## VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE

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## OCONOMOWOC LAKE VILLAGE BOARD PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES of Monday, November 20, 2023.

Unofficial until approved by the Village Board.

Approved as written % or with corrections ( ) on  $\frac{|2|18|2023}{}$ .

A PUBLIC HEARING was held preceding the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, November 20, 2023, at the Village Hall, 35328 W. Pabst Road, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Legal requirements for notification of the public have been met. The following matters will be heard before the Village Board of Trustees:

Review of the proposed 2024 Village of Oconomowoc Lake budget.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Ed Johnson (N Beach Rd); Joe Miller (N57W34599 Rd G, Okauchee); Mark & Kim Loehrer (3720 N Lalumiere); Matt Weil (3810 N Lalumiere Rd); Jef Fitch (36048 S Beach Rd)

President Bickler opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Trustee Fischer reviewed the 2023 year-to-date budget details. He then highlighted 2024 Budget increases as follows: on the expense side, there is a wage increase for police officers and office staff, fire dues are up \$80,000 over 2023 and snow removal was increase due to difficulty finding contractors. On the revenue side interest was increased to reflect the 2023 actual and \$125,000 will be set aside for future expenses for roads, village wall and truck expenses.

In summary, Village Property Tax in up \$180,000; a 10% increase; property values are up as well and the tax rate per \$1000 in value is down 13.32%.

Mr. Johnson asked if Fire Department is a solid number, President Bickler answered 4 of the 7 member communities have approved the budget, if the other 3 approve it will be set.

Mr. Johnson asked what the expected interest rate is. Trustee Fischer stated 4-5 percent.

Ms. Loehrer asked if the Fire Department cost is a separate fee on the tax bill. Trustee Fischer stated it is not.

No further comment.

Motion (Taylor/Fischer) to close the Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

Theresa J Sayles Clark

Approved and ordered posted by:

Michael J Bickler Sr, President