 2023 Enrolled Senate Joint Resolution 71, a copy of which can be viewed or downloaded from the Wisconsin Elections Commission website at <https://elections.wi.gov/elections> and also on the Legislature’s website at https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2023/proposals/reg/sen/joint_resolution/sjr71.

A copy also can be obtained from the office of the county clerk, or the Legislative Documents Room at 1 East Main Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

DONE in the City of Black River Falls, Wisconsin, this 8th day of October, 2024

Published in the Oct. 2, 2024 Banner Journal. Cindy Altman, Jackson County Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Village of Merrillan, Wisconsin, in conjunction with the School District of Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan and Wisconsin Emergency Management, has applied for Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the construction of a community tornado safe room. The objective of HMA programs is to fund mitigation measures that reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future hazard events or disasters. The Merrillan Community Safe Room Project will consist of the design and construction of a 6,336 square foot tornado safe room that will provide near-absolute life safety protection to 690 residents and students.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act, EO 11988 and EO 11990, public notice is required of any federal actions that may affect floodplains or wetlands. Under the National Historic Preservation Act, public notice is also required for some projects which have the potential to affect historic properties. All necessary permits and approvals will be obtained prior to construction and completion of the project.

Public participation is encouraged. Those interested are invited to comment within 30 days by e-mail to fema-r5-environmental@fema.dhs.gov or by mail to: Duane Castaldi, Regional Environmental Officer FEMA Region V 536 South Clark Street, 6th Floor Chicago, IL 60605
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The Common Council met in special session at City Hall in the City of Black River Falls on September 18, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. Alderpersons Gearing-Lancaster, Ammann, Peloquin, Dougherty, and Busse were present. Alderperson E. Rave attended remotely via Zoom meetings. Alderpersons Wussow and M. Rave were excused. Mayor J. Eddy presided.

Mayor Eddy presented Letters of Recognition to Henry Meek, Owen Zenz, and Bella Rowen for their outstanding lifesaving efforts on August 21, 2024, to prevent a drowning at the Hoffman Aquatic Center.

It was moved by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, seconded by Alderperson Dougherty, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 3, 2024 Common Council meeting and approve as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE
There were 10 citizens in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
It was moved by Alderperson Ammann, seconded by Alderperson Peloquin, to place on file the minutes of the September 11, 2024 Historic Preservation Commission meeting. Motion carried.

The Department Head monthly reports were reviewed. Department heads present were Darryl Nelson, Jarod Meyer, Jody

Stoker, Travis Brown, Cara Hart, and Brad Chown.

It was moved by Alderperson Dougherty, seconded by Alderperson Peloquin, to approve the Police Department's request to purchase equipment for the new squad. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Ammann, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, to approve the Police Department's request to purchase a new Dell Latitude 5430 rugged laptop for the new squad at a cost of up to \$3,000. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Dougherty, seconded by Alderperson Ammann, to invoice the property owner at 919 Fillmore Street in the amount of \$1,194.00 for property abatement. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Busse, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, to approve revisions to the TIF VI Façade Improvement Grant application removing the requirement for commencing work within 60 days of award and adding language requiring the work to be complete within 1 year of the award. Motion carried.

There was lengthy discussion on the exercise of options to extend the contract with Abby Vans, Inc for 1 year for shared-ride taxi service. The paperwork to do so requires confirmation that the rates are fair and reasonable, and a list of comparable service provider rates shows our transit system paying one of the highest rates in the state. 2025 rate would be \$50.33 per hour while most other systems will be paying between \$30 and \$40 per hour. The City received three responses to the RFP for the shared-ride service 2 years ago and the rates received then were \$44.27, \$49.10, and \$49.50 which the State deemed fair and reasonable at that time. The Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission is finishing the public transit study they were contracted to perform. The Council will review the study when available and have further discussions on the exercise of options for the shared-ride taxi service.

It was moved by Alderperson Ammann, seconded by Alderperson Dougherty, to approve ORDINANCE 890 – an ordinance annexing certain land from the Town of Brockway. Motion carried. The ordinance is available at City Hall and will be published as a Class I notice.

