

**VILLAGE OF MELROSE**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Board Room, Melrose Village Hall 112 N. Washington Street**

**August 26 2024**  
**6:30pm**

The Melrose Village Board held a special meeting on Monday, August 26, 2024 at 6:30pm in the Boardroom at the Village Hall, 112 N. Washington Street.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. All board members except Trustee Young were in attendance. Clerk North attested to the verification of publication.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

- Business:

- A. Code of Ordinance**

- Trustee Stanton made a motion to rescind *Ordinance Chapter 4* and approve the revised Chapter 4 Ordinance, with a second by Trustee Stern. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

- Trustee Stanton made a motion to rescind *Ordinance Chapter 8* and approve the revised Chapter 8 Ordinance, with a second by Trustee Manske. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

- Trustee Manske made a motion to rescind *Ordinance Chapter 10* and approve the revised Chapter 10 Ordinance, with a second by Trustee Stern. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

- Trustee Brown made a motion to rescind *Ordinance Chapter 11* and approve the revised Chapter 11 Ordinance, with a second by Trustee Stanton. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

- Trustee Stanton made a motion to rescind *Ordinance Chapter 13* and approve the revised Chapter 13 Ordinance, with a second by Trustee Manske. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

- Trustee Stanton made a motion to rescind *Ordinance Chapter 14* and approve the revised Chapter 14 Ordinance, with a second by Trustee Brown. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

- B. Referendum Resolution**

**RESOLUTION OF VILLAGE OF MELROSE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO EXCEED LEVY LIMIT VIA REFERENDUM**

**VILLAGE OF MELROSE, JACKSON COUNTY**

**Resolution No. 2024-04**

**Whereas**, the State of Wisconsin has imposed levy limits on town, village, city, and county levies for 2023 and thereafter under Wis. Stat. § 66.0602; and

**Whereas**, Wis. Stat. § 66.0602 limits the allowable local levy for 2024 to a percentage increase of no more than the greater of (a) 0% of the 2023 payable 2024 adjusted actual levy as calculated under the

state's levy limit law or (b) a percentage equal to the percent change in equalized value due to net new construction less improvements removed; which for the Village of Melrose is 0.439%; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Melrose, Jackson County, believes that for the 2024 tax levy (to be collected in 2025) it is in the Village's best interest to exceed the state levy limit as described above by a greater percentage than 0.439% for **Village Operating Expenses, Ambulance Service, and Infrastructure**; and

**Whereas**, the Village of Melrose's 2023 payable 2024 adjusted actual tax levy was \$43,858, and further whereas the state law would limit this year's increase to \$192, for a total allowable town tax levy after adjustments for 2024 (to be collected in 2025) of \$43,385, which includes the reduction in Personal Property Aid of \$665.42.

**Now, Therefore**, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Melrose, Jackson County does hereby resolve and order as follows:

1. The Village Board of Trustees supports an increase in the Village tax levy for 2024 of 195.922% over the amount allowed by the state levy limit for 2024. This would result in a dollar increase to the Village's allowable levy of \$85,000, for a total Village tax levy (after adjustments) of \$128,385. The Village Board of Trustees intends that the levy increase be applied on an ongoing basis by including it in the base used to calculate the limit for 2025 as well. The purpose for which the increased levy will be used is for Village Operating Expenses, Ambulance Service and Infrastructure.
2. The Village Board of Trustees directs that the question of increasing the allowable Village tax levy for 2024, to be collected in fiscal year 2025, be put to referendum at an election on November 5, 2024.
3. The question shall be submitted to the electors as follows; "Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of Melrose for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2025, is limited to 0.439%, which results in a levy of \$43,385." Shall the Village of Melrose be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2025, for **Village Operating Expenses, Ambulance Service, and Infrastructure**, by a total of 195.922%, which results in a levy of \$128,385, and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of \$85,000 for each fiscal year going forward?

Trustee Stern made a motion to approve the above Resolution No. 2024-04, with a second by Trustee Stanton. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

There was no Other Business. Trustee Stern made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Trustee Brown. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

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Jamie North – Village Clerk