

AGENDA  
LITTLE SUAMICO TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup> -6:30 P.M.  
LITTLE SUAMICO TOWNHALL, 5964-A COUNTY RD S, SOBIESKI, WI 54171  
AGENDA  
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**PLEASE NOTE:**

Discussion or action on matters that are not on the public noticed agenda is not permitted.  
Doors to the Town Hall will open to the public 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.  
Notices were posted at the designated locations on January 4, 2024

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- a. Change in Sequence
- b. Removal of Items

Correspondence

Business

1. Report out on factual information regarding the opportunity for purchase of the building located at 1288 East Frontage Road, for Library/Law Enforcement/Community Center use
2. PUBLIC COMMENT-
3. Set Next Meeting Date-
4. Adjournment-

The Town Board reserves the right to take action on any of the items outlined above. Items stating "no action will be taken" cannot be changed unless done so at least 24 hrs in advance of the meeting and proper posting of the agenda to reflect that action.

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People who are members of another governmental body, but who are not members of this board, may attend this meeting. Their attendance could result in a quorum of another governmental body being present. Such a quorum is unintended, and they are not meeting to exercise the authorities, duties, and responsibilities of any other governmental body.

# Does the Town of Little Suamico Community want a Library, Law Enforcement Substation, and Community Services Center?

The Town Board of the Town of Little Suamico is seeking authorization from the electorate for the purpose of purchasing the land and building located at 1288 East Frontage Road (formally BMO Harris aka Community Bank), Little Suamico, WI for present or anticipated use for Town purposes.

This authorization for approval can only be accomplished through a Special Meeting of the Electorate.

Why isn't the permission for the town to purchase the property brought to referendum?

Wisconsin State Statute §60.10(2)(e) & (f); where a referendum would only serve as an advisory and not a binding vote. Thus, the electoral vote is warranted to be valid for the town to potentially gain permission to purchase property.

## Advantages of a Library in Southern Oconto County:

- In the 2022 service year, Little Suamico had 21,480 out of the 37,108 county-wide circulations from the Brown County Library System. If Little Suamico establishes a library, Brown County may no longer bill Oconto County for those 21,480 circulations.
- Libraries assist in supporting a place-based economic development to the fast-growing communities of southern Oconto County.
- Libraries serve as important partners in sustainability. In libraries, community building connections are happening all the time.
- The Urban Libraries Council released a report detailing the unique ways in which libraries can provide further sustainability at the local level. Libraries can take a lead in supporting local foods and artisans, partnering with local businesses to pioneer a farmers' market in their courtyard, and fostering community resilience, self-reliance, and a culture of sharing. Libraries that start such unique collections show how locally responsive and flexible a truly community-centered library can be.
- Libraries are places where people come to know themselves and their communities. In the words of Robert Putnam, "People may go to the library looking mainly for information, but they find each other there." New moms connect at baby story-times; elderly people, often facing difficult life transitions, attend events and find that they make new friends; teenagers meet up in libraries' teen spaces after school; and readers discuss current events in the periodicals room.
- Libraries serve as catalysts for addressing social problems. Public librarians know their communities firsthand, and are often the first to recognize a pressing local need, simply because they interact on a daily basis with patrons from all walks of life. This puts libraries and librarians in the best position not only to bring local issues to municipal governments and social agencies but also be a partner to address the needs of a community.
- To further support education in our community; it is also the intention to bring enrichment educational courses to the library from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College to support our southern Oconto community.
- Libraries serve as major players in creating livable, environmentally friendly towns.

## **Advantages of Public Safety and Social Services in Southern Oconto County:**

**Law Enforcement Sub-station** – A substation within the community allows law enforcement officers to respond quickly to emergencies and incidents, reducing the time it takes for teams to arrive on scene. The Town of Little Suamico is experiencing “Urban Creep.” The Town’s calls for service have increased since last year.

