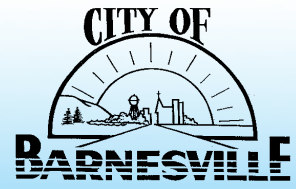


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IMPORTANT Absentee Voting Info!

There are **two options** to vote by absentee ballot in the Presidential Election on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

1) Complete an application for an absentee ballot. Applications are available on the MN Secretary of State website, Clay County Auditors office, the City of Barnesville website or at City Hall. The completed application form needs to be returned to the Clay County Auditor's Office - 3510 12th Avenue S., Post Office Box 280; Moorhead, MN 565560.



2) **Beginning September 20**, In-person absentee voting will be offered at the Auditor's Office - Clay County Government Center, 3510 12th Ave S in Moorhead. Hours are 8-4:30 Monday thru Friday, plus Saturday Oct. 26 from 9-3, Saturday Nov. 2 from 9-3 and Sunday November 3 from 9-3 and the Auditor's office will be open until 5 pm on Monday, on November 4.

Voting absentee will eliminate the need to go to the voting site on election day. When you vote by absentee you can track the status of your ballot and confirm that it was received and counted.

Questions? Call City Clerk Jeri Reep 354-2292.

Want to do Licensed Childcare?

Attend the free informational meeting to learn how!
Monday, October 7 • 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Upstairs Dobmeier Funeral Home building



Stop by City Hall
OCTOBER 6-12, 2024
FOR A FREE LED LIGHT BULB
Limit three per household

About 12% of the energy you use in your home goes to lighting. Replace your incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs. LED bulbs will last up to 6 times longer and average \$25 in lifetime savings!

NO CURBSIDE LEAF PICKUP!

Fuchs Sanitation will NOT be providing curbside pick-up of yard waste this year.

Residents can bring these materials to the city's compost pile, located near the City Shop. See map below. **NO BAGS!** Area is accessible 7 days a week during daylight hours.



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We're proud to offer 100% Fiber to the Home internet service, with **speeds up to 1 GIG**. Others may promise higher speeds but may not deliver. Beware of data limits. Need more speed? Faster plans are only pennies a day. **Call us 218.354.2292.**

BEWARE!
ALL INTERNET SERVICE IS NOT CREATED EQUAL.....

BARNESVILLE'S FIBER TO THE HOME IS TRULY THE GOLD STANDARD



City Hall is open on Columbus Day!

City Hall will be open on Monday, October 14

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • August 12, 2024

Regular City Council Meetings are held the second Monday of every month beginning at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers located at the rear of City Hall. The public are welcome. The agenda is posted on the City's website and Facebook page.

These are summaries of the minutes. The complete minutes are available online at www.barnesvillemn.com or at City Hall.

Mayor Rick called this regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Member's present were Council members Dawn Stuvland, Scott Bauer, Alyssa Bergman, Don Goedtke, and Tonya Stokka. Absent was Council member Brad Field

08-12-24-01 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

08-12-24-02 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

08-12-24-03 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve the sale of property at 110 Front Street North, Parcel No. 50.575.2750 for a purchase price of \$100,000.00. Motion carried.

08-12-24-04 Motion Goedtke, second Bauer to approve the CUP request for Farmers Coop Oil Company, 619 Front Street North. Motion carried.

08-12-24-05 Motion Bauer, second Bergman to approve the Potato Days temporary liquor license for August 23-24, 2024 for the fenced off area for consumption of the alcohol beverages, this fenced area will not include the axe throwing activity. Motion carried.

08-12-24-06 Motion Bauer, second Bergman to approve the 5% franchise fee to Red River Communications for the Cable TV, and authorize City Administrator Jeremy Cossette and TEC Manager Guy Swenson to approve the Red River Communications Cable TV Franchise agreement. Motion carried.

08-12-24-07 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve City Administrator Jeremy Cossette and TEC Manager Guy Swenson to finalize the Onvoy contract. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

City Hall Hours


Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 4:30 pm Closed Fridays

Welcome Tyler Schmidt!

The City of Barnesville welcomes Barnesville resident **Tyler Schmidt** as our new Water Technician. As you see Tyler around town please congratulate Tyler. We're glad to have him as part of our city team!

