**LWV Observer Corps\*: Public Hospital District (PHD) Meeting September 28, 2022**

The Commission **approved the 2023 budgets** for the Public Hospital District and the Village at the Harbor. They approved resolutions and certifications for setting **the 2023 Public Hospital District and Village tax levy and for the EMS tax levy.** The 2023 budget foresees hiring for positions in maintenance, financial management, and Long-term Care Training and Home Care Manager.

On **the Village,** staff reported a team had **visited five other assisted living facilities** in the region and learned a lot. **Eldermark implementation** is going well improving case management and standard of care. The Village is consistently full and revenue steady, providing a solid basis for the planned expansion. The recent survey should help answer the question of **how many beds the community needs.** Capital expenditures have been running and some have been shifted to 2023.

On **EMS services,** response times are good. Call volume has been picking up. Tax revenue in October was about $150k lower than expected and may turn up later in the year. Communication problems have improved due to new radios which are working well, enhanced pagers and upgrade mobile radios in vehicles. The county contractor **CODAN has acknowledged** that **their communication system is not working properly**, with some radio towers installed below tree lines and is beginning the work of proposing a solution. For 2023 there is a schedule of **ongoing intensive training** under the new training director and **a joint training with the Fire Department** is scheduled in the new year.

The Commission approved the **collective bargaining agreement** with IAFF local 3219 for 2023-2025.

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