

**HAZEL GREEN SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
APRIL 9, 2019**

President Dave Jegerlehner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Proof of publication: notices were posted at American Bank, Post Office, Village Hall, Village website and all the Trustees were notified by delivering of the agenda.

Members present: John Tranel, Josh Kearney, Chris Lisk, Becky Lee, and Robert Hessling.

Members absent: Doug Kruser.

Employees present: Sally Bauer, John Berning-6:14 p.m. and James Monahan.

Citizens present: Francis Temperly.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Trustee Chris Lisk made the motion to approve the minutes from March 5th and 19th. Trustee John Tranel seconded the motion. Roll call vote: John Tranel-yes, Josh Kearney-yes, Chris Lisk-yes, Becky Lee-yes, Robert Hessling-yes and Dave Jegerlehner-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

CLERK REPORT – Sally Bauer: 33 of the 55 surveys have been returned to determine if we can apply for the DOA grant. There will be a public hearing on April 23 @ 6:10 pm to learn more about the DOA grant. The water rate increase is effective April 15, 2019, you will see the changes on the June 1 bill. The public hearing for the electric rate case will be April 24 @ 1:00 pm. We have received the deposit from the Booster's Club for the popcorn machine, the scorer for the scoreboard was found on the floor of the shed. We have the board of review training video from UW Extension for board members to become certified. Open book is April 16 and Board of Review is April 23. As of March 1, 2019 Sally Bauer became a certified clerk in the state of Wisconsin.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT – James Monahan: We have received donation for the bike rodeo. The bike rodeo is set for May 18. We will be looking into appointing a weed commissioner.

DPW REPORT – John Berning: There was an accident at 18th & Birch where a car backed into a power pole. A bill was sent to the insurance company of the person that was involved. We are getting estimates on streets to be sealed & slurred this year. The streets

have all been swept. The DNR will be cutting trees on their property. They have been informed that Crawford Lane was chipped sealed last year and to not ruin the road.

MONTHLY BILLS: Trustee John Tranel made the motion to accept the bills from March 2 - April 9, 2019. President Dave Jegerlehner seconded the motion. Roll call vote: John Tranel-yes, Josh Kearney-yes, Chris Lisk-yes, Becky Lee-yes, Robert Hessling-yes and Dave Jegerlehner-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

CHAIN LINK ROOF FOR BATTING CAGE AT REC PARK: It has been asked to the rec park committee via email, and the majority would like to go with a chain link fence on top of the batting cage as opposed to a net. President Dave Jegerlehner made the motion to approve have Hulscher Fencing for materials and to install the chain link fence for the top of the batting cage for \$3,720.00. This is to be paid for out of the Rec Park account that is at Dupaco. Trustee John Tranel seconded the motion. Roll call vote: John Tranel-yes, Josh Kearney-yes, Chris Lisk-yes, Becky Lee-yes, Robert Hessling-yes and Dave Jegerlehner-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

SECURITY CAMERAS FOR THE BUILDING: More bids will be sought, and it will be discussed at a future meeting.

AD TIME ON KAT-FM FOR GOLDEN KNIGHTS: President Dave Jegerlehner made the motion to purchase ad time from KATFM for the Golden Knights event on July 3. Trustee Chris Lisk seconded the motion. Roll call vote: John Tranel-yes, Josh Kearney-yes, Chris Lisk-yes, Becky Lee-yes, Robert Hessling-yes and Dave Jegerlehner-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2019-02 UPDATE WISCONSIN PUBLIC EMPLOYERS GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE:

President Dave Jegerlehner made the motion to accept the following resolution:

STATE OF WISCONSIN

GRANT COUNTY
LAFAYETTE COUNTY

RESOLUTION 2019-02

EXISTING EMPLOYER UPDATE RESOLUTION WISCONSIN PUBLIC EMPLOYERS' GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF HAZEL GREEN, GRANT & LAFAYETTE COUNTIES, WISCONSIN

RESOLVED, by the Village Board of the Village of Hazel Green that pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 40.51 (7) hereby determines to continue in the Wisconsin

Public Employers (WPE) Group Health Insurance program that is offered to eligible personnel through the program of the State of Wisconsin Group Insurance Board (Board), and agrees to abide by the terms of the program as set forth in the *Local Employer Health Insurance Standards, Guidelines and Administration Manual* (ET-1144).

