

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VILLAGE OF MELROSE, JACKSON COUNTY
112 N Washington Street, Melrose WI

A **Public Hearing** shall be held on **October 16, 2024 at 6pm** in the Melrose Village Hall regarding the **RESOLUTION OF VILLAGE OF MELROSE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO EXCEED LEVY LIMIT VIA REFERENDUM**. **This meeting will be an open forum to help answer any questions the Village of Melrose Residents may have.**

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?

Adopted the 26th day of August, 2024

Village President: Ben Boardman

Attested by Village Clerk: Jamie North

