



CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT DECEMBER 2012

Jeff Gates, City Administrator

The Mayor, City Council and City Staff have been working diligently for the past three months to develop the City's annual budget for the 2013 fiscal (calendar) year. We are happy to report that the City's 2013 General Fund Budget will actually result in a slight decrease (-0.61%) of the City's property tax levy rate. Therefore, the current 2012 City Property Tax Rate of \$6.25 (per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation) will slightly decrease to \$6.21 for property taxes payable in 2013. As a result, the City of Mosinee's property taxes for a \$100,000 assessed valued property will decrease \$3.79 for the 2013 property tax year.

We are also very pleased to inform you that the overall (City, School District, County, Technical College & State) payable 2013 property taxes within the City will be lower than the overall payable 2012 property taxes. For example, a property with a \$100,000 assessed valuation will have an overall property tax decrease of approximately \$173.92 for the 2013 payable property tax year!

The approved 2013 City General Fund Budget projects that the City's new revenues will increase approximately 2% and expenditures will increase approximately 4% to \$2.89 million.

The 2013 Budget includes funding for the reconstruction of Ranger Street from Edison Street to the east end of the street. It is anticipated that the reconstruction of Ranger Street will include the installation of a new water main, road base, curb & gutter and a new asphalt surface. The reconstruction of Ranger Street is part of the City's long-term plan to reconstruct a majority of the streets located on the east side of the City.

The approved budget also includes funding to extend the Wisconsin Riverwoods Trail approximately 1.4 miles from Chuck's Boat Landing southwest through Edgewood Park to Rangeline Road. The City has obtained a \$255,458 Transportation Enhancement/Bike-Pedestrian Facilities Program Grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) to assist with financing the approximate \$343,725 in costs for the trail extension project. We would like to construct the 10'-wide asphalt trail in the late fall of 2013, but the construction schedule will be strictly dependent upon the federal grant review timeline requirements. The 2013 Budget also includes funding for park equipment improvements at Zych Park which is located on 18th Street.

A copy of the approved 2013 City Budget is available for review at City Hall and also on the City's website (www.mosinee.wi.us).

On October 23, 2012 the City began pumping all of our municipal wastewater to the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District's treatment facility which is located across the Wisconsin River from the Weston Power Plant. The Mayor & City Council determined that joining the regional RMMSD facility was the most beneficial long-term alternative (in lieu of rehabbing our existing wastewater treatment plant) approach to treating our municipal wastewater. The RMMSD (www.ribmountainmetro.org) currently consists of the following five (5) municipalities: the Village of Weston, the Village of Rothschild, the Village of Kronenwetter, the Town of Rib Mountain Sanitary District and the City of Mosinee. The major benefit of participating in the regional treatment facility is that the municipal members of the RMMSD share the cost of operating and maintaining a single wastewater treatment plant, which is much more economical than each community operating their own facility individually. The City's contractor is currently in the process of decommissioning the Fremont Street wastewater facility and the City Council will be discussing the future use of the property in early 2013.

The City also completed the reconstruction of 2nd Street (from Pine St. to High St.) and 3rd Street (from High St. to Fremont St.) this past summer and the project significantly upgraded the transportation infrastructure in this area. The second regulation soccer field at Edgewood Park opened in July and has been very well received thus far. The new soccer field could not have been constructed without the generous support that was received from the Mosinee School District, the Mosinee Area Soccer Association, the Mosinee High School Soccer Booster Club and the Mosinee Community Athletic Association. This is just one of the many examples of how your local government works cooperatively with other local organizations to improve our great community!

As you may have noticed, the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation has completed the construction of a new Park & Ride area located on the east side Old Highway 51 just south of Maple Ridge Road. The City and the Village of Kronenwetter recently signed an agreement to jointly share the costs for maintaining the Park & Ride facility that will benefit both of our communities' residents. WisDOT has published a directory for the over 100 Park & Ride facilities located within the state and copies of the directory are available at City Hall.

Construction of the first twenty-four units for the Indianhead Cottages Planned Unit Development which is located between *IROW* and the *Indianhead Golf Course* is nearing completion and residents have already moved into the new apartments. When completed, the development will consist of forty-eight (48) unit "cottage-style" residential apartments that will be located within six buildings on the approximate 11-acre site. A leasing office has been opened at the development.

If you have any questions or require additional information pertaining to the 2013 City of Mosinee Budget or any other City-related matter, please do not hesitate to stop by my office, call or e-mail me (cityadmn@mosinee.wi.us) at any time!

I would also like to encourage all residents and businesses to play an active role in your community by discussing any matter you feel should be addressed by your local government, with the Mayor, a City Council member or myself. Don't forget to visit your local government web site at www.mosinee.wi.us and also our City of Mosinee Facebook Page, for additional information and updates.