We will continue to participate in the program option in which we are currently enrolled. If we wish to elect a new program option for 2020 we will file a separate resolution to do so. All participants in the WPE Group Health Insurance program need to be enrolled in a program option. Individual employees cannot choose between program options.

The resolution must be received by the Department of Employee Trust Funds as soon as possible, but no later than October 1, in order to continue participation without lapse. If more time is needed, contact ETF.

The proper officers are herewith authorized and directed to take all actions and make salary deductions for premiums and submit payments required by the Board to provide such Group Health Insurance.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true, correct and complete copy of the resolution duly and regularly passed by the above governing body on the 9th day of April, year 2019 and that said resolution has not been repealed or amended, and is now in full force and effect.

Dated this 9th day of April, year 2019.

I understand that Wis. Stat. § 943.395 provides criminal penalties for knowingly making false or fraudulent statements, and hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above information is true and correct.

David Jegerlehner
Authorized employer representative printed name

Trustee Robert Hessling seconded the motion. Roll call vote: John Tranel-yes, Josh Kearney-yes, Chris Lisk-yes, Becky Lee-yes, Robert Hessling-yes and Dave Jegerlehner-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

OPERATOR'S LICENSE: None.

RESOLUTION 2019-03 SUPPORT FOR SHARED REVENUE FUNDING INCREASE: Trustee Robert Hessling made the motion to approve the following resolution:

STATE OF WISCONSIN

GRANT COUNTY
LAFAYETTE COUNTY

RESOLUTION 2019-03

SUPPORT FOR SHARED REVENUE FUNDING INCREASE FOR THE VILLAGE OF HAZEL GREEN, GRANT & LAFAYETTE COUNTIES, WISCONSIN

Support for Shared Revenue Funding Increase

Whereas, for over ninety years the state shared revenue program has been a key component of Wisconsin’s state and local relationship and an important part of the state’s overall program of property tax relief; and

Whereas, over the last 18 years shared revenue funding for municipalities has been cut by \$94 million; and

Whereas, to create and maintain quality communities that attract businesses and families, municipalities must invest in services and infrastructure that people and businesses expect, like police protection, fire suppression, road maintenance, snowplowing, libraries and parks; and

Whereas, the state should reinvest a portion of its sales and income tax revenue growth in local communities to spur further economic growth and make Wisconsin communities places where people want to live and work; and

Whereas, Governor Tony Evers recommends as part of his state budget proposal, AB 56/SB 59, a two percent (\$15 million) increase in shared revenue funding to take effect in 2020; and

Whereas, under the Governor’s proposal each municipality would receive in 2020 a 2 percent increase over the amount it received in 2019;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Village of Hazel Green, as a member of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, calls on the Legislature to pass a state budget retaining the 2% increase in shared revenue funding and directs the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the state legislators representing the Village of Hazel Green, to Governor Tony Evers and to the League.

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GRANT & LAFAYETTE COUNTIES, WISCONSIN

David Jegerlehner, Village President

ATTEST:
Sally Bauer, Clerk/Treasurer

President Dave Jegerlehner seconded the motion. Roll call vote: John Tranel-yes,

Josh Kearney-yes, Chris Lisk-yes, Becky Lee-yes, Robert Hessling-yes and Dave Jegerlehner-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2019-04 SUPPORT FOR INCREASE LEVY LIMIT FLEXIBILITY:

President Dave Jegerlehner made the motion to approve the following resolution:

STATE OF WISCONSIN

GRANT COUNTY
LAFAYETTE COUNTY

RESOLUTION 2019-04

SUPPORT FOR INCREASE LEVY LIMIT FLEXIBILITY FOR THE VILLAGE OF HAZEL GREEN,
GRANT & LAFAYETTE COUNTIES, WISCONSIN

Support for Increased Levy Limit Flexibility

Whereas, since 2006 the state has limited the ability of municipalities to increase their property tax levies from one year to the next; and