Don't put garbage cans in street!

Fall is here and winter is around the corner! We're noticing people are parking their garbage and recycling cans in the street. These should be placed on your driveway - now is the time to start a new habit before the city starts snow removal.



CITY OF BARNESVILLE
WATER HARDNESS
READING
SEPT. 18, 2024

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BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting • August 28, 2024

Mayor Rick called this special meeting to order at 7:20 a.m. Member's present were Council members Dawn Stuvland, Scott Bauer, Brad Field, Don Goedtke, and Tonya Stokka. Absent was Council member Alyssa Bergman.

08-28-24-01 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to approve the resolution calling for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed adoption of a modification to the Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Project No. 1; the establishment of Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-10 (An Economic Development Small Cities District); and the adoption of a Tax Increment Financing Plan relating thereto. Upon a roll call vote, the resolution passed. Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 7:27 a.m.

SEASONAL SUMP PUMP WAIVER

Barnesville residents are reminded that sump pump drain discharge into the sanitary sewer is prohibited from April 1 to October 31.

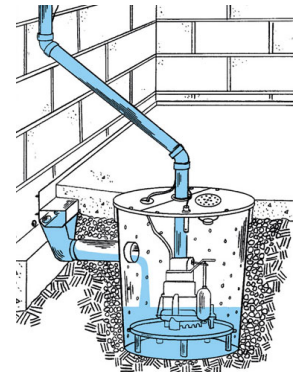
ONLY property owners who apply for a waiver through City Hall are allowed to discharge sump pumps into the sanitary sewer from November 1 to March 31!

Under the waiver requirements, the property owner agrees to pay an annual fee of \$ 50 as established by Resolution of the City Council, which will be billed at \$4.17 per month. This allows the discharge to go into the sanitary sewer during the winter months.

Per City Ordinance, on April 1, the sump pump must once again be discharged outside.

Residents are reminded that per Barnesville City Code, non-compliance with the Sump Pump Ordinance is subject to a \$100 month penalty.

Care should be taken so the discharge doesn't cause icing problems on sidewalks or streets. For more info or to apply for a waiver, call City Hall at 354.2292.



Last Market of the Season!

Saturday, October 19



9 am - 12 Noon

- **Over 30 Vendors!!!**
- **Live Music**
by Martin Drive
- **Food and Beverages**
by Adibon Truck

**NOTICE OF RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER
RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Notice to residential customer

(a) A municipal utility or a cooperative electric association must not disconnect and must reconnect the utility service of a residential customer during the period between October 1st and April 30th if the disconnection affects the primary heat source for the residential unit and all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The household income of the customer is at or below 50 percent of the state median household income. A municipal utility or cooperative electric association utility may (i) verify income on forms it provides or (ii) obtain verification of income from the local energy assistance provider. A customer is deemed to meet the income requirements of this clause if the customer receives any form of public assistance, including energy assistance, that uses an income eligibility threshold set at or below 50 percent of the state median household income.
- (2) A customer enters into and makes reasonably timely payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.

(3) A customer receives referrals to energy assistance, weatherization, conservation, or other programs likely to reduce the customer's energy bills.

(b) A municipal utility or a cooperative electric association must, between August 15 and October 15 each year, notify all residential customers of the provisions of this section.

Notice to residential customer facing disconnection

Before disconnecting service to a residential customer during the period between October 1 and April 30, a municipal utility or cooperative electric association must provide the following information to a customer:

- (1) a notice of proposed disconnection;
- (2) a statement explaining the customer's rights and responsibilities;
- (3) a list of local energy assistance providers;
- (4) forms on which to declare inability to pay; and
- (5) a statement explaining available time payment plans and other opportunities to secure continued utility service.

Restrictions if disconnection necessary

(a) If a residential customer must be involuntarily disconnected between October 15 and April 15 for failure to comply with subdivision 1, the disconnection must not occur:

- (1) on a Friday, unless the customer declines to enter into a payment agreement offered that day in person or via personal contact by telephone by a municipal utility or cooperative electric association;
- (2) on a weekend, holiday, or the day before a holiday;

- (3) when utility offices are closed; or
- (4) after the close of business on a day when disconnection is permitted, unless a field representative of a municipal utility or cooperative electric association who is authorized to enter into a payment agreement, accept payment, and continue service, offers a payment agreement to the customer.