The presence of a substation in the southern part of the county sends a strong message that law enforcement is actively engaged in keeping our community safe. This effort and presence influences the reduction of criminal activity and provides reassurance to our town.

**Emergency Management Services** – just like Law Enforcement, the presence of Emergency Management Services in this building would assist our community with coordinating and integrating activities to better prepare for any acts of disaster (man-made or otherwise).

**Community Center** – To extend County services down to Little Suamico. Such services would include the County Veteran Service Officer (approx 350 veterans reside in Little Suamico), Health and Human Services, Family and Social Services have a local presence.

**The primary concern we heard from the community members was will we see a change in our tax bills due to this specific library project?**

No, tax bills currently include all county library taxes and are based on equalized values. The funds budgeted for this library project do not exceed the amount that has already been included in previous year's tax bills.

Residents would not see a change in their tax bills due to this library project. The Town of Little Suamico apportionment for library services is already included in the County portion of the tax bill.

*Where Do County Taxes Get Spent? (handout)*

The 2024 Tax on a Median Value Home (\$172,100) would be \$616.063 of county taxes. Of that \$616.063, \$12.89 fund the Oconto County Libraries and \$4.39 funds other libraries (Brown County).

The 2023 Tax on a Median Value Home (\$172,100) would be \$717.14 of county taxes. Of that \$717.14, \$14.84 fund the Oconto County Libraries and \$4.39 funds other libraries (Brown County).

The 2024 Oconto County Tax Apportionment is \$22,061,436.00.

**Breakout for the Town of Little Suamico:**

Library Services:	\$183,061.95
Bridge Aid:	\$15,410.80
All Other County Tax:	\$3,207,605.62
County Sales Tax Credit:	(\$296,421.93)
Grand Total:	<b><u>\$3,109,656.44</u></b>

# Funding Sources

**Purchase** of the Bank (\$499,900) Property will be supported through:

· County ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds	\$ 88,746
· County Other Funding	\$ 195,481
· Town Donation(s)	\$100,000
· Town Grants	\$100,000
· Town of Little Suamico	<u>\$ 15,673</u>
	\$ 499,900

**Remodel** of the Bank (\$370,000) will be supported by:

· County ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds	\$ 65,685
· County Other Funding	\$ 144,685
· Town of Little Suamico	<u>\$ 159,630</u>
	\$ 370,000

If the Town receives Electoral Approval to move forward with the purchase of property, it will only be done so with the following contingencies outlined in the Offer to Purchase:

- County ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Money Availability
- Approval of County Administrative Committee
- Approval of County Board
- Formation of Town Library Board where Board is to Develop the Town Library Plan
- Town Library Plan Approved by DPI (Department of Public Instruction) ·
- Approval of any necessary inter-governmental agreements necessary for operations



Aerial View of 1288 E Frontage Road, Lifle Suamico

There are currently 33 parking stalls marked with the option for an additional 10 stalls on the east side of the building