Whereas, prior to 2011 the levy limit law allowed communities who were not experiencing growth to increase their levy a minimum amount roughly equal to the rate of inflation; and

Whereas, since 2011 the limits have been based exclusively on the community's percentage increase in property value caused by new construction; and

Whereas, the state's levy limit policy has created a dynamic in which fast growing cities and villages have the financial resources to invest in services and infrastructure that help them further increase their growth, while no-growth and slow-growth communities stagnate; and

Whereas, Wisconsin has the strictest levy restriction in the country; and

Whereas, between 2012 and 2018 only 62 of 600 cities and villages experienced new construction averaging at least 2% per year, and 186 experienced growth of less than .5% per year; and

Whereas, Governor Tony Evers recommends as part of his state budget proposal, AB 56/SB 59, allowing municipalities to increase their annual levies over the prior year by the greater of the percentage change in equalized values due to net new construction or 2%; and

Whereas, The Governor also proposes eliminating the requirement that a municipality reduce its allowable levy by the amount of fee revenue it received in lieu of property taxes for providing a specified service (i.e., snow plowing, storm water management, fire protection, garbage collection, and street sweeping) that was funded with the property taxes in 2013.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Village of Hazel Green, as a member of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, calls on the Legislature to pass a state budget retaining the levy limit law changes recommended by the Governor, including a 2% floor for levy limits, and directs the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the state legislators representing the Village of Hazel Green, to Governor Tony Evers and to the League.

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David Jegerlehner, Village President

ATTEST:

Sally Bauer, Clerk/Treasurer

Trustee Robert Hessling seconded the motion. Roll call vote: John Tranel-abstain, Josh Kearney-no, Chris Lisk-no, Becky Lee-no, Robert Hessling-yes and Dave Jegerlehner-yes. Motion failed 2-3-1.

RESOLUTION 2019-05 SUPPORT FOR FIXING STATE’S TRANSPORTATION FUNDING SHORTFALL AND INCREASING LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AIDS

AIDS: Trustee Robert Hessling made the motion to approve the following resolution:

STATE OF WISCONSIN

GRANT COUNTY
LAFAYETTE COUNTY

RESOLUTION 2019-05

SUPPORT FOR FIXING THE STATE’S TRANSPORTATION FUNDING SHORTFALL AND INCREASING LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AIDS FOR THE VILLAGE OF HAZEL GREEN, GRANT & LAFAYETTE COUNTIES, WISCONSIN

Support for Fixing the State’s Transportation Funding Shortfall and Increasing Local Transportation Aids

Whereas, a safe, efficient, and well-maintained state and local transportation system, including transit, is critical to Wisconsin’s economic prosperity and quality of life; and

Whereas, while the increase in transportation funding for local governments in the last state budget was certainly appreciated, general transportation aid (GTA) funding levels for cities and villages are not yet back to 2011 levels; and

Whereas; local governments, including the Village of Hazel Green continue to struggle to meet even the most basic maintenance needs for our transportation system; and

Whereas, states surrounding Wisconsin and across the country have stepped up with sustainable funding plans for their state and local roads; and

Whereas, Wisconsin will be at a competitive disadvantage if it does not implement a revenue and spending plan addressing both our Interstates that were built in the 1950's and 60's *and* our local and state roads and transit; and

Whereas, Governor Tony Evers recommends as part of his state budget proposal, AB 56/SB 59, an 8-cent gas tax increase, restoration of annual gas tax indexing, various fee increases, and a reduction in borrowing as first steps toward addressing the long term shortfall in the state's transportation fund; and

Whereas, The Governor's budget proposal also includes funding increases for the following local transportation aid programs:

- **General Transportation Aids.** The Governor recommends increasing general transportation aids by 10%, from \$348,639,300 to \$383,503,200 for 2020 and thereafter.
- **Transit Operation Aids.** The Governor recommends increasing general transit aids by 10 percent above 2019 program levels.
- **Transit Capital Assistance.** The Governor recommends creating a transit capital assistance program to aid in the replacement of buses and funding the program at \$10 million annually.
- **LRIP.** The Governor recommends increasing funding for entitlement and discretionary grants in the Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP) by 2 percent in FY20 and 2 percent again in FY21.
- **Railroad Crossing and Repair Assistance.** The Governor recommends increasing funding for railroad crossing and repair to address a backlog of projects.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Village of Hazel Green, as a member of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, calls on the Legislature to pass a state budget fixing the long-term shortfall in transportation funding by enacting an adequate, equitable, and sustainable transportation funding system; and retaining the funding increases to local transportation assistance programs proposed by Governor Evers.