Further, the disconnection must not occur until at least 20 days after the notice required in subdivision 2 has been mailed to the customer or 15 days after the notice has been personally delivered to the customer.

(b) If a customer does not respond to a disconnection notice, the customer must not be disconnected until the utility investigates whether the residential unit is actually occupied. If the unit is found to be occupied, the utility must immediately inform the occupant of the provisions of this section. If the unit is unoccupied, the utility must give seven days' written notice of the proposed disconnection to the local energy assistance provider before making a disconnection.

(c) If, prior to disconnection, a customer appeals a notice of involuntary disconnection, as provided by the utility's established appeal procedure, the utility must not disconnect until the appeal is resolved.

Application to service limiters

For the purposes of this section, "disconnection" includes a service or load limiter or any device that limits or interrupts electric service in any way.

WHERE YOU CAN RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

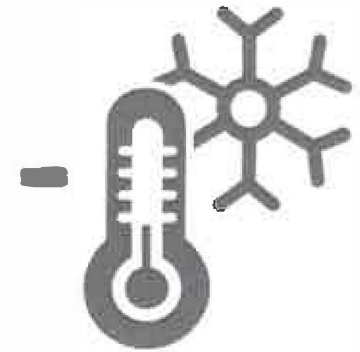
If you need help paying your gas or electric utility bills, you may qualify for state or federal fuel assistance. For complete qualifications and application information, contact your local county human services office or Community/Citizen's Action Council (CAC). These organizations may also provide budget counseling.

Please call:

Energy Assistance
1-800-492-4805

Clay County Social Services
1-218-299-5200

Salvation Army
1-701-232-5565 Fargo-Moorhead
1-218-739-9692 Fergus Falls



COLD WEATHER PROTECTION

*Know your rights
and responsibilities*



**102 Front St N, PO Box 550
Barnesville, MN 56514
218-354-2292**

Third Party Notification Form

If you have been served a notice of proposed disconnection by your utility you may want to alert a third party (friend, relative, church group or community agency) that a disconnection notice has been issued to you. The third party does have the right to contact the utility and provide information or work out a payment arrangement.

If you want a third party to be notified of the potential disconnection, please complete this form and return it to the utility.

Customer Name _____

Account Number _____

Service Address _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Third Party _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Third Party Home Phone _____

Third Party Work Phone _____

Third Party Signature _____ Date _____

The utility has my permission to provide information to and accept information from the third party named above.

Customer Signature _____ Date _____

This request will not be accepted without the third party's signature. The customer making this request understands that the utility assumes no liability for failure of third party to act upon notification.

**Application for Winter Disconnect
Inability to Pay Declaration Form**

If you can't pay your full bills and need cold weather protection from utility shutoff, fill out this form and return it to you local utility immediately.

Name _____

Service Address _____ Apt # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Account from your utility bill _____

Total amount you owe \$ _____

Total annual (yearly) household income \$ _____ Number of persons in household (include yourself) _____

Source of income (circle appropriate sources)

- Employment
- AFCD/GA
- Disability/Social Security/Pension
- GA Medical Care/Medical Assistance (I do not pay my own medical expenses)
- Other _____

Please circle if any of the following exists in your home: Medical Emergency Disabled person in residence

Payment Arrangements (Inability to Pay)

I propose to pay my outstanding and future bills according to the following schedule of payments:

\$ _____ by (date) _____ \$ _____ by (date) _____

\$ _____ by (date) _____ \$ _____ by (date) _____

If you are the "Third Party" for the customer whose service is affected by this notice and are submitting this for that customer, please sign here.

Signature _____ Phone Number _____ Date _____

By signing this form, I hereby acknowledge that I have received, read and understand the Notice of Residential Customer's Rights and Responsibilities. I declare that the above information is true and correct. I give my permission to any energy provider or public assistance agency that services me to exchange income and billing information with other energy providers and my utility for the purpose of qualifications.

Customer Signature _____ Date _____

STARTING OCT 1, 2024

NEW DIGITAL TV OPTION COMING!



DEAR VALUED BARNESVILLE CABLE TV CUSTOMERS,

We are thrilled to announce that a new and improved digital TV system is coming your way!