ORDINANCE 891 – a Charter Ordinance amending Section 4(4.) of Charter Ordinance 824 regarding the number of limited term part-time Patrol Officers was presented for 1st reading.

It was moved by Alderperson Ammann, seconded by Alderperson Busse, to approve the amended Mayor's Appointments as presented. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, seconded by Alderperson Peloquin, to approve vouchers for August 2024 Check #74404 - #74526 totaling \$323,259.85. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Peloquin, seconded by Alderperson Dougherty,

to approve the City Treasurer's Report for August 2024. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson E. Rave, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, to approve the Revenue & Expense Report for August 2024. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Busse, seconded by Alderperson Peloquin, to adjourn. Motion carried at 6:47pm.
A. Brad Chown
City Administrator
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**Village of Melrose, Jackson County
Notice that the Assessment Roll is Open for Examination and Open Book**

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 70.45, the assessment roll for the year 2024 assessment will be open for examination starting on the 23rd day of October, 2024 from 10am to 2pm, Monday through Friday.

Additionally, the assessor shall be available on the 23rd day of October, 2024 at the Melrose Village Hall, 112 N Washington Street, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Instructional material will be provided at the open book to persons who wish to object to valuation under Wis. Stat. § 70.47

Notice is hereby given this 19th day of September 2024 by:

Jamie North,
Village Clerk
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Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on Monday, August 19, 2024 in the District Office Board Room.

School Board President, Brad Dobbs, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Amy Blackdeer, Micaela Conlon-Bue, Casey Wyss, Jenette Simonson, Nick Helstad, Iftikhar Memon and Brad Dobbs.

Board Members Absent: None

Brad Dobbs verified the public notice with Marti Herzberg.

One community member registered for and spoke during the public comment section of the meeting.

Brad Dobbs made a motion to move agenda item 8.1 Advanced Placement Score Report to the beginning of the meeting. Nick Helstad seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mike Shepard presented information on the advanced placement score report. Sixty-one students participated in the advanced placement tests and 80% of those students scored higher than the state and global average.

Dr. Severson gave a conviction and sentencing update on the individuals involved in the vandalism at Forrest Street Elementary School that took place in August of 2022.

The Principals talked about the plans that are in place to improve attendance at their schools.

Dr. Severson reviewed the updates that were made

to the annual operating resolutions. Casey Wyss moved to approve the resolutions as presented. Amy Blackdeer seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson reviewed the information from the district's score card. The Board made suggestions on additional information they'd like included in the future.

Dr. Sullivan updated the Board Members on the professional development that was completed by staff this summer.

Casey Wyss moved to approve the employment recommendations as presented. Nick Helstad seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Sullivan reviewed the process of onboarding our new staff.

Melanie Floyd and Nate Erickson reviewed what our Alternative Education Program will look like for the 2024-2025 school year and they reviewed the numbers from 2023-2024. Micaela Conlon-Bue moved to approve the report and plan as presented. Amy Blackdeer seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. (Iftikhar Memon was unavailable to cast his vote as he'd stepped out of the room)

Nick Helstad spoke about the Instructional Grouping Committee meeting and the next meeting is scheduled for September 10th with the Middle School Math Teachers and Mr. Nortman.

Jenette Simonson moved to approve the monthly expenditures as presented. Brad Dobbs seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson updated the Board on the School Forest. The following decisions were made by the Board Members:

*The Board would like Dr. Severson to pursue ownership from the Town of Albion, Brockway, and the City of Black River Falls for the sections that they own.

*They would like Dr. Severson to go to the County Board meeting to talk to them.

*It's ok to keep the current gate where it is. Amy Blackdeer moved to allow the gate to continue to be locked. Brad Dobbs seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-2.

The Board did a first reading of Board Policy 112-Non-Discrimination in District and District Programs, Activities and Operations. Casey Wyss moved to move the policy forward for a second reading at the next meeting and Amy Blackdeer seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Dr. Severson will send the Board Members two versions of the Title 9 trainings.

Casey Wyss moved to approve the meeting minutes from July 15, 2024. Nick Helstad seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson's district administrator's report included:

*An update on today's all staff day

*Julie Tiedens is now heading up the District marketing and is doing a great job.

