

December 8th, 2009 Public Hearing to Approve a Proposed Property Tax Levy Increase

Meeting called to order at the Village of Hainesville Council Chambers by Mayor Linda Soto at 6:34p.m. Clerk Kathy Metzler took roll call. The following Officials were present: Mayor Linda Soto, Trustees Walkington, Daley, Barrett, Duberstein, Tiffany and Derenoski

Also present were: Village Clerk Kathy Metzler, Deputy Clerk Roseann Stark, Treasurer Kelly Hensley and Village Engineer Greg Gruen

Establishment of quorum

Agenda Approval

Trustee Barrett motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by Trustee Walkington.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Walkington, Daley, Barrett, Duberstein, Tiffany and Derenoski

Motion carried.

Proposed Tax Levy Ordinance for the Fiscal Year May 1st, 2009 and Ending April 30th, 2010

Treasurer Hensley explained the Proposed Tax Levy Ordinance. At the November 10th Board Meeting the board passed the resolution for the estimated aggregate tax levy for the tax year 2009. The total levy was \$638,163.00. The legal notification was published in the Daily Herald December 1st.

Attorney Scott Puma entered at 6:48 p.m.

There is much confusion about the Tax Levy and is difficult for residents to understand. Discussion took place regarding how to explain the levy to residents. Attorney Puma stated that the best way to do this would be to use an average priced home and show what the tax would be this year compared to last year, however, trying to explain the tax levy process is impossible. His firm might have some relatively simple language explaining the process. Scott stated he would look into this. The Mayor suggested that it go into the Village's newsletter.

Public Comments

Ted Mueller, Hainesville, IL 60030 – he wished the Board luck in explaining the tax levy to residents. He had tried for eight years with limited success.

Trustee Barrett motioned to adjourn the December 8, 2009 Public Hearing for a Proposed Property Tax Levy Increase; seconded by Trustee Daley.

Roll Call: Trustee Walkington, Daley, Barrett, Duberstein, Tiffany and Derenoski.

Motion carried.

The December 8, 2009 Public Hearing to Approve a Proposed Property Tax Levy Increase adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Metzler, RMC, CMC
Village Clerk