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing you with the best service possible, we are partnering with Red River Communications to upgrade our TV service to a state-of-the-art digital system that will offer more flexibility, convenience, and reliability than ever before.

Now you can watch live or recorded shows and movies from your phone, tablet or computer, too! You'll get the best of traditional TV and a streaming service in one simple package.

Just like our other city services, digital TV will be installed and serviced by our city technicians.

Sign up today to be one of the first to be converted to this exciting new entertainment platform.

For more information and to see the channel offerings, go to:
barnesvillemn.com/services/digital-tv

WELCOME TO A BETTER WAY TO WATCH TV!



NO DISH, NO EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT: Say goodbye to bulky satellite dishes and costly equipment purchases. Our new system runs on a simple Amazon Fire TV Stick or a traditional box and remote, making it easy to upgrade and enjoy.



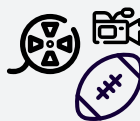
CLOUD DVR SERVICES: Enjoy the freedom of recording your favorite shows with our new Cloud DVR feature. You can access your recorded content anytime, anywhere, without the worry of losing storage or equipment issues.



WEATHER-PROOF TV: Satellite TV can be interrupted by bad weather, but with our new system, you'll have uninterrupted service—no more worrying about storms affecting your TV time!



RESTART TV: Missed the beginning of a show? No problem! Our Restart TV feature lets you rewind and start over so you never miss a thing. We're confident this will become one of your favorite features.



STREAM ON MULTIPLE DEVICES: You'll now be able to stream on up to 10 devices, with up to three streams running simultaneously. Whether it's family movie night or keeping up with different shows, everyone in the household can enjoy their own content without conflicts.



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NEW TV OPTIONS AT: BARNESVILLEMN.COM/SERVICES/DIGITAL-TV

DIGITAL STREAMING

LOCAL CHANNELS

CLOUD DVR + RESTART TV

TV to fit your life! We offer packages that include the most popular networks, including, movies, news, drama, kids, sports and action programming. We also offer premium networks such as HBO, Cinemax, Showtime, and Starz/Encore, plus NFL RedZone.

CHANNEL PLANS:

PLAN 1:

BASIC CHANNELS ONLY: \$71.75

Local Channels such as NBC, CBS, ABC, Fox, MeTV, community channels & more.

PLAN 2:

BASIC & CHOICE CHANNELS: \$136.49

Includes our basic channels plus over 65 channels of our most popular networks. Bally Sports North, Disney, Hallmark, HGTV, Discovery, RFD-TV, Food Network & more.

PLAN 3:

BASIC, CHOICE AND PREMIUM CHANNELS: \$151.08

With over 50 more programming channels, 50 Stingray Music Channels. Magnolia Network, Crime & Investigation Channel, Lifetime Movie Network, Comedy & SO much more!

**SEE THE FULL CHANNEL LINE-UP AT:
BARNESVILLEMN.COM/SERVICES/DIGITAL-TV**

READY TO MAKE THE SWITCH?



SIGN-UP IS EASY!

APPLY ONLINE:

Scan QR code or go to barnesvillemn.com/services/digital-tv to access a digital application.

APPLY IN-PERSON:

Stop by City Hall for an application.



DON'T HAVE INTERNET?
Call City Hall to discuss other options!

HAVE QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE ASSISTANCE IN SIGNING UP FOR SERVICE?

Please call City Hall at 218-354-2292 or stop in during our office hours:

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday - Thursday
(Closed on Fridays)

Digital TV is installed and serviced by the City of Barnesville and powered by Red River Communications.
All other City Services, including Broadband and Telephone, will NOT be changing.

