

CALL TO ORDER

President Miller calls to order the Village of East Dundee Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Trustees Lynam, Selep, Wood, Mahony, Andresen and President Miller. Trustee Hall was absent.

Also in attendance Administrator Jennifer Johnsen, Assistant Village Administrator Brad Mitchell, Finance Director Zaida Torres, Public Works Director Phil Cotter, Village Engineer Joe Heinz and Village Clerk Katherine Holt

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only):

Allen Skillicorn, State Representative and East Dundee Resident

Mr. Skillicorn said that the levy has been flat since 2011 in East Dundee. He urged the Board to keep the levy flat and requested that a motion be made to amend when voting this evening. He advised that he filed two referendums today, one is to end the trash collection fee and the other is to end home rule.

Howard Burton, Resident – 106 Aldis Drive, East Dundee, IL

Mr. Burton addressed the Board with his strong objection of any plan to increase property taxes.

Pam Figolah – East Dundee, IL Homeowner/Landlord

Ms. Figolah had questions on the various financials of the Village. Finance Director Torres advised that the financial disclosures and CAFR are posted on East Dundee's website. Figolah asked if there was a financial plan being put into place. President Miller responded that budget meetings for the next fiscal year will be starting up shortly where these discussions will be had.

Trustee Hall arrived to the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Motion to open the 2017 Tax Levy Public Hearing by Wood/Lynam.

Roll: Ayes – 6 – Trustees Lynam, Selep, Wood, Hall, Mahony and Andresen. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.
Motion carries.

There was no discussion from the public.

Motion to close the 2017 Tax Levy Public Hearing by Wood/Lynam.

Roll: Ayes – 5 – Trustees Lynam, Selep, Wood, Hall and Mahony. Nays – 1 Trustee Andresen. Absent – 0. Motion carries.

CONSENT AGENDA-CONSIDERATION OF AN "OMNIBUS VOTE":

Illinois Municipalities may adopt by a single roll call vote of the Village Board and Village President, a group of assorted ordinances, resolution, motions and orders by an "Omnibus Vote". The "Omnibus Vote" shall be taken following the unanimous consent by the President and Board as to the items to be included. Any Trustee or the President may request that any item not be included in that vote.

- A. Approval of an Ordinance of the Village of East Dundee, Illinois
Amending the Village Code Regarding the Village Electronic Sign Rental**
- B. Approval of an Ordinance of the Village of East Dundee, Cook and Kane Counties, Illinois
Approving a Second Development Agreement by and between the Village of East Dundee
and Pal Land, LLC (The Travel Center)**

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda by Lynam/Mahony. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Northern Kane County Chamber Community Service Award Report

Melissa Hernandez reported that the Community Service Award event was held in November and she presented the Board with a plaque of the 5 recipients from the last 5 years. She advised that the recipients were very honored to receive the award. President Miller thanked Ms. Hernandez for coordinating and hosting this annual event. He said that he has attended every year and it is amazing to hear the stories behind the recipients chosen.

Ms. Hernandez stated that Diane Ahrens was this year's East Dundee recipient who owns Piece-A-Cake Bakery. She advised that Diane Ahrens is a retired marine who created "Operation Sweet Tooth" which sends baked goods to deployed military. Hernandez said recently her own daughter was deployed and received baked goods from Diane. She said that she has now witnessed first hand of how much this program means to deployed military. President Miller said that donations for this program can be made at the bakery.

B. Approval of an Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2017, and Ending April 30, 2018 for the Village of East Dundee, Kane and Cook Counties, Illinois

Motion for an Approval of an Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2017, and Ending April 30, 2018 for the Village of East Dundee, Kane and Cook Counties, Illinois by Lynam/Wood.

Discussion:

Administrator Johnsen explained that with a 13% increase, owners of a \$200,000 home will pay an additional \$51 per year in property taxes. The higher levy amount of 32% would have resulted in an increase of \$126 per year. She stated that had the Village collected the PTELL over the last several years, it would have amounted to an additional \$74,000 at this time. She advised that this is the 13% increase that would match for the uncollected PTELL in keeping the property taxes flat. She explained that the Village is a very small part of the tax bill, approximately 6%, and the increase applies only to the Village's rate and not the entire tax bill. She said that by raising the levy a little more, a balloon payment can be avoided by the residents later. She stated that anything more than the statutory minimum is the right thing to do.

There was discussion on different increase amounts to consider. Trustees Lynam and Selep are in favor of a higher increase, stating that they would rather tax more now to put the Village in a better position in the future.

Johnsen said that if there is going to be a referendum question about home rule, she wants the Board to understand that this 13% is recapturing what the Village could have collected from the PTELL. She said if the Village goes over 13%, there will be residents that will ask why the Village levied higher than what may have been promised. She stated that home rule sales tax is bringing in \$1.6 million. She said the Village has debt service that is approximately \$2.3 million next year. She stated that because of home rules sales tax and other fees in place, the Village is able to abate the bond costs. The Village will not be able to abate the bonds without home rule sales tax. And instead of this being paid by patrons outside of East Dundee, it will be paid by the residents. She said this is why it is important to protect the home rule

status. Johnsen added that the Village's debt services have changed in the recent years as it has significantly grown. She advised that the Village is unable to refinance until 2021. The bonds will not be able to be abated and the last thing the Village wants to do is have the residents pay.

Motion to Amend the Ordinance to a levy increase of 13% and approve the Ordinance as amended by Andresen/Mahony.

Roll: Ayes – 4 – Trustees Wood, Hall, Mahony and Andresen. Nays – 2 - Trustees Lynam and Selep. Absent – 0. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approval of an Ordinance of the Village of East Dundee, Illinois, Amending the Village Code Regarding the Beer Garden Fence Requirements

Motion for an Approval of an Ordinance of the Village of East Dundee, Illinois, Amending the Village Code Regarding the Beer Garden Fence Requirements by Lynam/Wood.

Discussion:

Administrator Johnsen stated that Diamond Jim's is proposing a retaining wall with wrought iron fencing on top, at least 4 feet tall.

Roll: Ayes – 6 – Trustees Lynam, Selep, Wood, Hall, Mahony and Andresen. Nays – 0. Absent – 0. Motion carries.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

A. Warrants List #1 \$392,112.88

The Warrants List was noted to the Board.

Reports: VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Lynam: Reiterated his prior concern of the bright LED lighting at certain businesses.

Selep: None

Wood: None

Hall: None

Mahony: None

Andresen: None

Reports: VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR and STAFF

Village President: Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday.

Village Administrator: Johnsen reported that the next meeting will be a special meeting on January 8. She said there will also be a regular meeting as scheduled on the 15th.

Village Attorney: None

Village Engineer: None

Police Chief: None

Public Works Director: None

Building Official: None

Finance Director: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Items not on the Agenda): None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No

Motion to adjourn the Regular Village Board Meeting at 7:03 p.m. Andresen/Wood.
Motion carries by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourns.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Holt

Attest: Katherine Holt
Village Clerk, Katherine Holt

By: Lael Miller
Village President, Lael Miller