*Dr. Severson is not in favor of going to referendum for a childcare center because it delays the process moving forward, the

cost of a referendum and if a referendum fails, the state won't allow the district to take advantage of potential funding increases for three years.

Micaela Conlon-Bue reported that she attended the National Public Education Association Conference.

School Board Connection Opportunities – Thursday, August 22nd – District wide open house from 2-6, high school athletics.

Future Agenda Items –

*Provide information on other district's childcare center budgets

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VILLAGE OF MELROSE, JACKSON COUNTY
112 N Washington Street, Melrose WI**

A Public Hearing shall be held on **October 16, 2024** at 6pm in the Melrose Village Hall regarding the **RESOLUTION OF VILLAGE OF MELROSE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO EXCEED LEVY LIMIT VIA REFERENDUM. This meeting will be an open forum to help answer any questions the Village of Melrose Residents may have.**

Resolution No. 2024-04

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin has imposed levy limits on town, village, city, and county levies for 2023 and thereafter under Wis. Stat. § 66.0602; and

Whereas, Wis. Stat. § 66.0602 limits the allowable local levy for 2024 to a percentage increase of no more than the greater of (a) 0% of the 2023 payable 2024 adjusted actual levy as calculated under the state's levy limit law or (b) a percentage equal to the percent change in equalized value due to net new construction less improvements removed; which for the Village of Melrose is 0.439%; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Melrose, Jackson County, believes that for the 2024 tax levy (to be collected in 2025) it is in the Village's best interest to exceed the state levy limit as described above by a greater percentage than 0.439% for Village Operating Expenses, Ambulance Service, and Infrastructure; and

Whereas, the Village of Melrose's 2023 payable 2024 adjusted actual tax levy was \$43,858, and further whereas the state law would limit this year's increase to \$192, for a total allowable town tax levy after adjustments for 2024 (to be collected in 2025) of \$43,385, which includes the reduction in Personal Property Aid of \$665.42.

Now, Therefore, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Melrose, Jackson County does hereby resolve and order as follows:

1. The Village Board of Trustees supports an increase in the Village tax levy for 2024 of 195.922% over the amount allowed by the state levy limit for 2024. This would result in a dollar increase to the Village's allowable levy of \$85,000, for a total Village tax levy (after adjustments) of \$128,385. The Village Board of Trustees intends that the levy increase be applied on an ongoing basis by including it in the base used to calculate the limit for 2025 as well. The purpose for which the increased levy will be used is for Village Operating Expenses, Ambulance Service and Infrastructure.

2. The Village Board of Trustees directs that the question of increasing the allowable Village tax levy for 2024, to be collected in fiscal year 2025, be put to referendum at an election on November 5, 2024.

3. The question shall be submitted to the electors as follows; "Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of Melrose for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2025, is limited to 0.439%, which results in a levy of \$43,385." Shall the Village of Melrose be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2025, for Village Operating Expenses, Ambulance Service, and Infrastructure, by a total of 195.922%, which results in a levy of \$128,385, and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of \$85,000 for each fiscal year going forward?

Adopted the 26th day of August, 2024
Village President: Ben Boardman
Attested by Village Clerk: Jamie North
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*Include Iftikhar Memon's document that he previously provided

*Include Iftikhar Memon's proposal to help 1st and 2nd grade problems

At 9:12 p.m. Amy Blackdeer moved to adjourn. Micaela Conlon-Bue seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

/s/Amy Blackdeer, Clerk
/s/Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, JACKSON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ANDREW J. BOURDO,
Deceased.