BASIC \$71.75/mth - BASIC CHANNELS ONLY

- | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 TV Tutorial | 11 KVLY (NBC) | 21 Local Weather (w/ KFGO) | 203 WDAY - Xtra |
| 3 School Information Channel | 12 Community Channel | 22 Local Access - ILEC | 204 KOOL TV |
| 4 KXJB (CBS) | 13 KFME (PBS) | 23 Local Access - Wahpeton | 205 Antenna TV |
| 5 CW Plus | 14 KTCA (PBS) | 24 Local Access - Breckenridge | 206 BEK Sports 2 |
| 6 WDAY (ABC) | 15 KVRR (FOX) | 27 BEK News - East | 207 The365 |
| 7 The Inspiration Network | 16 C-SPAN | 28 3 Borders Sports Network | 208 BEK Sports 3 |
| 8 EWTN | 17 C-SPAN 2 | 200 Heroes & Icons | |
| 9 TBN | 18 Home Shopping Network | 201 True Crime Network | |
| 10 KRDK (Cozi TV) | 19 QVC | 202 MeTV | |

CHOICE \$136.49/mth - CHOICE PACKAGE INCLUDES BASIC CHANNELS

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 29 ESPN | 60 Court TV | 90 TV Land | 120 E! |
| 30 ESPN2 | 61 The Weather Channel | 91 Laff | 121 OWN |
| 33 Bally Sports North | 65 Discovery Channel | 92 RFD TV | 122 Lifetime |
| 34 Bally Sports North Extra | 68 Investigation Discovery | 100 A&E | 123 LMN |
| 37 Motor Trend | 71 Science | 101 FX | 125 Oxygen |
| 38 FOX Sports 1 | 72 Travel Channel | 102 FXX | 126 Bravo |
| 39 Big Ten Network | 73 TLC | 103 USA | 140 Cartoon Network |
| 40 Big Ten Network Overflow | 74 History | 104 TNT | 141 Boomerang |
| 46 The Cowboy Channel | 75 Military History | 105 TBS | 142 Nickelodeon |
| 51 Newsmax | 76 National Geographic Channel | 106 truTV | 143 Disney Channel |
| 52 Fox News Channel | 77 Animal Planet | 107 AMC | 144 Freeform |
| 53 Fox Business Network | 81 HGTV | 108 Paramount Network | 150 MTV |
| 54 One America News Network | 83 Food Network | 109 LOGO | 151 CMT |
| 55 CNN | 84 GAC Family | 110 Comedy Central | 152 VH1 |
| 56 HLN | 85 Hallmark Channel | 111 Syfy | 153 BET |
| 57 MSNBC | 86 Hallmark Movies & Mysteries | 112 ion Mystery | 154 Bounce |
| 58 CNBC | 87 Hallmark Drama | 113 A Wealth of Entertainment | |
| 59 News Nation | 89 Grit | 114 Independent Film Channel | |

PREMIER \$151.08/mth - PREMIER PACKAGE INCLUDES CHOICE & BASIC CHANNELS

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 31 ESPN News | 48 Sportsman Channel | 115 Turner Classic Movies | 138 Disney XD |
| 32 ESPNU | 64 Discovery Life | 116 FX Movie Channel | 139 Disney Junior |
| 35 Golf Channel | 67 Destination America | 124 Lifetime Real Women | 155 MTV Classic |
| 36 NFL Network | 69 American Heroes Channel | 127 BBC America | 156 BET Soul |
| 41 SEC Network | 70 VICE | 128 WE tv | 157 CMT Music |
| 43 ACC Network | 78 National Geographic Wild | 134 Discovery Family Channel | 158 MTV2 |
| 44 Midco Sports Network | 80 FYI | 135 Nicktoons | 159 NickMusic |
| 45 Midco Sports Network 2 | 82 Magnolia Network | 136 TeenNick | 160 BET Jams |
| 47 Outdoor Channel | 88 Game Show Network | 137 Nick Jr. | |

VIEW ONLINE CHANNEL LINEUP AT BARNEVILLEMN.COM/SERVICES/DIGITAL-TV

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Purchase packages à la carte with a Basic, Choice or Premier Plan.

