

A joint meeting of the School District of Marathon City Board of Education and the Village of Marathon City was held on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at the Marathon City Village Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Jodi DeBroux. The Village board meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM. J. DeBroux led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were board members Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, and DeBroux, and administrative staff Rick Parks. Vesely was absent.

Present for the Village board were C. Ruplinger, K. Handrick, M. Ahrens, K. Sorenson, K. Paul, J. Lawrence, B. Parlier, and Village Administrator S. Cherek.

Written notice of the school board meeting was posted and sent to the news media on Tuesday, July 16, 2024.

Mr. Parks reviewed District decisions and impact on current and future Open Enrollment, by reviewing how open enrollment has impacted the District over the past 17 years. He also noted that the resident student enrollment has increased by 36 students since 2018, while also reducing open enrollment spaces.

Mr. Cherek reviewed the status of the two village Tax Increment Districts. The review included current and proposed development within the TIDs and the anticipated total assessment values, including specific mention of Menzner Lumber, Marathon Cheese and Kwik Trip. There was a question regarding the new Kwik Trip and the traffic control in that area due to the location of the school bus entrance to Hwy 107 and anticipated increase in traffic.

The Board shared information regarding the upcoming district operational referendum by reviewing the correlation between the mill rate and tax levy during recent years where significant changes to the equalized valuation have impacted the calculation. Mr. Parks shared that Marathon is currently in the 25% of districts in Wisconsin seeing increase in enrollment. The review of the \$1.6M referendum impact to the tax levy and the use of the increase for both recurring costs and upcoming roofing projects was also reviewed. The Village board noted that the reassessing in the village should have little impact on the mill rate.

A discussion was held regarding Village and District planning and timelines.

- The village discussed the WWTP construction is almost complete while the Baseball/Softball Complex has a current shortfall in funds. They have also had all easements for the 4th Street trail project returned and hope for the project to begin in the fall of 2024.
- The district reviewed that the Outdoor Classroom will be completed by the end of August but that there are no other development projects of timeline for such on the near calendar. There was also a brief discussion regarding housing needs for Marathon for current employers.

Motion by Seubert, 2nd by Klumptyan to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Beth Seubert", is written over a horizontal line.

Beth Seubert, Clerk