Be it Further Resolved that the Clerk be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the state legislators representing the Village of Hazel Green, to Governor Tony Evers and to the League.

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David Jegerlehner, Village President

ATTEST:

Sally Bauer, Clerk/Treasurer

President Dave Jegerlehner seconded the motion. Roll call vote: John Tranel-yes,

Josh Kearney-no, Chris Lisk-no, Becky Lee-no, Robert Hessling-yes and Dave Jegerlehner-yes. Motion failed 3-3.

RESOLUTION 2019-06 SUPPORT FOR CLOSING DARK STORES & WALGREEN'S PROPERTY TAX LOOPHOLES AND STOPPING THE SHIFT:

Trustee Chris Lisk made the motion to approve the following resolution:

STATE OF WISCONSIN

GRANT COUNTY
LAFAYETTE COUNTY

RESOLUTION 2019-06

SUPPORT FOR CLOSING THE DARK STORE AND WALGREENS PROPERTY TAX LOOPHOLES AND STOPPING THE SHIFT FOR THE VILLAGE OF HAZEL GREEN, GRANT & LAFAYETTE COUNTIES, WISCONSIN

Support for Closing the Dark Store and Walgreens Property Tax Loopholes and Stopping the Shift

Whereas, a growing number of big box and medium box retail properties are using property tax avoidance strategies known as the dark store and *Walgreens* loopholes to push their fair share of paying for the cost of critical local services on to homeowners and small businesses; and

Whereas, municipal officials across the state are deeply concerned about more of the property tax burden being shifted onto homeowners and small businesses; and

Whereas, homeowners should not and cannot bear more of the property tax burden than they already do, which is 68% of the total state levy; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Supreme Court's 2008 *Walgreens* decision has resulted in properties leased to Walgreens and CVS stores that are selling on the open market for \$4 to \$8 million being assessed at \$1.9 to \$3.4 million; and

Whereas, courts and tax appeals commissions in other states have reached the opposite conclusion from the Wisconsin Supreme Court on how to value leased commercial properties, concluding instead that it is perfectly appropriate for assessors to consider actual rent and recent sale prices of the property when valuing such properties; and

Whereas, big box chains are using what is known as the "Dark Store Theory" to argue that the assessed value of a new store in a thriving location should be based on comparing their buildings to sales of vacant stores in abandoned locations from a different market segment; and

Whereas, Governor Tony Evers recommends as part of his state budget proposal, AB 56/SB 59, closing the dark store and *Walgreens* loopholes; and

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Whereas, Senator Duey Stroebel (R-Saukville) and Rep. Rob Brooks (R-Saukville) have introduced Senate Bill 130/Assembly Bill 146, closing the dark store and Walgreens loopholes.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Village of Hazel Green, as a member of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, calls on the Legislature to close the dark store and *Walgreens* loopholes and stop the tax shift to homeowners and small businesses by either passing SB 130/AB 146 or adopting a state budget that includes language accomplishing that goal.

Be it Further Resolved, that the clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the state legislators representing the Village of Hazel Green, to Governor Tony Evers, and to the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

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ATTEST:

Sally Bauer, Clerk/Treasurer

Trustee Becky Lee seconded the motion. Roll call vote: John Tranel-yes, Josh Kearney-yes, Chris Lisk-yes, Becky Lee-yes, Robert Hessling-yes and Dave Jegerlehner-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Chris Lisk made the motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Trustee Robert Hessling seconded the motion. All agreed.

Sally Bauer
Clerk/Treasurer