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 24PR36
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 4/23/1959 and date of death 8/27/2024, was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 359 Lower Lake Drive, Merrillan, WI 54754.
3. All interested persons have waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is DECEMBER 19, 2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the JACKSON County Courthouse, BLACK RIVER FALLS, Wisconsin, Room C207 REGISTER IN PROBATE.
/s/ Elizabeth Storlie
Probate Registrar
Sept. 9, 2024
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INITIAL PUBLIC NOTICE FOR A PROPOSED ACTIVITY WITHIN FLOODPLAIN OR WETLAND
Jackson County Land Conservation Department, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs, Division of Emergency Management, has applied for Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Dry Run Road Streambank Protection Project along the Black River. Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and FEMA's implementing regulations at Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 9, FEMA hereby provides interested parties with a notice of its intent to carry out an action affecting a floodplain and wetland.
615 feet of excessive soil erosion is occurring on the banks of the Black River and is currently impacting two private residential properties and Xcel Energy electrical supply lines. The excessive erosion resulted in the displacement of one of Xcel Energy's power poles, and this required the relocation near the existing power pole location. Residents in the area have been affected by power outages related to this issue. The continuation of excessive erosion will impact Xcel Energy power supply lines, and power lines may need to be relocated from their current location if erosion continues. For the private residential properties, the riverbanks continue to erode at an excessive rate, impacting their homes and septic system and resulting in the loss of property.
The project area is in the regulatory floodway as depicted on the

FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Number 55053C0751C, effective date September 28, 2012. The FIRM also shows that a portion of the project area lies within Special Flood Hazard Area Zone AE, an area that has a 1-percent probability of flooding every year and where predicted floodwater elevations have been established. Implementation of the project is expected to decrease erosion along the bank and ensure no significant impacts to the waterway or flood heights. A map of the area and additional information regarding the project is available upon request.
The public is invited to participate in the process of identifying alternatives and analyzing their impacts through this notification. Comments should be sent within 15 days to fema-r5-environmental@fema.dhs.gov or by mail to: Duane Castaldi, Regional Environmental Officer FEMA Region 5 536 South Clark Street, 6th Floor Chicago, Illinois 60605 with Section 324 of P.L. 99-499.
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CITY OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ORDINANCE NO. 890
AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN LAND FROM THE TOWN OF BROCKWAY, JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN TO THE CITY OF BLACK RIVER FALLS, JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN.
The Common Council of the City of Black River Falls, Jackson County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:
SECTION 1. TERRITORY ANNEXED. In accordance with Wisconsin Statute 66.0223 "Annexation of territory owned by a city or village" the following described territory, which is owned by the City of Black River Falls, is hereby annexed / attached to the City of Black River Falls, Wisconsin, and is detached from the Town of Brockway, Jackson County, Wisconsin, to wit:
That part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, Section 14, Township 21 North, Range 4 West, Town of Brockway, Jackson County, Wisconsin, lying south and east of both State Trunk Highway No. 54 (now "Vaudriel Road") and the right of way of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railway Co. (which was conveyed to Jackson County in a Deed recorded as Document No. 251005 with the Office of the Register of Deeds for Jackson County in Volume 298 of Records, Page 69 on May 25, 1989.
SECTION 2. EFFECT OF ANNEXATION. From and after the date of the adoption and publication of this Ordinance, the territory described in SECTION 1 shall be a part of the City of Black River Falls for any and all purposes provided by law and all persons coming and residing within such territory shall be subject to all ordinances, rules, and

regulations governing the City of Black River Falls, Wisconsin.
SECTION 3. REQUIRED FILINGS. The City Clerk shall file immediately with the Secretary of Administration seven (7) certified copies of this Ordinance, together with seven (7) copies of a plat showing the boundaries of the territory attached. The City Clerk shall further file with the Jackson County Clerk the report required by Wis. Stat. 5.15(4)(b) and copies of the Ordinance and plat showing the boundaries of the territory attached. The population of the annexed territory is zero (0).
SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Common Council would have passed the other provisions of this Ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid and if any provisions of this Ordinance of the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.
SECTION 5. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. Ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the above Ordinance are hereby repealed.
SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. Upon passage and publication, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force as provided by law.
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Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
August 26, 2024
CONVENE
Board President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting of the Melrose-Mindoro School Board of Education to order 6:15 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Deanna Wiatt, 7-12 Principal Rick Dobbs, ECH-6th Principal Corey Peterson, Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Director Dan Stetzer and Finance Administrator Casey Pfaff. Board Members present: Terry Blaken, Becky Whalen, Kim Sacia, Geoff Rozek, Shane Zeman, and Emily Stanton. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Zeman, second by Blaken, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY:
1. Correspondence: Thank you was received from Christina Montalvo for the memorial donation for her mother who recently passed away.
2. Public Comment: Diana Johnson spoke in regards to questioning the equity in transportation to practices and events for all the athletic co-ops.
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
The 2024-2025 school year kicks off tomorrow for students. We also welcomed 13 new staff members to the district and have been busy with pro-

