

**VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE  
2019 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES**

**DATE:** Monday, November 5, 2018

**LOCATION:** 250 Elm Street  
Thiensville, WI

**TIME:** 6:00 PM

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Mobley called the 2019 Budget Public Hearing to order at 6:00 PM.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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| President:     | Van Mobley                                  |                   |
| Trustees:      | Sam Azinger                                 | Kenneth Kucharski |
|                | Ronald Heinritz                             | David Lange       |
|                | Rob Holyoke                                 | Elmer Prenzlów    |
| Administrator: | Dianne S. Robertson                         |                   |
| Staff:         | Director of Public Works Andy LaFond        |                   |
|                | Police Chief Scott Nicholson                |                   |
|                | Asst. Administrator Colleen Landisch-Hansen |                   |
|                | Village Clerk Amy L. Langlois (excused)     |                   |

**III. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT ON THE 2019 VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE BUDGET**

**A. Administrator to read and explain Notice**

The Notice was read and noted that it was published and posted according to legal requirements.

**B. Administrator to give brief explanation of the 2019 Budget**

Administrator Robertson shared a brief synopsis of the 2019 Village of Thiensville Budget.

The General Fund budget complies with the State of Wisconsin Expenditure Restraint Program. This year's allowable percentage for Thiensville is 3.0% compared to 2.3% for 2018. This percentage is a combination of CPI and 60% of the economic growth within the community, absent debt service. This translates to an allowable budgetary increase for Expenditure Restraint purposes of \$91,049. This proposed General Fund Budget increases expenditures \$12,596. The salaries have been budgeted at 2.0% and it is budgeted that employees will pay the employee portion of the Wisconsin Retirement premium of 6.55% compared to 6.7% for 2018. Salaries and benefits encompass to 67.4% of the General Fund Budget.

The State of Wisconsin Legislature and Governor have imposed a levy cap. The only allowable increase is a formula for net new construction. The proposed budget has a levy increase of \$161,757 TID closure and \$19,359 levy limit less the exempted 2019 personal property tax aid of \$5,886 or 8.02% compared to \$7,230 for 2018. The TID closure amount of \$161,757 is a one-time adjustment to your levy. In addition the \$5,886 personal property exemption aid reduction in levy will be received as a revenue payment in May of 2019, proving that the State is not making communities whole with the loss of personal property taxation, but the communities are funding it on their own.

The Village realized an increase in equalized value of \$17,598,800 or 5.22% and the assessed value increased \$2,509,909 or 0.778%. This brought the equalized value compared to assessed value to 91.586% compared to 95.624% for 2017.

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One of the major challenges this budget year was the loss of shared revenue in the amount of \$5,544 and \$6,051 in highway aids. It is interesting to note that these two changes equal \$7,764 less than the total increase in tax levy limit for the entire year of 2019.

Another major change is what can be budgeted for earned interest. In 2014 the interest earned was \$13,674; 2015 was \$13,594; 2016 was \$19,693; 2017 was \$34,570; projected 2018 is \$61,000 and 2019 budgeted is a conservative \$60,000.

The largest reduction in expenses is the loss of the remaining TID revenue in the amount of \$420,861. The Village has planned for this loss. During the years when the TID was repaying the General Fund for the advancement of debt payments, the Village Board used the entire TID revenue for infrastructure repairs.

There is no change to the level of service provided to the citizens. The 2019 Capital Projects Fund will be used for main entrance/front office security & reception upgrades, security camera additions, 2 police station computers, year 1 of 3 squad replacement funds, 3 pepper ball pistols, fast ID hand held unit, 2 squad head rest printers, thermal camera, 2 ballistic shield replacements, P25 radio replacements, fire equipment replacement, turnout gear, tire replacement, repair to apparatus bay floor (year 1 of 2), hydro testing SCBA phase #2, public works vehicle replacement, year 1 of garbage truck replacement, emerald ash borer program, Public Works building reserve, tennis court light replacement & resurface, North Main Street bike trail spur and road program reserve.

Staff will be implementing an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) that was budgeted in 2017 and 2018. The cost is approximately \$2,300 and assists employees in multiple ways, provided to employees: personal loss, interpreter, substance abuse, counseling, work life services (child, elder care, legal, adoption) and provided to Village management is consultation related to training, staff development, wellness, guidance on policy and procedures, work related incidents (injury or death counseling), conflict management (harassment) and crisis response (active shooting/employee assistance, employee crisis line, management crisis consultations), etc.

Funds continue to be placed in contingency for future employee salary steps since the Thiensville budget is unable to absorb these expenses swings in one budget year. It was recommended in last year's memo to reduce the \$197,420 "Fund Balance Applied". That has been accomplished in 2019 by budgeting \$180,000. I leave you with the recommendation to continue further reducing this use of fund balance when future levy limits and expenditure restraint allowances are not enough to make that adjustment.

**C. Comments from anyone present to be heard**

There were no comments shared.

**D. Administrator to read any correspondence received related to the request**

Administrator Robertson did not receive any correspondence.

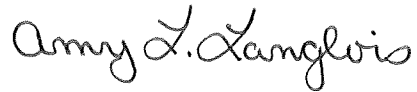
**E. Comments from the Village Board**

President Mobley thanked Administrator Robertson.

**IV. CLOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING**

**MOTION** by Trustee Holyoke, **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange to Close the 2019 Budget Public Hearing at 6:09 PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Submitted by,



Amy L. Langlois  
Village Clerk

Approved by,



Dianne S. Robertson  
Administrator