2023 TRUTH IN TAXATION

City of New Prague – Dec. 4, 2023



LOWER LEVY THAN ANTICIPATED

- September 2023
 - The City Council approved a preliminary levy of \$5,114,295
 - City Staff submit paperwork to Scott County
- November 2023
 - Residents of New Prague receive preliminary tax statements stating a proposed levy of \$3,930,768
- The change seems to stem from a miscommunication between City staff's understanding of a form and Scott County's meaning of a form
- Due to State Statute concerning Truth in Taxation, the City is not able to levy for more than \$3,930,768 in 2024

2023 PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR TAXES PAYABLE IN 2024

September 18, 2023	
Intended Preliminary Levy	\$5,114,295
Recorded Preliminary Levy	\$3,930,768
Intended Property Tax Rate	44.500%
Recorded Property Tax Rate	34.810%
Intended Levy Change in \$	\$289,667
Recorded Levy Change in \$	- \$893,860
Intended Levy % Change	6.00%
Recorded Levy % Change	- 18.53%



2023 PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR TAXES PAYABLE IN 2024

December 4, 2023	
Intended Levy	\$5,049,698
Recorded Levy per Statement	\$3,930,768
Intended Tax Rate	44.214%
Recorded Property Tax Rate	34.810%
Intended Tax Rate Change	0.444%
Recorded Tax Rate Change	- 8.358%
Intended Levy Change in \$	\$223,070
Recorded Levy Change in \$	- \$893,860
Intended Levy Change as a $\%$	4.62%
Recorded Levy Change as a $\%$	- 18.53%



TAX LEVY BREAKOUT

	2022	2023	2024 (Recorded/Intended)
General Fund	\$3,660,878	\$3,737,128	\$2,855,768 / \$3,972,698
EDA	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$75,000 / \$75,000
Debt Service	\$950,000	\$821,283	\$861,725 / \$861,725
Equipment Levy		\$200,217	\$138,275 / \$138,275
Total Levy	\$4,660,878	\$4,824,628	\$3,930,768 / \$5,047,698
Levy Rate	52.218%	43.770%	34.810% / 44.702%



2024 BUDGETS AFFECTED BY THE LEVY

- ▶Budget has been discussed since August
- Due to uncertainty in the budget, I will not be presenting on an budget specifics.
- ► Budget documents have been provided in the packet should Council have any questions or want to discuss any items



DEPARTMENT UPDATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Notable 2023 Staff Projects

- 4 Variances
- 2 Administrative Plats
- 3 Code Amendments
- 5 Conditional Use Permits
- 3 Plat
- 4 Easement Vacations

Notable 2023 Com Dev Updates

- Brick's Boatworks
- MVE Biological Solutions Expansion
- Quality Flow Expansion
- 4 Different Tenant Finishes
- Comp Plan Kick-off
- Over \$245,000 in grant Funding for City
- 11 Single-Family Permits Issued
- Over \$400,000 in First-Time Homebuyer Grants Awarded





DEPARTMENT UPDATES POLICE

Notable 2023 Updates

- Tim Applen took over as Police Chief
- Four new vehicles after not being able to obtain any for a few years
- Received a grant to purchase portable radio batteries, lapel mics, and charging stations
- Received a grant for ten new AEDs valued at about \$12,000s for each. Will allow staff to repurpose the existing AEDs for use throughout City facilities and in some public works vehicles.
- Streamlined records process



DEPARTMENT UPDATES PUBLIC WORKS

Notable 2023 Streets Updates

• Experienced one of the busiest snow seasons in 20 years

Built the organic waste site

Paver projects at Memorial Park Baseball
 Field and Towering to our Future

Settler's Park Restoration





DEPARTMENT UPDATES PUBLIC WORKS





Notable 2023 Parks Updates

- Purchased and began renovations on a new Parks building
- Planted over 50 trees on City property
- Repainted Memorial Park shelters
- Renovated the Northside Park basketball court
- Built a tree gravel bed for temporary holding of new trees



DEPARTMENT UPDATES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Notable 2023 EDA Updates

- Scott Equipment
- Bricks Boatworks
- Finished EDA development responsibilities in the Industrial Park
- Over \$400k in grants made available to firsttime homebuyers in Le Sueur County







QUESTIONS?

