

**December 3, 2013
Village of Sugar Grove
Regular Board Meeting
6:00 PM**

President Michels opened the meeting at 6:00 PM and asked that Trustee Paluch lead the Pledge. The roll was then called.

Present: Trustee Paluch, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Bohler, Trustee Herron, Trustee Montalto, and Trustee Geary.

Quorum Established.

Also Present:

Administrator Eichelberger, Chief Rollins, Clerk Galbreath, Public Works Director Speciale, Attorney Andersson, Accountant Milewski, and Attorney Andersson.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Annexation Agreement – 3 Walnut Drive

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

President Michels called for any public comment and hearing, none this portion of the agenda was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval: Minutes November 19, 2013 Meeting
- b. Approval: Vouchers
- c. Resolution: Review of Closed Session Minutes
- d. Ordinance: ~~Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014~~
- e. Ordinance: ~~2013 1203MPROS, An Ordinance for Tax Levy of the Mallard Point Special Service Area Assessment for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015~~
- f. Ordinance: ~~2013 1203MPRO, An Ordinance for Tax Levy of the Mallard Point Special Assessment for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015.~~
- g. Ordinance: ~~2013 1203FDB, An Ordinance Abating 2013 Taxes related to Debt Service on the \$2,640,000 2006 General Obligation Alternate Revenue Bonds.~~
- h. Ordinance: ~~2013 1203FDC, An Ordinance Abating 2013 Taxes related to Debt Service on the \$8,500,000 2006A General Obligation Alternate Revenue Bonds.~~
- i. Ordinance: ~~2013 12034FDD, An Ordinance Abating 2013 Taxes related to Debt Service on the \$2,585,000 2008A General Obligation Alternate Revenue Bonds.~~
- j. Ordinance: ~~2013 1203FDE, An Ordinance Abating 2013 Taxes related to Debt Service on the \$590,000 2008B General Obligation Alternate Revenue Bonds.~~

- k. Ordinance: ~~2013 1203FDF, An Ordinance Abating 2013 Taxes related to Debt Service on the \$2,930,000 2009 General Obligation Alternate Revenue Bonds.~~
- l. Ordinance: ~~2013 1203FDG, An Ordinance Abating 2013 Taxes related to Debt Service on the \$5,930,000 2013 (A and B) General Obligation Refunding Alternate Revenue Bonds~~
- m. Ordinance: Authorizing an Annexation Agreement – 3 Walnut Lane
- n. Resolution: Accepting a Grant of Easement - Denny Road
- o. Ordinance: Declaring Surplus Property

Trustee Johnson **moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of item c thru l.** Trustee Bohler seconded the motion. President Michels then called for a roll call vote.

AYE:	Geary	NAY:	None	ABSENT:	None
	Paluch				
	Montalto				
	Herron				
	Johnson				
	Bohler				

Motion Carried.

Ordinance Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014

Trustee Johnson **moved to approve the Ordinance Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014.** Trustee Bohler seconded the motion. President Michels then opened the item for discussion. Trustee Geary stated that he had requested that the Village hold the line and just capture new sales. He asked if it was too late to do that if the Board agreed. Administrator Eichelberger stated that as it would slightly lower the levy it would be fine and a new publication would not be needed for a public hearing. President Michels stated that what the Village really needs to do is stated and stand to eliminate the tax cap. Trustee Geary stated that the Village should be a leader and then perhaps other taxing bodies would follow and hold their levy's. There was further discussion on increasing costs to the Village and using efficiencies in the budget. It was noted that each year the Staff does a great job of being extremely budget conscious. It was also noted that the increase cost would be approximately \$6.50 per household and while everyone would like to pay lower or no taxes they still ask for improvements to road, sidewalk, trees and want snow removal to continue. At this time Mr. Wolf, resident asked to speak.

Mr. Wolf stated that yes taxes do affect resident however to lessen taxes would be a bad move and the Village would end up in the same state they were in 20 years ago. He asked that the Board not be short sighted and not to forgo the increase. The Village is a beautiful town and it should be kept that way, the taxes improve everyone quality of life. He asked that the Board continue to use funds wisely.

Trustee Johnson stated that she agreed, everyone wasn't a great community and it takes funding and a great staff to keep it that way. We have a good reputation, low crime, nice areas, let's keep it that way. Trustee Herron said the people keep asking for lower taxes. Hearing no more discussion, President Michels then called for a roll call vote.

AYE:	Johnson	NAY:	Geary	ABSENT:	None
	Paluch		Herron		
	Montalto				
	Bohler				

Motion Carried.

Ordinance 2013-1203MPROS, An Ordinance for Tax Levy of the Mallard Point Special Service Area Assessment for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015

Trustee Johnson **moved to approve the** Ordinance 2013-1203MPROS, An Ordinance for Tax Levy of the Mallard Point Special Service Area Assessment for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015. Trustee Bohler seconded the motion. Trustee Montalto stated that he was not comfortable with these numbers and that he did feel like the residents should pay for the maintenance of Village owned property. He further stated that the residents of the area feel forgotten. He also stated that as it has not yet been a year he wasn't sure if the fix was totally working. It was explained that these are the numbers that have been discussed through the whole process of the drainage project. The project is complete and is working. There was much debate about the costs and who should maintain. It was noted that HOA's generally care for a subdivision and improvements such as ponds for storm water and if they do not perform then the SSA's are in place to insure that the burden of the costs is bore by those who benefit from the improvements. At this time President Michels then called for a roll call vote.