HBO

\$20.22/mth

- 300 HBO
- 301 HBO 2
- 302 HBO Signature
- 303 HBO Family
- 304 HBO Comedy
- 305 HBO Zone

CINEMAX

\$16.05/mth

- 310 Cinemax
- 311 MoreMax
- 312 Cinemax (Latino)
- 313 5StarMax
- 314 ThrillerMax
- 315 MovieMax
- 316 OuterMax
- 317 ActionMax

SHOWTIME

\$16.05/mth

(Includes access to Showtime Anytime)

- 320 SHOWTIME
- 321 SHOWTIME 2
- 322 SHOxBET
- 323 SHOWTIME EXTREME
- 324 SHOWTIME SHOWCASE
- 325 SHOWTIME FAMILY ZONE
- 326 SHOWTIME NEXT
- 327 SHOWTIME WOMEN
- 330 The Movie Channel
- 331 The Movie Channel Xtra

STARZ

ENCORE

\$9.61/mth

- 340 STARZ
- 342 STARZ Kids & Family
- 343 STARZ InBlack
- 344 STARZ Edge
- 345 STARZ Cinema
- 350 STARZ ENCORE
- 351 STARZ ENCORE Action
- 352 STARZ ENCORE Suspense
- 353 STARZ ENCORE Westerns
- 354 STARZ ENCORE Classic
- 355 STARZ ENCORE Black



600 - NFL REDZONE \$59.06/per season

DIGITAL TV YOUR WAY!

STREAM

Download the Red River Digital TV app on a Roku, Fire TV Stick or Apple TV device. Since you own the device, there is no additional monthly rental fee and installation is FREE! If you want to add a new device, just call our office for a new registration code.

TRADITIONAL SET-TOP BOX

For those who prefer a traditional remote, we offer set-top boxes for \$6.39/mth. The installation fee is \$26.84 for the first box and \$107.38 for each additional box.

DIGITAL TV FEATURES

CLOUD DVR + RESTART TV

Cloud DVR stores your recorded programs in a cloud, allowing you to pause and record TV from any connected TV in your home! Also, Restart TV will enable you to jump back to the beginning of most programs, even if they have already started.

Small 30 Hours - \$8.54 | Medium 150 Hours - \$16.05
Large 300 Hours - \$22.50

WatchTVAnywhere

It's easy to stream more than 70 of your favorite channels and shows, including live content, almost anywhere on almost any device. Included with Digital TV service. Learn more: barnesvillemn.com/services/digital-tv

*Prices include mandatory taxes and fees. All TV service is offered without contract. Channel lineups and pricing are subject to change.

Red River Communications and the City of Barnesville are equal opportunity providers & employers.

DIGITAL TV CHANNEL GUIDE



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BARNESVILLE

Red River COMMUNICATIONS

Effective October 2024

Get The FACTS

ON THE REFERENDUM

VOTE NOVEMBER 5TH

Over the past four years, Barnesville Public School has made significant budget cuts to maintain financial stability while prioritizing student achievement. This has included eliminating teacher and staff positions, reducing curriculum and technology purchases, slashing instructional supply budgets, and increasing fees for student activities.

Recent Budget Cuts:

2024-2025

\$398,675

2023-2024

\$161,000

2021-2022

\$331,871

WHY WE NEED THE OPERATING & CAPITAL PROJECT LEVIES

1. Rising Inflation
2. Conclusion of Pandemic Funds
3. Limited State Funding (*only a 2% increase*)
4. Decline in Enrollment (*31 fewer students*)
5. Higher Employee Contract Costs
6. New State Mandates (*e.g., summer unemployment insurance*)

These challenges have made additional funding through an operating levy and capital project levy crucial.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Visit www.barnesville.k12.mn.us
or call 320.360.9192



**Barnesville
Public Schools
November 5, 2024**

**OPERATING LEVY &
CAPITAL PROJECT LEVY
REFERENDUM
INFORMATION**

OPERATING LEVY:

This voter-approved property tax will fund:

- Class size preservation
- Teacher and staff retention
- Academic support
(reading specialists, mental health services)
- Career and technical education
- Student activities and sports

CAPITAL PROJECT LEVY:

This levy will secure \$300,000 annually for 10 years to fund:

- Technology upgrades
(iPads, software, digital systems)
- A 7-year curriculum review cycle to keep educational materials current

What the Operating Levy Will Support:

- To avoid \$687,651 in cuts for the 2025-2026 school year
- Maintain small class sizes
- Provide advanced learning opportunities and vocational preparation
- Support students' physical and mental health
- Foster teamwork and joy through sports and activities

Impact on Property Taxes if All Questions Approved:

- Average homeowner: \$32.00/month*
- Agricultural land: Exempt from operating levy; taxed under capital projects levy

* Rate based on an average estimated home market value of \$265,000, within the Barnesville school district.

