

TOWN OF LONG LAKE, WASHBURN COUNTY WI
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS
Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.
Town Hall
N1584 County Road MD, Sarona, WI

NOTICE AND AGENDA

Call to order by Mick Givens, Chairman
Pledge of Allegiance, Verification of Notices

1. Introduction and Explanation of Need for New Fire Hall.
2. Vote of the Electors, as Authorized by Wisconsin Statute 60.10(2)(f), on Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Town of Long Lake to Assist in Financing a New Birchwood Four Corners Emergency Services District Facility for Equipment and Storage.
3. Promissory Note for the Payment of \$179,376.66 to the Birchwood Four Corners Emergency Services District.
4. Adjournment.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO APPROVE BUILDING A NEW EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING

At this meeting, each town's electorate will determine whether to pass a resolution to authorize their Town to assist in financing a new Birchwood Four Corners Emergency Services District Facility and to authorize their Town Officials to enter into a Promissory Note for the Town's share of the cost of the new facility.

The BFCESD provides fire protection and ambulance services in parts or all of the Village of Birchwood, Town of Birchwood, Town of Cedar Lake, Town of Doyle, Town of Edgewater, Town of Long Lake and the Town of Wilson. The current building housing the fire protection and ambulance services equipment is woefully cramped and outdated, preventing effective use of the equipment and creating serious safety concerns. Several years ago, the BFCESD decided that the needs of fire protection and ambulance services equipment would be best served by the construction of a new facility. The BFCESD purchased 3.3 acres in the village of Birchwood for the construction of the new facility. The BFCESD engaged the services of Northwest Builders to design the new facility. The current plans for the new facility were reviewed and approved both by the fire department and ambulance service and have received State approval.

David and Carolyn Cleveland generously presented the BFCESD in May 2019 with a \$500,000 matching grant to assist in the construction of the new facility. Efforts to secure the matching \$500,000 have yielded much success and commitments for the entire \$500,000 are planned to be obtained before beginning construction. The building is estimated to cost \$1,774,000 which leaves \$774,000 to be covered by the seven entities making up the BFCESD. The BFCESD is recommending a 2.6% buffer for the unexpected, so the total being requested from the seven entities is \$820,000. Attached is a chart showing each entity's portion of that \$820,000. If donations exceed \$1,000,000, the entities' shares will be reduced according to the %'s on the chart. The maximum being requested from each entity is listed on the chart.

The existing facility has been a workhorse for almost 50 years and BFCESD expects this new facility to provide another 50 years of service for the Fire and Ambulance services. Ken George, Birchwood Volunteer Fire Department Chief says, ***"The new building provides many benefits, but the major benefit would be the safety of our firefighters. The current building is way undersized as the trucks have become larger, the area inside the building is really minimal, and there is not a safe distance between moving trucks and firefighters inside. The demand for more services means more equipment to serve that need and less space to park that additional equipment. We currently do not have any parking area or work area outside of the building which means firefighters parking across the street and walking across traffic to get to the hall, or having to block off the street and use that for a work area for training."*** Our Birchwood Volunteer Ambulance Service Director, Don Bergstrom Jr. adds, ***"The new building is important for Birchwood Ambulance to continue to be a functioning part of the community. It has been difficult to recruit people to work and volunteer for shifts Ambulance Service from the local population so we have had to start to recruit EMT's that live outside of the response area. Currently, we have members from outside our area staying here to cover the schedule, but these members need a place to stay overnight and work from. As this will become the new normal, having non-area residents staying here, the new building will provide these employees a safe and clean place to work out of and will not incur more rent charges while also being able to utilize the employees for daily cleaning and maintenance of the building and grounds while they are on duty there."***

The special town meetings are: Town of Birchwood 9/9/2019 @ 6 pm, Town of Cedar Lake 9/9/2019 @ 6:30 pm, Town of Doyle 9/9/2019 @7 pm, Town of Edgewater 9/10/2019 @ 6:30 pm, Town of Long Lake 9/10/2019 @ 5:30 pm and Town of Wilson 9/3/2019 @7 pm.

The Village of Birchwood will vote at the September 3, 2019 Monthly Board meeting @ 6 pm
Please plan to attend your Town or Village meeting.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN OF LONG LAKE TO ASSIST IN
FINANCING A NEW BIRCHWOOD FOUR CORNERS EMERGENCY
SERVICES DISTRICT FACILITY FOR EQUIPMENT AND STORAGE**

WHEREAS, the Birchwood Four Corners Emergency Services District (hereinafter BFCESD) provides fire protection and ambulance services in parts or all of Village of Birchwood, Town of Long Lake, Town of Birchwood, Town of Edgewater, Town of Doyle, Town of Cedar Lake and the Town of Wilson, and

WHEREAS, the building housing the equipment in which fire protection and ambulance services are stored is so woefully cramped and outdated as to prevent effective use of the equipment purchased by the BFCESD for protection of the residents and their property located within district, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners believes the space needs of BFCESD are best met by construction of a new facility, and

