

WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP BOARD
LEVY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2008

Supervisor Glenn Swanson called this Public Hearing Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. in the Wauconda Township

Clerk Rowe took roll call. Answering present: Trustees Bilisko, Amrich, Ryan and Supervisor Swanson. Also present was Assessor Oaks. Administrator Maioriello and Highway Commissioner Munson were late. Jerry Shafer was present representing the Highway Department.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the tentative draft of the Township Tax Levy Ordinance # 12-17-08-01. The Board and members in the audience received copies of this Ordinance. The amount of increase requested is 9.8% to fund the departments. Trustee Hansen asked if the increase was to capture the new growth at the Township. Supervisor Swanson stated that the increase would give the Township an extra \$67,000 generated in new growth taxes to cover the costs of the services provided.

Supervisor Swanson gave a brief discussion on the determination of the amount requested.

Trustee Comments: None

Public Comments:

Michael Hennessey, Wellsmere Heights, asked if the Township needed the money or if it was going into reserves. Supervisor Swanson stated that due to the uncertainty of the future, he couldn't answer that. He stated that when you add more to the Township, costs of operating the senior services, general assistance, assessor's office, and field inspections, etc. go up. Mr. Hennessey asked how much went into reserves last year. Supervisor Swanson stated \$79,000 went into reserves, however the Townships fiscal year ends in March, so not all the expenses are in yet.

Trustee Ryan asked how much of the 10.4 % increase requested from last year, did the Township actually receive. Supervisor Swanson did not have those figures with him. He knows that we did not receive the full amount requested. Assessor Oaks stated that the EAV can decrease, so we're not sure of that figure.

John Munson, resident, asked if the Township would lose the money if they did not go after it. Supervisor Swanson said yes.

Trustee Ryan asked who makes that decision. Supervisor Swanson stated that the Tax Extension Department does.

Trustee Hansen stated that the Board would not be doing their job if they didn't try to capture the new growth taxes.

Supervisor Swanson motioned to adjourn this Town Levy Public Hearing. Trustee Ryan seconded the motion. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

SUPERVISOR

TRUSTEES

CLERK

