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Pleasant Prairie Proposes 3.4% Tax Levy Increase for 2018 Budget Hearing Set for November 20, 2017

PLEASANT PRAIRIE, WI – October 17, 2017 — On October 16, Village staff presented the proposed 2018 general government budget to the Village Board. The budget proposes an increase in the municipal tax levy from \$11,484,813 in 2017 to \$11,884,256 in 2018, an increase of \$399,444. Due to a slight increased value of the Village (the total assessed value of the Village is now about \$3.16 billion), the mill rate will only increase 2.94% from \$4.46 to \$4.59.

The municipal tax levy is the amount to be collected through the property tax in order to cover expenses for municipal services provided to residents in the community. Under the proposed 2018 budget, the Village portion of the property tax bill for a median valued home in the Village is expected to increase by approximately \$26.95. The median value of a home in the Village stayed the same at \$205,400 for this budget cycle.

Pleasant Prairie receives approximately 20% of a resident's total property tax payment. This will equate to the Village receiving \$942.77 from the median valued household to cover the expense of providing services during 2018. The services covered by this \$942.77 generally include: assessing, building inspection, community development/planning, elections, engineering, finance, fire and paramedics, human resources, police, road improvements, and snow plowing. The 2018 budget includes an addition of two police officers and one fire medic. Capital purchases includes \$1.5 million for road improvements, \$888,385 for a rescue pumper fire engine, replacement of a 2008 ambulance, and completing of our dark fiber communication ring.

A public hearing related to the 2018 budget is planned for Monday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in the auditorium on the south side of Pleasant Prairie Village Hall, 9915 39th Avenue.

Additional information related to the 2018 proposed budget is available by visiting PleasantPrairieOnline.com and selecting "October 16 2017 Village Board e-packet".

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