

**TOWN OF DELAFIELD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2023 @ 6:30 PM**

Video Link:

First order of business: Call to Order

Chairman Troy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Second order of business: Pledge of Allegiance

Third order of business: Roll Call

Present: Supervisor Kranick, Supervisor Miller, Supervisor Woelfle, Supervisor Michels and Chairman Troy. Also present was Administrator Dan Green and Engineer Tim Barbeau.

Fourth order of business: Citizen Comments: None

Fifth order of business:

- A. Approval of the December 13, 2022, Town Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Kranick to approve the December 13, 2022, minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Woelfle. Motion passed 5-0.

Sixth order of Business: Action on vouchers submitted for payment:

- A. Report on budget sub-accounts and action to amend 2022 or 2023 budget
 - B.1) Accounts payable; 2) Payroll

Motion by Supervisor Kranick to approve payment of checks #66256 and #66260 - #66322 in the amount of \$205,788.81, and payrolls dated December 23, 2022, in the amount of \$16,217.99 and payrolls dated January 6, 2023, in the amount of \$19,567.12. Seconded by Supervisor Woelfle. Motion passed 5-0.

Seventh order of Business: Communications

Supervisor Kranick, upcoming Wisconsin Town's Association meeting. He also handed out a calendar for the upcoming district meetings. Supervisor Kranick also acknowledge the passing of the Village of Nashotah's President, Richard Lartz.

Eighth order of Business: Unfinished Business: NONE

Ninth order of Business: New Business:

- a. Discussion and possible action on the renewal of insurance for 2023 property, vehicle, and liability coverages. Mike, renewal is coming up on 1/29.

Mike Walden, R&R Insurance, reviewed the coverages with the Town Board. The Board discussed continuing to take injunctive relief coverage, and rejecting the auto med pay coverage.

Motion by Supervisor Kranick to accept the 2023 renewal from CIC with the rejection of auto med pay and the acceptance of the injunctive relief. Seconded by Supervisor Woelfle. Motion passed 5-0.

- b. Discussion and possible action on the recommendation from the Plan Commission for approval of a Certified Survey Map to combine two lots into one lot at N26W30285 Maple Avenue. Stuart Kotovic and Melisa Krueger, applicant.

Engineer Barbeau explained this is a combination CSM. The applicant wishes to combine two lots along Maple Avenue to one, to take down and rebuild a home on the lot. They have not done work on the property yet, and are getting ready before applying for a building permit. He explained the unique right-of-way situation where a curve pushes the right-of-way to the west, leaving a small right-of-way along this lot. The engineer's original recommendation was to ask for additional right-of-way, but was informed by the applicant that the County already purchased additional right-of-way from this property in 2000. The Plan Commission recommended approval of the CSM subject to Waukesha County and City of Delafield comments.

Motion by Supervisor Kranick to approve the CSM dated 12/15/2022 subject to the satisfaction of comments from the Town Engineer, City of Delafield, and Waukesha County. Seconded by Supervisor Michels. Motion passes 5-0.

- c. Discussion and possible action on a contract with AVI Systems Inc., to update and repair the Town's AV equipment, for a cost not to exceed \$11,227.73.

Administrator Green explained that the AV system is currently operating all the time, with no way to control the power or volume. The longer they do nothing, the more the system will continually be left on and wear down.

Motion by Supervisor Kranick to approve a contract with AVI Systems Inc., to update and repair the Town's AV equipment, for a cost not to exceed \$11,227.73. Seconded by Supervisor Michels. Motion passes 5-0.

- d. Discussion and possible action on adopting Resolution 23-660, a resolution for exceeding the State imposed levy for the Town of Delafield through a referendum in April 4, 2023, to fund Lake Country Fire and Rescue additional staffing.

Supervisor Kranick state the board has talked about this for quite some time. There is a crisis in our Fire and EMS service. They do not have enough staff, and response times are suffering. We can say we all have the same problem, or we can do something about it. The proposal in front of us, is to fund the 2023 full time staff, and hire the additional seven staff in 2024. This would also retain the revenues that we get from intermunicipal transports. By passing a referendum, the Town can stay within the levy limits. The benefit of the Town originally joining LCFR was that we would get 4 individuals 24/7, 365 days a year. Unfortunately, LCFR is running short on those part time staff. We need to do what we have to in order to fund this. He stated the Town should pay attention to what the City of Delafield is doing. He stated he was in favor of approving the \$470,000.

Supervisor Woelfle stated he agreed with Supervisor Kranick, and the board should stick with retaining the 7 staff and funding 7 additional, as the Chief is asking for. He stated the Fire Chief has the most knowledge of his department's needs.

Supervisor Michels stated he will support the \$470,000 figure. The fire department needs 14 full time people. He explained that the Town of Delafield is the only municipality in the fire consortium that is going to referendum for a levy increase.

Supervisor Miller questioned the longevity of this plan, which would only cover additional staff through 2024. She stated she feels uncomfortable not being able to secure a plan for the next 3 to 4 years. Chairman Troy explained the plan is to hire 7 people in 2023 and 7 more in 2024. The referendum will fund these positions indefinitely. Supervisor Miller asked what the Town does when the department runs out of money again. Supervisor Woelfle explained there would be another referendum. He explained that the market place shift presented a problem with staffing, along with changes to the Department of Labor laws regarding how to pay interns. He stated the board can address the immediate problem for the next two years and hope the market

stabilizes. He also explained that many of the fire departments in the area are waiving paramedic requirements to obtain staff. He thinks this is a good short-term solution and hopefully can get this passed.

Chairman Troy stated he cannot support a \$470,000 increase to hire 14 people in advance. He is in favor of the \$260,000 to retain the 2023 hires, but questioned the Fire Chief's numbers. He explained the dollar figures are a moving target. He questioned the 2024 number, because he does not presume that all new hires will start in January. He does not think the voters are going to accept a \$470,000 increase to their taxes. Supervisor Kranick stated that the Town is increase the levy by \$470,000, but that increase looks different based on resident's assessed value. Chairman Troy stated we are still asking residents to raise taxes. When the Town did this three years ago, it failed overwhelmingly. He thinks \$260,000 has a chance of passing.

Supervisor Woelfle stated the point of the referendum is to get better response time. 14 full time staff will make a bigger difference than only adding 7.

Motion by Supervisor Michels to adopt Resolution 23-660, a resolution for exceeding the State imposed levy for the Town of Delafield through a referendum on April 4, 2023, to fund Lake Country Fire and Rescue additional staffing for \$470,000. Seconded by Supervisor Woelfle.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Miller - Yay

Supervisor Kranick - Yay

Supervisor Woelfle - Yay

Supervisor Michels - Yay

Chairman Troy – Nay

Motion passes 4-1.

Tenth order of Business: Announcements and Planning items

- a. Town Board – Tuesday, January 24, 2023 @ 6:30 PM
- b. Plan Commission – Tuesday, February 7, 2023 @ 6:30 PM
- c. Town Board – Tuesday, February 14, 2023 @ 6:30 PM

Eleventh order of Business: Adjournment:

Motion by Supervisor Kranick to adjourn the Tuesday, January 10, 2022, Town Board meeting at 7:15 PM. Seconded by Supervisor Woelfle. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted:

Dan Green, CMC/WCMC
Administrator - Town Clerk/Treasurer