WHEREAS, property in the Village of Birchwood was purchased by BFCESD on which a new facility can be constructed and located, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the district has determined by resolution that it is in the best interests of area residents and property owners that BFCESD contracts for a new building sufficient to provide ample room to accommodate equipment adequately and to provide space for employees and volunteers of the BFCESD sufficient for the performance of their duties, and

WHEREAS, BFCESD is soliciting contributions and will continue to solicit contributions to help defray the cost of construction of a new facility, and

WHEREAS, it is likely that the contributions will not be sufficient to fund the entire cost of the new facility, thus requiring additional funds from the residents and property owners in the areas served by BFCESD, and

WHEREAS, the BFCESD requires a financial commitment from the Townships and Village for which it provides fire protection and ambulance service for payment of each entities prorated share of that portion of the costs of the building attributable to the each entity which is not covered by contributions, and

WHEREAS the Town of Long Lake is served by BFCESD for fire protection purposes only,
and

WHEREAS the Town of Long Lake is ready and willing to provide a Promissory Note to the BFCESD to commit to the payment of the Town's share of the cost of the project not covered by contributions to be signed on or before December 1, 2019.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY
THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF LONG LAKE**

THAT the Town of Long Lake agrees to assist in the construction of a facility to house equipment and personnel used for fire protection and ambulance service in an amount equal to 21.8752% of the total cost not covered by contributions, with said percentage to be based on the Town's share, as shown in the attached chart, using the District's assessment formula for fire and ambulance services. 90% of the cost to be charged using the fire assessment formula (based on EPV) and 10% using the ambulance formula (60% EPV and 40% average three year runs).

THAT the details of the percentages and amounts of the contributions be attached to this resolution to memorialize the computation of the figures, and

THAT to evidence this resolution agreeing to said payment, Town Officials are authorized and directed to enter into a Promissory Note for no more than \$179,376.66 on or before December 1, 2019, and

THAT the Town officials listed below be and hereby are authorized and directed to sign a Promissory Note containing the amounts limits and payment terms as herein declared.

THAT this Resolution passed by the electors of the Town of Long Lake, at the meeting held on September 10, 2019.

TOWN OF LONG LAKE

By _____
Mick Givens, Chairman

By _____
Dan Lubensky, Supervisor

By _____
Al Ausing, Supervisor

By _____
Debbie Bouma, Clerk

By _____
Brenda Derosseau, Treasurer

The new BFCESD facility cost share for the seven entities based on 2019 EPV's

The seven entities are responsible for a maximum of \$820,000 of the total cost of \$ 1,820,000 for the new BFCESD Facility. The \$820,000 is split with 10% (\$82,000) being charged to the five entities participating in the Ambulance Service based on the ambulance formula and the remaining 90% (\$738,000) being charged to all seven entities based on EPV's.

Total Share of New Building (\$820,000)

Town of Birchwood	\$105,611.26	12.87942 %
Town of Cedar Lake	\$264,047.65	32.20093 %
Town of Doyle	\$43,571.21	5.31356 %
Town of Edgewater	\$174,801.13	21.31721 %
Town of Long Lake	\$179,376.66	21.8752 %
Town of Wilson	\$11,268.17	1.37416 %
Village of Birchwood	\$41,323.92	5.0395 %

	Fire Share (\$738,000)	Ambulance Share (\$82,000)
Town of Birchwood	\$91,704.44	\$13,906.83
Town of Cedar Lake	\$237,839.38	\$26,208.26
Town of Doyle	\$43,571.21	does not participate
Town of Edgewater	\$148,467.54	\$26,333.59
Town of Long Lake	\$179,376.66	does not participate
Town of Wilson	\$9,347.05	\$1,921.12
Village of Birchwood	\$27,693.73	\$13,630.19

Dated 8/3/2019

\$179,376.66

_____, Wisconsin

PROMISSORY NOTE

The Town of Long Lake, by its officials, Town Chairman, Supervisors, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, hereby enter into this Promissory Note for the payment of \$179,376.66 to Birchwood Four Corners Emergency Services District to be paid by May 15, 2020 for their share of the new facility. The amount due will be reviewed and an invoice sent before April 15, 2020.

This Promissory Note and contract to pay shall bear no interest unless the payment due on the above date remains unpaid in whole or part, at which time interest at the rate of 1.5% per month shall accrue on the entire amount due.

Without affecting the liability of the Town, Birchwood Four Corners Emergency Services District may, without notice, renew or extend the time for payment, accept partial payments, for the payment of this note and agree not to sue any party liable on it.

The Town of Long Lake agrees to pay any and all costs of collection, including reasonable attorneys' fees, in the event of default of payment of this note.

This note may be prepaid in whole or in part at any time.

Town Officials were authorized and directed to enter into this Promissory Note by the Town electors at a meeting held on September 10, 2019.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2019.

TOWN OF LONG LAKE

By _____
Mick Givens, Chairman

By _____
Dan Lubensky, Supervisor

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Al Ausing, Supervisor

By _____
Debbie Bouma, Clerk

By _____
Brenda Drousseau, Treasurer