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Sturtevant Announces Adoption of 2009 Budget

Sturtevant Village President Steve Jansen announced today that the Village of Sturtevant adopted its 2009 budget at the Village Board meeting on November 18, 2008. The budget will provide funds for continuation of fire, police and public works activities. Jansen stated that “ This budget provides funds for Sturtevant’s share of the consolidated Fire/EMS department with the Village of Mt. Pleasant. This will mean a decrease of 9 full time employees for Sturtevant. Otherwise, the budget is basically a status quo budget.” The total tax levy will be \$2,392,850 compared to \$2,231,597 in 2007. The mil rate will increase by less than \$.05. The 2008 mil rate will be \$7.31990. Last year the mil rate was \$7.27261. The owner of a \$200,000 house would pay \$1,463.98 in Village property taxes. This would be an increase of less than \$10.00 over last year. Jansen stated that because of new growth of 7.2 % in the Village and debt service the Village’s tax levy was within the State imposed levy limits.

The budget was difficult because of a number of factors. State of Wisconsin shared revenue payments once again were not increased despite inflation and other cost increases. Increases in wages and healthcare costs and increases in other costs such as for asphalt and salt have also put a strain on the budget. The national economic uncertainty and the housing slump are anticipated to cause a drop in the Village’s building permit revenue.

Jansen stated “ The Village Board was able make amendments to the proposed budget to keep the tax rate at basically the same level as last year. The budget will allow the Village to continue to provide the level of services that citizens have come to expect but there is no fat in this budget.”

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