



Common questions about 2016 Town of Ledgeview advisory referendum

What is this referendum all about?

The Town of Ledgeview is considering whether or not to build new Public Works, Fire Department and Town Hall facilities at a cost of approximately \$8 million to support the current need and increasing growth of the Town for the next 25 years. Residents are being asked to provide their input through an advisory referendum on the ballot November 8.

As the Town plans for its next 25 years, a 79 percent increase in residents is forecast, along with a 92 percent increase in the number of homes. To continue to service Town residents at the level they expect, expanded and improved facilities are needed.

New facilities are seen as a long-term investment in the Town of Ledgeview and something that residents can be proud of.

How will it affect me and my family?

Should the proposed project move forward, the Town will be well positioned to continue to offer a high level of service to residents for the next generation.

New community space also would be created for resident use.

If I vote for the referendum, does it mean that my taxes will go up?

The Town financial advisor has advised that there would be little or no tax increase.

How does it work that these new facilities can be built with little or no tax increase?

The debt would be structured in such a way to keep annual principal and interest payments equal to what they currently are.

Project costs are aided by the fact that the Town already owns the land for the proposed project.

What is wrong with the current town facilities? Aren't things just fine as they are now?

Actually, things aren't as great as they might seem.

The Town Hall building is 30 years old and needs a new roof, along with additional accessibility accommodations. There is inadequate parking on high-traffic days such as Election Day, causing a dangerous situation when some residents choose to park along County Hwy. G.

The Public Works department operates in a facility designed as a fire station, with no space to accommodate its growing needs.

As the Town grows, it will be necessary to expand the fire-fighting fleet, along with operations space for gear and everyday work.

What happens after the referendum vote?

The Town Board will utilize the input provided through the advisory referendum and determine whether or not to move forward with the proposed project. Should a vote to proceed take place, planning would commence with the hiring of an architectural firm.

If the referendum passes and the project is approved by the Town Board, would the community have any input on these buildings?

Absolutely. Input would be sought in order to further determine Town resident needs and expectations into the future.

Where would these new buildings go?

The proposed new Town Hall and Fire Station #1 would be situated at the current location, 3700 Dickinson Road. A new Public Works facility would be located at the Scray Hill site, to the east of Scray Hill Park.

In both instances, because the Town of Ledgeview already owns the land, there would be no property-acquisition costs.

How long would it take for these buildings to go up?

The goal would be to begin construction by the middle of 2017, with the new facilities available for resident and public use by Spring 2018.

What happens if the referendum doesn't pass?

The Town Board will evaluate available options and everyday resident needs would continue to be met through temporary solutions. Maintaining the current level of service provided to residents will be more challenging in the face of projected Town growth.

At some point, the current operational issues will need to be addressed. The longer the wait to do so, the more expensive the project will be.

I've got more questions about this – what can I do to get them answered?

Two Public Information Meetings dedicated solely to the advisory referendum have been scheduled to help answer the questions of Town residents. These are scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, at 6 p.m. and Thursday, October 27, at 7 p.m., both at the current Town Hall facilities.

Residents also can direct questions to their individual Town supervisors. Contact information can be found on the Ledgeview website at <http://www.ledgeviewwisconsin.com/about/town-board/members/>.

This document will be updated periodically leading up to Election Day in an effort to answer new questions which arise.