

**Village of Mayville Council
Official Act 33 of 1951 Assessment Public Hearing Meeting Minutes**

May 22nd, 2018

Present: Bill Barkowska, Steve Charette, Sue Marlow,
Sue Atkinson, Roxann Hiiter, Barbara Valentine

Absent: None

Employees: Attorney Adam Flory with Smith Bovill - (Treasurer)
Kayla Reed

Guests: 27

Next Meetings: Committee of the Whole June 5th, 2018 7:00pm Fire Hall
3rd Assessment Public Hearing June 12th, 7:00pm Fire Hall
Regular Council Meeting June 19th 2018, 7:00pm Library

1. The Village of Mayville Council held a Public Hearing at the Mayville Fire Hall, with Attorney Adam Flory present. Village President Valentine called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm
2. Act 33 of 1951 Assessment overview

Village President Valentine, along with Attorney Adam Flory, discussed how the Act 33 of 1951 is an assessment that is evaluated yearly and based on taxable value, in which 1 mil equates to \$1.00 for every \$1,000 in property value. This assessment is for 3mils, which brings about \$39,000, total. The assessment is reviewed annually, and the expectation is that it would only be for a period of 1 to 2 years. Significant sewer increases will take place in 2019 to cover required repairs to the Sanitary Sewer and Lagoon system, and Council doesn't want citizens to bear the burden of both expenses at the same time. This assessment is short term, whereas the sewer rate increases will be permanent..

The Act 33 assessment is specified for Fire and Police Protection Equipment, but there are provisions for maintenance and fuel costs, as well. The Fire Department and Police Department requested consideration for new vehicles in the next 3-5 years in their Capital Improvement Plan, and this allows for the future planning of those anticipated expenses. It is our legal obligation, as a Village, to provide our Departments (Fire and Police) with the necessary equipment needed to provide services to the community.

3. Public Comments

Resident concern - How will non-residents that receive fire coverage contribute to this assessment while using our services and equipment?

Council Response - Townships sign Fire Contracts with the Village.

Resident Concern - Are contracts the only contribution?

Council Response - Yes and no. Contracts provide a base rate, however we charge for fire runs in addition to the contract. A basic Fire run is \$750.00 for the 1st hour and \$200.00 per hour after that. Jaws and car accident charges vary, depending on services rendered.

Resident Concern - The next meeting will be the final decision for this assessment?

Council Response - The next meeting on June 12th will be the last chance to request a Referendum if the Council approves the Resolution tonight. The next meeting will establish the Assessment Roll.

Resident Concern - Does the Fire Contract money go directly to Fire Department?
Questioned how it was previously stated that assessment money would offset the general fund?

Council Response - The only way assessment money would offset general fund is for payment of Fuel and Maintenance costs, and this would only be considered if Fire Department went significantly over budget. Council is required by law to account for the use of the assessment money, and it has to be spent on the stated purpose. It will go into a sinking fund for the purchase of equipment and be available for the grant matching funds when necessary.

Resident Concern - Will the money be in General Fund or Savings Account /Sinking Fund?

Council Response - We had a Separate Sinking Fund before, and will have one again, as required by law.

Resident Concern - Will all properties be assessed, including exempt? Asking because a non-profit received notice.

Council Response - No, nonprofits\ tax exempt will not be included. Real Properties only. We Sent notices, based on last years Tax Roll, to all addresses.

Resident Concerns - Why can't you eliminate the fuel and maintenance part and just put away 3mil for purchase only?

Council\Attorney Response - We are required to use specific wording as stated in Act 33 of 1951 and that is reflected in the Notices that were mailed and the Resolutions we have passed.

Resident Concern - Why can't everyone pay equally, why does home value matter? Everyone benefits equally from services provided, home values should not make a difference.

Council\ Attorney Response - A millage or tax assessment is always based on the value of the property, by law. We have no control over that.

Resident Concern - Based on Parcels\ Properties, How many Signatures would it take to stop this and get it on the Ballot?

Council Response - 10% of all Real Assessed Property parcel owners, not Registered Voter signatures, are required. However, if residents are so strongly opposed to this assessment that there are enough signatures requesting a Referendum, then that will be the end. The Village can not afford to put on the issue on the ballot for a Special Election next year.

Resident Concerns - How much will paying off the Fire truck this year save the General Fund?

Council Response - The exact numbers of the debt service for the current Fire Truck payment were not available at the meeting, but it should be around \$4,500.

Resident Concern - Will that payment then go into Fire Department Sinking Fund?

Council Response - That would be part of next year's budget and would be considered then. We still have the payment included in this year's budget. Also, the down payment for the last Fire Truck came out of the Sewer Fund 25 years ago, and has never been paid back. This funding scheme played a significant role in the sewer and lagoon maintenance issues we have now.

Terry Wingert - State Law and the Federal Government require that after 25 years of road service a fire truck can be recertified for up to five more years, but that is it. We are within that 5 year certification period. The state will mandate that truck not be the #1 main service truck within the next 5 years. Even if its working better than ever.

4. Council Closing Statements

President Valentine wants to remind everyone that the Act 33 Assessment is Evaluated yearly, can be changed accordingly, or can be dissolved. It is a method of short term revenue generation, as opposed to a more long term Millage or Rural Development loan.

The last Road Millage was for 6 years at 2 Mils bringing in \$26,000 yearly, and it is up for renewal in 2019, which is another consideration with this measure.

Council is trying their best to find common ground and possible ways to rectify the financial obligations the Village has, or expects in the coming years. It's all a work in progress. 2019 and 2020 should be better years within the Village, in terms of project completion.

President Valentine and Council expressed that they would like to thank everyone for their input and remind everyone that Council really wants to hear from the community. Please feel free to attend a meeting or write letters. We have had 2 written opposals. There will be one more meeting establishing the Special Assessment District on June 12th, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

Tues June 5th is the next Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

Tues June 19th is the next Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Mayville Library.

5. Motion to adjourn Public Hearing Meeting moved by Marlow
2nd by Charette.

Yeas -6 Nays - 0 Motion Carried.

Adjourned at 8:37pm

Submitted by Kayla Reed