

**Village of Prairie du Sac  
Village Board Meeting  
Minutes of Regular Meeting September 26, 2023**

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The Prairie du Sac Village Board met for their regular meeting on September 26, 2023, at the Prairie du Sac Village Hall, 335 Galena Street, Prairie du Sac, WI. Village President, Andrew Strathman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Board Members present: Nick Lester, Craig Bender, Andrew Strathman, Jim Witecha, Mike Gesicki (virtual), and Rich Judge. Also present were Alan Wildman, Village Administrator, Troy Murphy, Director of Public Works/Utility, and Niki Conway, Village Clerk/Treasurer.  
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3. **Public Notice of Agenda, deletions/corrections – (Lester/Bender)** moved to approve agenda. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Presentation of Minutes**
  - a. **September 12, 2023 – (Witecha/Judge)** moved to approve minutes. **Motion Carried.**
5. **Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes) – None.**
6. **Communications-**
  - a. **Mark Roffers, MDROffers Consulting – Recognized**
  - b. **Ruth Culver Community Library - Recognized**
7. **Action Items-**
  - a. **Consider Resolution No. 09-26-2023(a), Requesting Exemption from County Library Tax – Annual.** (Bender/Lester) moved to approve. **Motion Carried.**
  - b. **Consider Resolution No. 09-26-2023(b), Recognizing Sauk Prairie Heroes for Honor –(Judge/Witecha)** moved to approve. **Motion Carried.**
  - c. **Consider Well No. 5 Construction and Location –** Three potential areas outside of Marion Park: center part of community, northwest corner, or southern portion of village. Marion Park consisted of poor geology and water quality. Iron and radium were above standard. A packer was installed which reduced water quantity. To reduce iron, chemical treatment or filtration. The chemical feed system capital costs involved are \$25,000. Filtration would add phosphorus to wastewater treatment plant with no discharge limit so that shouldn't be of big concern. This option would require training and \$1-\$1.5 million in capital costs. PSC would implement a rate increase for taxpayers. Filtration will need a facility, same size as well house, which will take up park space. Could continue with Marion Park Site well package and get project out to bid to meet Safe Water Drinking Loan schedule. To move to another location would require starting the schedule from beginning with loan, PSC, bidding etc... and will cost another \$250,000 with the possibility of having iron and radium issues as well. Concerns are of what filtration would cost taxpayers, health, and capacity at wastewater treatment plant; all to be presented at next meeting (Lester/Judge) moved to remain at Marion Park, treat with Phosphates to reduce radium and treat iron, and decrease the pump age.  
**Roll Call.** Board Members present: Nick Lester-Aye, Craig Bender-Nay, Andrew Strathman-Aye, Jim Witecha-Nay, Mike Gesicki (virtual)-Naye, and Rich Judge-Aye. **Motion Fails.** (Due to tie vote)
  - d. **Consider Appointment of Mike Gesicki to Joint Board of Review -** Currently serving as citizen, can now serve as Village Board Rep. (Bender/Witecha) moved to approve. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Discussion Items –**
  - a. **Budget Presentations to Village Board – Part 1**
    - i. **General Government (Village Hall, Elections, Legal, Consultants) –** Proposing a 5% wage increase for office and public works staff. Village Employer Health Insurance increase is 24% and Employee up 28%. Proposing a \$500/year increase for Village Board and election Worker's wage increase of \$1.00/hour. Increase in Property Insurance. Re-evaluation year for assessor.
    - ii. **Public Works (Streets, Machinery, Snow & Ice, Trees, Refuse) –** Crack filling to take the place of sidewalk repair in 2024.

**iii. Utility Funds (Sewer, Storm, Water, Electric)** – Water rate increase of 24%.

**iv. Capital Project Funds** - \$3.9 million of new borrowed funds to include funding of street projects, snowplow, and balance of ladder truck.

## **9. Reports**

### **a. Committee/Commission Reports**

**Police** – Badge pinning ceremony and budget discussion.

**b. Plan Commission** – *None*.

**c. Engineer’s Report** – *None*.

**d. Director of Public Works/Utilities Report** – *None*.

**e. Administrator’s Report** - Very pleased with village hall project. Participated in WI River Trail Bridge Group on starting construction of bridge. Awarded 5.5 million for bridge, completion in 2026. Dane and Sauk Counties allocated 2 million each and Snowmobile Club gave 1 million. Original cost is 10 million. Dane County intends to apply for tap grant for their side of bridge.

**f. President’s Report** – *None*.

**11.Adjourn:** (*Witecha/Bender*) moved to adjourn at 9:23 p.m. **Motion Carried**

Respectfully Submitted, Niki Conway, Village Clerk