

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – DECEMBER 2023

Jeff Gates, City Administrator

After holding a public hearing on November 21, 2023, the City Common Council unanimously adopted the City's 2024 Budget. The approved budget includes a substantial commitment to our public safety services as it allocates full funding for the new patrol officer that was hired in November. The creation of the additional officer position is aimed at ensuring an extra police presence during the peak service call hours of 4:30 PM – 2:00 AM. With anticipated financial assistance from the Mosinee School District, the approved budget also includes hiring two additional officers for the Police Department in 2024. Upon completion of field training for the two new officers, the City will then assign two of our experienced officers to serve as additional School Resource Officers within the Mosinee School District.

The allocation toward the Police Department, combined with escalating operating expenses due to prevailing economic conditions, will lead to a rise in the City's property tax mill rate. The property tax will increase from \$5.96 mills in 2023 to \$6.35 mills for the 2024 payable property tax year. For a property assessed at \$150,000 the City's property tax will increase approximately \$58.54 (6.55%) from 2023 to 2024. Yet, the expected uptick in the City's tax rate for 2024 will still be lower than the anticipated double-digit percentage increases in tax rates for Marathon County, Mosinee School District and the North Central Technical College.

The approved budget also anticipates that the following street repaving projects will be completed in 2024:

- Main Street (4th Street to Rangeline Road)
- Pineview Drive
- Jackson Street (12th Street to 18th Street)
- 3rd Street (Main Street to Pine Street)

I'm happy to share that the total equalized value for the City's Tax Increment District No. 2, primarily situated in the Central Wisconsin Business Park area, increased by +\$7,868,800 (+23%) from 2022 to 2023. In total, the equalized value of TID No. 2 has soared by **+\$29,012,900 (+224%)** since its inception in 2006, starting at \$12,930,700 and reaching an equalized value of \$41,943,600 as of January 1, 2023.

I am also pleased to report that the total equalized value for the City's Downtown Tax Increment District No. 3 increased by +\$6,837,500 (+50%) from 2002 to 2023. In total, TID No. 3 has seen its equalized value grow by **+\$12,368,900 (+150%)** since its establishment in 2013, starting at \$8,228,900 and reaching an equalized value of \$20,597,800 as of January 1, 2023.

I would like to encourage all residents and businesses to play an active role in your community by discussing any matter you feel should be addressed by your local government, with the Mayor, a City Council member or myself. Don't forget to visit your local government web site (mosinee.wi.us) and our City of Mosinee Facebook Page, for additional information and updates.



City of Mosinee

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Recycle Christmas Lights

Habitat for Humanity of Wausau is collecting Christmas lights. Every year tons of light strings are thrown away and end up in landfills across the country. Habitat for Humanities collects all kinds of light strings – old or new, working or not. Worn out/cut extension cords are also collected. Habitat for Humanities recycles the copper and plastic from the strings and uses the proceeds to assist low-income families in our community. **A drop box is available at City Hall – 225 Main Street.** For more information please call City Hall – 225 Main Street or HFH at 715-848-5042.

Secure Your Mailbox

Reminder to Check Your Mailbox Before Snowplowing Season Please inspect your mailbox and post to insure that it is installed properly. Just a reminder to make sure mail boxes are sturdy and able to withstand the force of plowed snow. Make sure the posts are solid in the ground, and boxes will not pop off if a pile of snow is pushed against it. Rotted wood posts and rusted steel posts will not withstand the weight of snow being pushed against them. Plow Operators are instructed to be cautious near mail boxes. In most cases a properly installed mail box will permit a snow plow to clear snow around it. Most cases of damaged mail boxes are caused by heavy snow hitting the box. The mail boxes are not usually hit by the plow. A mailbox with alleged damage from a direct hit by a City snow plow must be reported immediately and will be visually inspected by City staff. It is the policy of the City to only reimburse the owner for mail boxes broken from coming in direct contact with the plow.

Storing Refuse and Recycling Carts Between Collection



Residents who have alley refuse and recycling collection should store their carts outside the alley right of way area (generally 5' to 10' from the edge of the alley surface). This right of way area is generally needed for alley maintenance (snow plowing, grading gravel, and utility work). Carts can be set out for collection in alleys after 6:00p.m. the day prior to collection and should be removed within 24 hours after collection.

**PROPERTY TAX BILLS WILL BE MAILED OUT THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11TH.
PAYMENT INFORMATION WILL BE INCLUDED WITH EACH BILL.**