



PUBLIC SAFETY REFERENDUM

**VOTE TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

The Village of Lannon has identified a need to more fully fund its PUBLIC SAFETY (Fire and Police) budgets.

The referendum on the November 5th ballot will ask voters to decide whether an increase in the Village's tax levy to cover the cost of equipping and retaining police officers.

MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION

ATTEND THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

TWELVE29 - 19967 W Main St, Lannon

Why do we need a referendum?

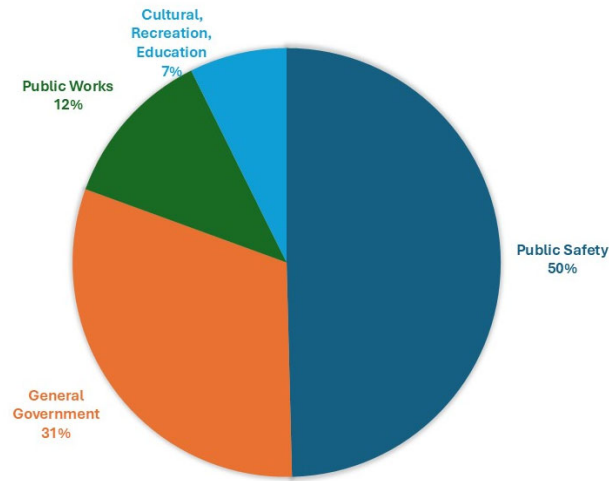
- State of Wisconsin statutes limit the amount of property taxes a municipality can collect each year to the percent increase in equalized value from net new construction. In order to exceed the levy limit, the municipality needs voter approval through a village-wide referendum.
- Our current public safety funding and staffing levels are insufficient to meet current and growing needs of the community.
- **FIRE:** Lannon contracts with the Village of Menomonee Falls, paying 5% of the Menomonee Falls Fire Department budget.
- **POLICE:**
 - The Lannon Police Department is the lowest paid department in the County.
 - Recent budgets have prevented the Police Department from finding replacements for recently vacated positions, resulting in a strain to maintain the same level of service with less staff. In addition, the Department is responding to an increasing number of complex calls and situations.
 - Our current public safety budget does not include providing equipment to our police officers. Officers are expected to purchase their own gun, vest, handcuffs, uniforms, etc. All other area municipalities provide officers with a weapon and basic safety equipment.



VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION: villageoflannon.com

Village budget

- Public safety costs represent about 50% of the total Village budget and **IN 2024 THE \$583,391 BUDGETED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY REPRESENTED 88% OF THE TOTAL VILLAGE TAX LEVY AMOUNT OF \$666,130.**



Why now?

- The Federal elections typically have the highest turnout and your Village Board members want input from residents.

What will appear on the ballot?

The formal question will appear as follows on the November 5 ballot:

“Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of Lannon for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2025, is limited to 13.680% which results in a levy of \$752,545. Shall the Village of Lannon be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2025, for the purpose of providing funding for increased police services, and fire and emergency medical services provided by the Village of Menomonee Falls, by a total of 16.610%, which result in a levy of \$877,545, and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of \$125,000 for each fiscal year going forward?”

IF A MAJORITY VOTE YES

Taxpayers will see the tax increase starting with the bills issued in December 2024.

If the referendum is approved by a majority of voters on November 5, the Village of Lannon will be able to fund the salaries and equip police officers - ensuring that there will be public safety staff more available and equipped to respond to the increasing calls for service and provide protective service throughout the Village. Funding will address the increasing Fire and EMS costs.

LANNON PROPERTY TAX IMPACT		
Total Levy Increase: \$125,000		
Assessed Property Value	Estimated Increase Per Year	Estimated Increase per week
\$100,000	\$86.00	\$1.66
\$250,000	\$215.00	\$4.15
\$500,000	\$430.00	\$8.30

IF A MAJORITY VOTE NO

If the referendum is rejected by a majority of voters, the Village will be faced with difficult decisions about how to address the growing need for public safety services. A rejection of the referendum would have a negative impact on the public safety service.

The Village may need to borrow money to fund public safety needs, ultimately increasing the Village’s costs because the Village will have to pay interest on the borrowed funds.

NOVEMBER VOTING

In person absentee voting in the Clerk’s office during office hours begins Tuesday October 22, 2024 until Friday November 1, 2024 until 5:00 p.m.

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the State of Wisconsin for all elections.

**ALL VOTING IS AT VILLAGE HALL:
20399 W Main Street, Lannon**

