

LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD



WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!
August, 2023

Our next meeting is Monday, August 7, 2023

Wausau Police Department Community Room, 6:30 PM

Agenda

- Welcome remarks from Longfellow Neighborhood President – Brooke Mueller
- Marathon County District 2 Supervisor – Ann Lemmer (with Q & A)
- Wausau District 2 Alderperson – Michael Martens (with Q & A)
- Tour of Wausau Police Department
- Wausau Police Department – Q & A

Dates to Remember

- July 29-30: Wausau Hmong Festival; Peoples Sports Complex, 602 E. Kent Street
- August 1-6: Wisconsin Valley Fair; Marathon Park,
- August 7: **Longfellow Neighborhood Meeting**
- August 12: Exhibitor; 5:00 – 8:00 PM; Wausau River District (art and wine walk)
- August 17: Wausau Night Market; 5:00 – 9:00 PM, Downtown Wausau
- August 18-19: Big Bull Falls Blues Fest; Isle of Ferns Park; Friday, 4:00 – 11:00 PM; Saturday, 1:00 – 11:00 PM
- September 4: **Happy Labor Day**

Concerts on the Square – Wednesdays, 400 Block; 6:00 - 8:00 PM (8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23)

Dining on the Street – 3rd Street, 5:00 – 9:00 PM (8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30)

Wausau Farmers Market – Wednesdays and Saturdays, 200 River Drive; 7:00 AM – Sold Out

Marathon County Historical Society History Chats – Thursdays, 12:30 PM; livestream on Facebook and YouTube

Minutes from the July 10, 2023 Meeting

Wausau Police Officer Shawn Meyer attended our meeting this month.

- Officer Meyer missed several meetings due to staffing/training circumstances. He updated us on the status of the most recent police recruits: 5 attended the police academy, completed field training and are now working independently; 5 attended the police academy and are currently in field training; and 1 is now attending the police academy.
- Wausau received a grant to pay for 17-19 Flock cameras to be placed at City entry areas to allow officers to check for alerts for serious issues. They have helped recover stolen license plates/cars and identify people with outstanding warrants, etc. Squad cameras are also linked to the Flock system.
- The Police Department is working with the unhoused in the Riverwalk area. Information on available resources are shared with the unhouse individuals; they can then decide how/if they wish to use those resources.

Ann had the following items for the group:

- Wisconsin has received a \$1,000,000 grant to increase broadband coverage in unserved/underserved parts of the county. Broadband drives economic prosperity, especially in rural areas. By 2028-2029, broadband requirements may include speeds of 100 megabits per second (Mbps) for downloads, 20 Mbps for uploads, and 1 kilobits for upload and download speeds for anchor systems. Marathon County has approved outreach for rural area assessments of broadband. Please help everyone by participating in either the on-line (<https://maps.psc.wi.gov/apps/WISER/index.html>) or telephone surveys (608-261-6-26) on your current internet service.
- Ann also mentioned several other items: fundraising for a regional science center is beginning; a deputy sheriff will be hired for Rib Mountain; and Child Care Counts has lost its funding which is expected to result in the closure of 2,000 child care providers by 1/1/2024.

Michael was attending a City Council committee meeting and was unable to attend our meeting.

One of the attendees asked about charging stations for electric vehicles. Known area locations discussed were Target (Schofield) and the Hilton Hotel (Rib Mountain). Recycling of vehicle batteries and concerns they would be disposed of in landfills was discussed.

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From My Desk to Yours . . . Brooke Mueller, President, Longfellow Neighborhood

Hi everyone! Our next meeting will be on Monday August 7 at 6:30 pm in the Community Room at the Wausau PD. We will be doing something a little fun and different at this meeting; we will be getting a tour of the inner workings of the Wausau PD! As always, you can reach out to me with questions, issues, concerns, or recommendations for upcoming meeting topics at longfellowN2N@gmail.com. See you at the meeting!

