

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Workshop Meeting

Monday, November 17, 2014

6:00 p.m.

Troy Township Board Workshop held at the Troy Township Community Center, 25448 Seil Road, Shorewood, Illinois.

Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Donald Walden.

Roll call:

Present were:	Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz	Assessor Kimberly Anderson
	Trustee Larry Ryan	Trustee Brett Wheeler
	Trustee Donald Walden	Highway Commissioner Tom Ward

Absent were:	Clerk Kristin Dawn Cross - EA	A – Absent
	Collector Sharon Cemen Hicks - A	EA – Excused Absence; L – Late Arrival
	Trustee John Theobald - EA	

Also in Attendance: Administrator Jennifer Dylík

Quorum is established.

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for citizen comments.

After asking three times Supervisor Baltz closed the meeting for citizen comment.

2014 LEVY REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Road and Bridge Fund 2014 Levy Estimate

Administrator Dylík distributed the summary (attached) for the Troy Township Road and Bridge Fund Levy for the 2014 tax year, collectible in 2015. The proposed levy estimate, as prepared by Highway Commissioner Ward, is set at \$1,234,220.00 or 104.95% of the prior year's extension of \$1,176,002.99. Dylík reviewed the summary and the need for an increase. Highway Commissioner Ward echoed the fact that the Road District must levy to the maximum allowable rate for a two year period in order to petition the Will County Board for aid with the Shepley Road bridge repairs; estimated at \$350,000.00. Dylík also stated that she expects the levy to be limited by the County to approximately 102.53% over last year's extension estimating the net dollars to the Road District at \$15,367.36 after the half share is distributed to the municipalities.

Trustee Ryan reviewed the past history showing that actual dollars received are less than the dollars extended in the levy due to adjustments, refunds, etc. Highway Commissioner Ward

noted that the repairs to the bridge will be costly and the longer the project is delayed the more it will cost to repair. Once the Road District has levied to the maximum allowable rate, then it can petition the Will County Board for aid in repairing the Shepley Road Bridge. The hopes are to not have to look at cutting services to residents in order to fund the needed repairs.

Supervisor Baltz stated that the Township is levying to the maximum allowable rate, knowing that the levy will be limited by the County. The figures used to calculate the limiting rate are still fluid figures at this point so the numbers used are only estimates as the EAV figures can still be changing and won't be finalized until after the levy must be passed and filed.

Trustee Ryan, as the Finance Committee Chairman stated his support of the levy estimate as presented.

Town Fund 2014 Levy Estimate

Administrator Dylík distributed the summary (attached) for the Troy Township Town Fund Levy for the 2014 tax year, collectible in 2015. The proposed levy estimate, as prepared by Supervisor Baltz, is set at \$1,046,120.00 or 104.95% of the prior year's extension of \$996,779.15. Dylík reviewed the summary and the need for an increase. Dylík reported that she expects the levy to be limited by the County to approximately 102.55% of the prior year's extension estimating the net dollars to the Town Fund at \$24,758.94.

Administrator Dylík reviewed the need for a levy increase noting specifically the need for financial stability. At the end of the 2010-2011 fiscal year the Town Fund had a carry-over balance equal to approximately 0.5 months of a reserve balance. Dylík estimates the 2014-2015 fiscal year will end with a carry-over balance of approximately \$203,940.00 or 2.58 months of a reserve balance. Significant building needs are presenting themselves with an estimate of \$80,000 to repair/replace the 25+ year old flat roof on the older section of the building. Parking lot repairs are needed to address draining problems and to fix surface areas that are crumbling. Additional usage is being seen with the Pace Dial-A-Ride bus program which has resulted in increased costs from an average of about \$1,000.00 per month to almost \$1,500.00 per month.

Administrator Dylík further reported that the General Assistance Fund is estimated to end the 2014-2015 fiscal year with a carry-over balance of approximately \$72,100.00 which equates to about 19 months of a reserve. The 2014 levy will adjust the funds allocated towards General Assistance downward to \$40,000.00 and use some of the carry-over balance to fund the 2015-2016 General Assistance Budget. This will allocate more funds to the General Town Fund for the previously mentioned expenses. If a need arises in the General Assistance Fund, the Town Fund can transfer money to General Assistance; money cannot be transferred out of General Assistance.

Supervisor Baltz reminded again that there is a consistent history of not receiving the full funds that have been extended in the levy so the actual dollars that will be received will be even less than what is estimated. He also reminded that efforts are constantly being made to find applicable grant funds to help offset direct expenses to the Township.

Discussion was had regarding potential changes with a new State administration and a cap of property taxes and/or a reduction of Corporate Personal Property dollars distributed.

Administrator Dylík reported that page two of each presentation shows a five year history of the levy requested, the levy extended and the actual dollars received from the extended levy. A discussion was had regarding the history of the Troy Township levy and EAV numbers.

Administrator Dylík reported that the Board will be presented with each of the Fund's levy estimate at the November 17, 2014 Board Meeting. The Truth in Taxation process requires the Board to set the estimate of the levy and determine if a hearing is necessary at least 20 days before adopting the levy ordinances. The levy ordinances will be presented to the Board for approval at the December 15, 2014 regular meeting of the Township Board.

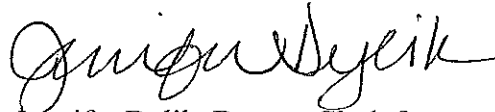
Trustee Ryan reminded that the Town Fund has absorbed the building expenses that had previously been paid by General Assistance over the past few years.

Trustee Walden commented that it is important to continue to provide the services that residents depend upon and important to maintain the equipment and facilities needed in order to safely and efficiently provide those services.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Walden to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Dylík, Deputy Clerk for
Kristin Dawn Cross

