

December 12th, 2006 Public Hearing to Approve A Proposed Property Tax Levy Increase Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at the Village of Hainesville Council Chambers by Mayor Ted Mueller at 6:00 p.m.

Clerk Kathy Metzler took roll call. The following Officials were present: Mayor Ted Mueller, Trustees Stiliz III, Genender, Bonds, Stiliz II and Gottsacker
Also present were: Village Clerk Kathy Metzler, Treasurer Kelly Hensley, EMA Coordinator Mark Gottsacker, Building Official Russ Kraly, Village Attorney Derke Price and Al Maiden

Absent: Trustee Walkington, Deputy Clerk Debbie Zwicker, Public Works Supervisor Jeff Gately and Police Commander Mike Robinson

Agenda Approval

Trustee Genender motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by Trustee Stiliz II.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Stiliz III, Genender, Bonds, Stiliz II and Gottsacker

Absent: Trustee Walkington

Motion carried.

Establishment of quorum

Treasurer Kelly Hensley explained the following proposed Property Tax Levy Increase:

The Resolution for the proposed property tax levy was passed on November 14, 2006
Notice for the truth in taxation hearing was published in the Daily Herald on Dec 2, 2006
Since the dollar amount is more than 5% increase, a public hearing is required. Even though there is a proposed property tax levy increase of 7%, the 7% represents the increase over the previous years' taxes that were extended to the village. This does not represent an individual tax bill increase of 7%. With the new commercial construction within the village the dollar amount is spread among all residents and businesses.

The tax levy ordinance shows an estimated dollar amount of \$598,514.00. Once the board approves this, I then file the ordinance with the county clerk's office, showing what the villages estimated aggregate tax levy for tax year 2006 is. Once the county receives all the needed data they can determine what the exact limiting rate should be, which can reduce what the village is asking.

The dollar amount that the village is asking for comes out to be a 0.662 tax rate for the 2006 tax bills. Last years tax rate was 0.685 so this is a decrease in rate. For a homeowner they would use their assessed value and multiply it by this rate (.662) to see an estimate of what their Hainesville tax could be. The village will not know the exact rate until the county and the state processes all of their computations, we receive this notice around April.

Attorney Price explained property values and added that this is a tax cap levy and tax extension what the Village receives, always tax levy more. The levy is a request of what was received last year.

Discussion:

Mayor Mueller asked if the Board Members had any questions. Trustee Stiliz II stated for clarification that our taxes are going down not up. Attorney Price stated that your taxes are going down due to more new businesses and homes, so your taxes are going down.

Public Comments

Georgeann Duberstein, 82 Tall Oak Drive, Hainesville, IL 60073 – read a letter regarding high taxes which addressed a few concerns about when construction is completed, asking for the maximum increase, sources of income for the village and what would happen if the increase didn't pass. Discussion took place. Georgeann also thanked Treasurer Hensley for her time on Monday explaining the tax levy to her and her husband.

Douglas Williams, 154 Tall Oak Drive, Hainesville, IL 60073 – thanked Treasurer Hensley for returning his call and asked where are the future areas of new growth and what areas are available for home development in the village. Mayor Ted Mueller stated there is no more residential land left in Hainesville; everything is zoned commercial, agricultural and 23 acres of light industrial. Unless we were to rezone, residential is built out.

Trustee Walkington entered the Council Chambers at 6:19 p.m.

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Mark Ehrenerg, 155 Tall Oak Drive, Hainesville, IL 60073 – stated his understanding is the Village has a reasonable amount of surplus and how and when it that used? Treasurer Kelly Hensley stated some of the surplus is sitting aside for the special service area, money we are holding for the developers for the reimbursement of fees agreement, repainting of the water tower and MFT Road Programs etc. Attorney price stated all governments have to have a surplus to have a cushion.

Chris Drakley, 378 N. Tower Drive, Hainesville, IL 60030 – the attorney mentioned earlier that you have some interest with the Route 134 corridor. Mayor Mueller stated there is a project on the drawing board across from 7-11, the Hainesville Towne Center Crossing.

George Duberstein, 82 Tall Oak Drive, Hainesville, IL 60073 - commented that there was some confusion with his neighbors about the levy so the comments that you all were able to provide us with tonight were very useful and cleared up the questions. Thank you!

Mayor Mueller thanked Kelly for all her hard work on the tax levy!

Trustee Stiliz II motioned to adjourn the December 12, 2006 Public Hearing to Approve a Proposed Property Tax Levy Increase Meeting; seconded by Trustee Stiliz III.

All in favor say aye, motion carried.

The December 12th, 2006 Public Hearing to Approve a Proposed Property Tax Levy Increase Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Kathy Metzler, RMC, CMC
Village Clerk