# Where Do County Taxes Get Spent?

Department	2024 Tax Levy	% Of Tax Levy	2024 Tax on Median Value Home (\$172,100)	2023 Tax on Median Value Home (\$172,100)
SHERIFF	\$8,470,368	38.4%	\$236.75	\$257.31
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	\$3,874,376	17.6%	\$108.29	\$130.14
HIGHWAY	\$3,818,576	17.3%	\$106.73	\$125.83
PROPERTY TAX FOR DEBT SVS	\$1,280,606	5.8%	\$35.79	\$43.02
COURTHOUSE MAINT	\$1,163,003	5.3%	\$32.51	\$37.07
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	\$1,129,864	5.1%	\$31.58	\$36.43
HUMAN RESOURCES	\$604,437	2.7%	\$16.89	\$25.48
COUNTY LIBRARIES	\$461,036	2.1%	\$12.89	\$14.84
COURTS SYSTEM	\$477,400	2.2%	\$13.34	\$14.06
LAND INFORMATION (Surveyor)	\$414,946	1.9%	\$11.60	\$13.09
ZONING	\$356,278	1.6%	\$9.96	\$11.52
FINANCE	\$299,473	1.4%	\$8.37	\$9.70
DISTRICT ATTORNEY/VICTIM WITNESS	\$295,532	1.3%	\$8.26	\$9.33
EXTENSION/EDUCATION	\$258,273	1.2%	\$7.22	\$7.92
COUNTY BOARD	\$221,946	1.0%	\$6.20	\$7.73
COUNTY CLERK	\$231,705	1.1%	\$6.48	\$7.40
LAND CONSERVATION	\$216,302	1.0%	\$6.05	\$6.89
CONTINGENCY	\$125,000	0.6%	\$3.49	\$7.17
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR	\$194,383	0.9%	\$5.43	\$6.22
CORPORATION COUNSEL	\$203,285	0.9%	\$5.68	\$6.42
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER	\$171,668	0.8%	\$4.80	\$5.72
INSURANCE/SAFETY/RISK MGT	\$162,600	0.7%	\$4.54	\$5.31
TOURISM	\$151,400	0.7%	\$4.23	\$5.48
ELECTIONS	\$118,461	0.5%	\$3.31	\$1.22
COUNTY LIBRARY	\$157,049	0.7%	\$4.39	\$4.39
ECONONMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$120,081	0.5%	\$3.36	\$3.96
MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$105,000	0.5%	\$2.93	\$3.95
EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT	\$149,753	0.7%	\$4.19	\$4.35
COUNTY TREASURER	\$40,353	0.2%	\$1.13	-\$0.11
HIGHWAY BRIDGE AID	\$99,452	0.5%	\$2.78	\$3.95
CHILD SUPPORT	\$16,644	0.1%	\$0.47	\$0.72
AIRPORT	\$52,500	0.2%	\$1.47	\$1.73
COMMISSION ON AGING	\$44,937	0.2%	\$1.26	\$1.30



<b>Department</b>	<b>2024 Tax Levy</b>	<b>% Of Tax Levy</b>	<b>2024 Tax on Median Value Home (\$172,100)</b>	<b>2023 Tax on Median Value Home (\$172,100)</b>
BAY LAKE REGIONAL PLANNING	\$36,948	0.2%	\$1.03	\$1.03
YOUTH FAIR	\$25,000	0.1%	\$0.70	\$0.82
LWR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT	\$21,400	0.1%	\$0.60	\$0.71
HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$10,000	0.0%	\$0.28	\$0.33
SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER	\$4,000	0.0%	\$0.11	\$0.13
LAND RECORDS	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
COUNTY FLEET VEHICLES	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
RECYCLING	\$25,000	0.1%	\$0.70	\$0.00
MAR-OCO	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
STATE APPORTIONMENT SPECIAL CHARGES	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
FUND TRANSFER - HWY	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
DEBT SERVICE	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
OTHER REVENUE	-\$12,000	-0.1%	-\$0.34	-\$0.40
S/A-BUSINESS COMPUTER EXEMPTION	-\$13,678	-0.1%	-\$0.38	-\$0.45
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	-\$1,000,000	-4.5%	-\$27.95	-\$11.86
S/A-PERSONAL PROPERTY AID	-\$56,032	-0.3%	-\$1.57	-\$1.85
FORESTRY, PARKS, RECREATION	-\$6,723	0.0%	-\$0.19	-\$2.24
REGISTER OF DEEDS	-\$88,203	-0.4%	-\$2.47	-\$4.29
FUND TRANSFER - HHS	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	-\$24.71
SALE OF TAX DEEDS	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES	-\$450,000	-2.0%	-\$12.58	-\$16.48
S/A-STATE SHARED REVENUE	-\$730,447	-3.3%	-\$20.42	-\$23.41
S/A-STATE SUPPLEMENTAL SHARED REVENUE	-\$477,416	-2.2%	-\$13.34	\$0.00
	\$22,061,436	100.0%	\$616.63	\$717.14