Michael Martens, Wausau District 2 Alderperson

Summertime may seem quiet at city hall, but there is plenty of activity happening. Road projects are in full swing and residents are enjoying the last third of summer at our parks and pools. Behind the scenes the budget process is starting for next year. For the last month, we've been discussing capital planning; or how to use our limited resources to keep up with the needs and wants of the city. The capital projects we are evaluating mostly address things like aging facilities, public safety upgrades, and transportation infrastructure. Moving forward, the finance committee will have budget discussions in late September and October. That's your chance to learn more about the 2024 budget and have your voice heard.

Ann Lemmer, Marathon County District 2 County Supervisor

The Marathon County Board has developed a new budget process schedule that actually began in April. Last year, with the addition of so many new supervisors (me included), the process was criticized, and it was decided that a deep dive into topics including the calculation of the property tax levy, impact of state revenues, various fees, as well as other funding streams was needed. Administration held two budget summits in April, and supervisors have been asked to give input in any program modifications for the discretionary and mandatory programs we currently serve, along with public charges for county services such as birth certificates, camping fees, and building permits. We just set the majority of the budget assumptions (and despite not having an energy Taskforce, we will be looking into ways we can mitigate the swings in energy costs going forward). We are in a strong fiscal position according to our finance director and county administrator. The coming weeks will be focused on preparing the preliminary budget for our September 26th meeting, and then we should have until October 6th to suggest amendments. The budget will be ready for public comment by November 2nd and final adoption on November 9th.

MARATHON COUNTY 2024 BUDGET YEAR FINANCIAL PROJECTION

Revenue Assumptions

Actual	Estimate	\$ figure	Estimate	Revenue Type	Rationale
2023	2024	2024	2025		
7.00%	1.75%	\$15.75M	1.75%	Sales Tax	Increase based on sales data
-32.3%	35.0%	\$5.231M	0.75%	Shared Revenue	Stable Shared Revenues
0.0%	0.0%	\$1.85M	0.5%	Utility Tax	Based on state formula (includes megawatt prod.)
-5.8%	1.0%	\$2.9M	1.0%	Transportation Aids	Slight increase-Rolling 5-year average
4.7%	1.5%		1.8%	Intergovernmental Charges	Slight Increase (Cost of Service delivery)
7.4%	1.5%		1.0%	Fines/Licenses	Slight Increase (Cost of Service delivery)
0.0%	1.5%		2.0%	Public charges	Slight Increase (Cost of Service delivery)
2.5%	2.0%		3.5%	Misc. Revenues	Interest and treasurer fees

Expenditure Assumptions

ACT	EST	EST	Appropriation Unit
2023	2024	2025	
4.8%	3.00%	3.0%	Salaries /Wages
0.0%	6.50%	5.0%	Health Insurance
11.9%	0.36%	0.35%	WRS
5.3%	3.00%	3.0%	Dental
2.0%	2.00%	2.0%	Workers Compensation
2.0%	0.00%	0.0%	Unemployment
5.0%	2.50%	2.0%	Other insurance
4.6%	3.7%	3.5%	Total Personnel
			Utility Costs

NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY BUSINESSES

Acro Plumbing	904 Sumner Street	715-842-9425
Bull Falls Brewery	901 East Thomas	715-842-2337
Cveykus Law Office	301 Grand Avenue	715-842-5205
Distinctive Treasures (seasonal)	701 Prospect Avenue	715-842-7739
Global View Capital Advisors	215 Grand Avenue	715-298-0313
Herrle Health Services	215 Grand Avenue	715-846-3444
JAS Construction	josh@jasbuilds.com	715-432-5732
M & S, The Siding Specialists	818 Henrietta Street	715-842-7965
Meverden Chiropractic	215 Grand Avenue	715-848-4088
Olson Tire and Auto	601 Forest Street	715-845-8473
Incredible Bank	101 Grand Avenue	715-845-0900
Schmidt & Schmidt	123 Grand Avenue	715-845-9621
Townline Market	916 Townline Road	715-842-5201
True North Counseling & Wellness	207 Grand Avenue	715-370-8863

NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS

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Uncut grass 715-261-6780

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

Unshoveled sidewalks 715-261-6740

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