

MINUTES-BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER
TOWN LEVY

STATE OF ILLINOIS

DuPage County, SS.

Township of Naperville,

THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES met at the office of the Township Clerk at 139 Water Street, November 9, 2010. Supervisor Vician called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Clerk Bertulis called the roll. Quorum was established.

PRESENT:	Gary Vician	Supervisor
	Carol L. Bertulis	Township Clerk
	Esin Busche	Township Trustee
	David Wentz	Township Trustee
	May Yurgaitis	Township Trustee

ABSENT:	Fred Spitzzeri	Township Trustee
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GUESTS:	Jack Flowers	5 South 220 Eagle Street, Naperville
	Janice Anderson	1527 Wedgefield Circle, Naperville
	Kurt Dorr	1505 Wedgefield Circle, Naperville
	Warren Dixon, Jr.	Naperville Township Assessor
	Kathleen Dixon	325 Cottonwood Lane, Naperville
	Harlan Dahlstrom	Aero Drive

NEW BUSINESS:

The public hearing to discuss the Town Levy (T-10-1109) for the fiscal year 2010-2011 was open to the public for questions and comments. Supervisor Vician asked if there were any questions on the levy. Supervisor Vician stated the total taxes to be levied were \$1,958,270 with an increase of 6.7% over the previous year. Assessor Dixon stated that the General Assistance Fund of \$30,000 was not included in the levy amount. Assessor Dixon further clarified that there was a 2.7% increase on existing assessed valuation, and this amount is the increase posed on the taxpayer, not the 6.7%. Rather, the 6.7% is the increase in taxes to be levied over the previous year.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A welcome to the press and public was extended, with an invitation to speak to any issue on the agenda regarding township business. Resident Kurt Dorr urged the township not to increase the levy. He also commented that he did not understand why the township has General Assistance and feels that the churches should be taking care of those needs. Supervisor Vician stated that the GA Fund started out as the Pauper Fund which is required by law that the Townships reserve monies for these services. Supervisor Vician also indicated that it is mandated by law to work to ensure those applying for GA funds are qualified. Assessor Dixon further clarified that Townships are mandated by law in three areas: Assessment, GA, and Township Road Funds.

Resident Janice Anderson commented that next year, she hopes the Township makes a concentrated effort to reduce expenses. Assessor Dixon addressed her concerns by emphasizing that the Township is very conscientious of reducing costs. For example, we are currently under \$100,000 on budget expenses, which is about an 8% decrease in expenses. We spend less than we levy.

Resident Kurt Dorr commented that he felt the Township was spending an excessive amount of money on insurance for its elected officials. To reduce expenses, he stated that those employees 65 years and older should get a supplement on Medicare. Assessor Dixon commented that the Township does not qualify for a Medicare supplement due to the number of employees. Resident Dorr insisted that they do qualify. Trustee Busche indicated that the Township could verify whether or not that was an option. Trustee Busche also explained that the Township has been reviewing other options, including the possibility of getting insurance through DuPage County. The Supervisor stated that the Board's policy is to require eligible employees to sign up for Medicare and asked elected officials to do the same.

Resident Jack Flowers expressed concern about the lack of sidewalks between Bauer Street and the new Nike Park and inquired whether or not the Levy includes sidewalks. He was concerned that when the Park begins to operate next year, several children will be walking in the street to get to the Park and risk their safety. Supervisor Vician appreciated the resident bringing up this concern and stated that the Township could work with the City on this issue as well as look at including this as a line item in next year's budget. Supervisor Vician invited the resident to remind him again in February next year, when the Township begins to work on the budget, about this issue.

Supervisor Vician asked for a motion to adjourn, which was so moved by Trustee Yurgaitis and seconded by Trustee Wentz. A voice vote was taken: all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Date: November 9, 2010

Township Clerk: _____

Supervisor: _____