fessional development and training during our staff in service days. Kudos to Mr. Dobbs & Mr. Peterson for organizing these events. The transportation department has been extremely busy organizing and adjusting bus routes in preparation for the new school year. We also welcomed the retirees back for our annual luncheon.
The auditors were also here last week completing their annual district audit. Final report should be ready in December.
CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
1. Minutes from the previous month's Regular Board Meeting: Motion by Sacia, second by Stanton to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried 6-0.
2. Finance: Review of the expenditures and receipts through July. There were no budget changes. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia, to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$1,591,465.39. Motion carried 6-0. Cash flow and activity accounts were reviewed.
3. Personnel Report: Resignations: Motion by Zeman, second by Blaken, to accept the resignations of paraprofessionals Erin Diggs, Eunice Flick-Webb, Felicia Helgerson, Ashley Kaz and Mallory Seever along with Linda Heimdahl in Food Service. Motion carried 6-0. **Hiring:** Motion by Stanton, second by Whalen, to hire the following staff members: Patsy Betsinger (food Service); 4K teacher Kylee Martin; Elementary Special Education teacher Jessica Kasten; 4th grade long term substitute teacher Michael Raabe. We also welcome back Paraprofessionals Brianna Brehmer and Kelly Mulholland. In coaching and advisory positions: Junior High Assistant football coach Dan Stetzer; Mock Trial Advisor Scott Scholze and assistant volleyball coach Kayla Schultz. Motion carried 6-0. **Retirement:** None.
DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION
1. Transportation for Co-Op Athletes: Athletic Director Zach Severson presented several options in regards to offering transportation for Co-Op athletes. A motion by Sacia, second by Rozek, to approve the following language to be added into the 24-25 Athletic Handbook: "Melrose-Mindoro will cover \$650 for each athlete in a co-op sport that is not hosted by Melrose-Mindoro, any additional costs for the team/athlete will be covered by athlete and family. All participants will share equal costs when participating in a co-op sport not hosted by Melrose-Mindoro". A motion by Sacia, second by Rozek, to approve a trial/pilot program to offer transportation for these co-op sports. The co-op team must agree by a majority vote to be transported and assume costs of said transportation. Transportation for co-op sports will include all co-ops in transportation costs that the Melrose-Mindoro School District is not the host of and can only offer when we are able to hire a driver. Motion carried 6-0.
2. Consider change

of dates of November, December & February board meetings- Motion by Zeman, second by Rozek, to approve the change of meeting dates for each of the months mentioned due to holiday or spring breaks. The dates for the regular board meetings will now be November 18, December 16, and February 17. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Mustang Youth Club Handbook approval: Mustang Youth Club/Tutoring Coordinator Jenna Kowalke presented the Mustang Youth Club Handbook for approval. Motion by Blaken, second by Stanton, to approve. Motion carried 6-0.
4. Accept Donations over \$500- Motion by Whalen, second by Zeman, to accept the donation for \$21,000 from the Friends of Melrose. Motion carried 6-0. While not over \$500, Westby Co-Op Creamery donated 60 lbs. of yogurt to the district.
5. Second Reading of Policy 113-Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex Education Programs or Activities: Motion by Sacia, second by Whalen, to approve Policy 113. Motion carried 6-0.
CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Zeman, second by roll call vote, to move to closed session at

7:50 p.m. The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1)(g) "Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved" and, Wis. Stats §19.85 (1)(i) "Considering any and all matters related to acts by business under s. 560.15 which, if discussed in public could adversely affect the business, its employs or former employs". The board, if appropriate, will return to open session following the closed session to take action on the items discussed in the closed session.
Motion by Whalen, second by Zeman, to return to open session at 9:07 pm. Motion carried 6-0.
ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Zeman, second by Rozek, to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes
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