Ballot Questions:

Question 1 - proposes to increase its general education revenue by \$500 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for five years beginning with taxes payable in 2025 unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

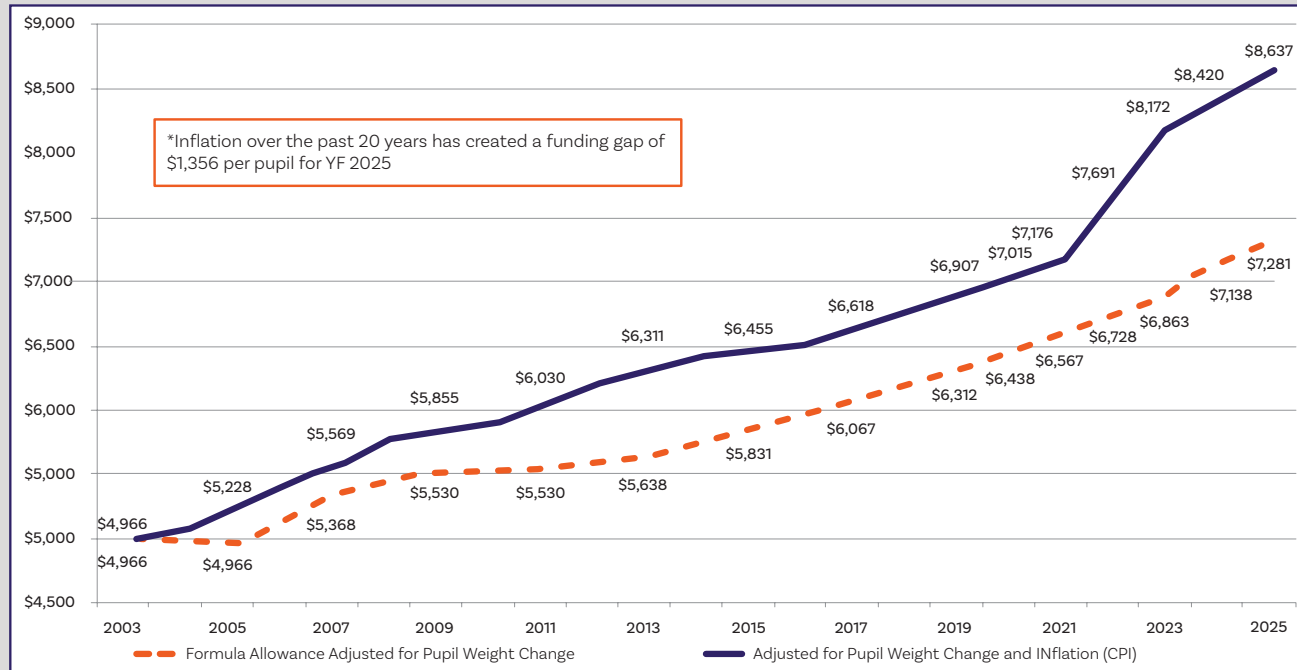
Question 2 - proposes to increase its general education revenue by \$250 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for five years beginning with taxes payable in 2025 unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Question 3 - proposes a capital project levy authorization of 2.291% times the net tax capacity of the school district. The additional revenue from the proposed authorization will be used to provide funds for the acquisition, installation, replacement, support and maintenance of software, software licenses, computers, improved technology equipment, networks, infrastructure, and the costs of technology related personnel and training, and the acquisition of curriculum, textbooks and materials. The proposed capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$300,000 for taxes payable in 2025, the first year it is to be levied, and would be authorized for ten years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$3,000,000. The projects to be funded have received a positive Review and Comment from the Commissioner of Education.



GENERAL EDUCATION FORMULA ALLOWANCE

Impact of Inflation on MN School District Funding
General Education Formula Allowance, 2003-2025



CONSEQUENCES OF FAILING LEVIES:

- **If Question 1 Fails:** \$687,177 in cuts, impacting class sizes, course offerings, academic support, and extracurriculars.
- **If Question 1 Passes & Question 2 Fails:** \$252,076 in cuts, still requiring reductions in services and programs.
- **If Question 3 Fails:** Lack of funds for 1:1 learning devices, outdated curriculum, and technology maintenance.