AYE:	Johnson	NAY:	Geary	ABSENT:	None
	Bohler		Herron		
			Paluch		
			Montalto		

Motion Failed.

Ordinance 2013-1203MPRO, An Ordinance for Tax Levy of the Mallard Point Special Assessment for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015.

Trustee Johnson **moved to approve** Ordinance 2013-1203MPRO, An Ordinance for Tax Levy of the Mallard Point Special Assessment for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015. Trustee Bohler seconded the motion. The Board agreed that this was a great group effort to insure that this project was completed. Trustee Geary and Montalto stated that while they were not if favor of the SSA they agreed with the need for this levy. It is noted that this levy is also done by court order. President Michels then called for a roll call vote.

AYE:	Johnson	NAY:	None	ABSENT:	None
	Paluch				
	Montalto				
	Bohler				

	Geary				
	Herron				

Motion Carried.

Ordinances Abating Taxes

President Michels asked if anyone had any questions or comments regarding the abatement of taxes. Hearing none he then requested an omnibus motion on the abatement ordinances.

Trustee Johnson **moved to approve.**

Ordinance 2013-1203FDB, An Ordinance Abating 2013 Taxes related to Debt Service on the \$2,640,000 2006 General Obligation Alternate Revenue Bonds.

Ordinance 2013-1203FDC, An Ordinance Abating 2013 Taxes related to Debt Service on the \$8,500,000 2006A General Obligation Alternate Revenue Bonds.

Ordinance 2013-12034FDD, An Ordinance Abating 2013 Taxes related to Debt Service on the \$2,585,000 2008A General Obligation Alternate Revenue Bonds.

Ordinance 2013-1203FDE, An Ordinance Abating 2013 Taxes related to Debt Service on the \$590,000 2008B General Obligation Alternate Revenue Bonds.

Ordinance 2013-1203FDF, An Ordinance Abating 2013 Taxes related to Debt Service on the \$2,930,000 2009 General Obligation Alternate Revenue Bonds.

Ordinance 2013-1203FDG, An Ordinance Abating 2013 Taxes related to Debt Service on the \$5,930,000 2013 (A and B) General Obligation Refunding Alternate Revenue Bonds

Trustee Montalto the motion. Hearing no discussion, President Michels then called for a roll call vote.

AYE:	Johnson	NAY:	None	ABSENT:	None
	Paluch				
	Montalto				
	Bohler				
	Geary				
	Herron				

Motion Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Ordinance Authorizing Execution of an Annexation Agreement for Property at 88 & 47
Trustee Montalto moved to **Approve an Ordinance Authorizing Execution of an Annexation Agreement for Property at 88 & 47.** Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. President Michels and Mr. Marv Bailing thanked staff for all the hard work to further this project. Hearing no discussion President Michels then called for a roll call vote.

AYE:	Geary	NAY:	None	ABSENT:	None
	Paluch				
	Montalto				
	Herron				
	Johnson				
	Bohler				

Motion Carried.

Ordinance Annexing Property at 88 & 47

Trustee Johnson moved to **Approve an Ordinance Annexing Property at 88 & 47**. Trustee Montalto seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion President Michels then called for a roll call vote.

AYE:	Geary	NAY:	None	ABSENT:	None
	Paluch				
	Montalto				
	Herron				
	Johnson				
	Bohler				

Motion Carried.

Resolution Authorizing Execution of a IGA for 88 & 47 Intersection Improvements Phase I Engineering

Trustee Johnson moved to **Approve an Resolution Authorizing Execution of a IGA for 88 & 47 Intersection Improvements Phase I Engineering**. Trustee Montalto seconded the motion. President Michels stated that two replies to the RFQ's were received and the firm should be selected in January for the engineering of Phase I of this project. Hearing no discussion President Michels then called for a roll call vote.

AYE:	Geary	NAY:	None	ABSENT:	None
	Paluch				
	Montalto				
	Herron				
	Johnson				
	Bohler				

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

REPORTS

Trustee Bohler asked Administrator Eichelberger how the Village would pay for the maintenance of the retention area in Mallard /Rolling Oaks without the levy for the SSA. It was answered that this would be discussed during discussion as to what projects could be performed. President Michels stated that he had asked staff to research LED light replacements for street lights but it has been found to cost prohibitive.

Trustee Montalto asked if staff could obtain an additional garbage receptacle near the pond in Mallard as people are throwing dog waste bags into the pond and wetlands area.

President Michels asked Chief Rollins about the radios. Chief Rollins stated that TriCom is working with the FCC. He also stated that the Open House regarding the roundabout appear to go well.

President Michels stated he will be holding a coffee with the Mayor at Holiday in the Grove. He further stated that he had gone to Washington Illinois as a volunteer and it was devastating. It reminded him that while the Village needs to keep the emergency plan updated, there is no way to prepare for the devastation that people feel. Being prepared to provide some comforts and shelter is extremely important.

UPDATES

Trustee Johnson gave an EDC and Chamber update and thanked everyone for their Food Pantry donations. The food pantry is still in need of toys and books and these items can be dropped at her home. Trustee Paluch stated that cards for the Troops are ready to go. Trustee Herron stated Holiday in the Grove, this weekend, could use set up help.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Michels stated the Request for Qualifications for Phase I engineering for the interchange at 88/47 is out and are due on December 2, 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia L Galbreath, Clerk

**December 3, 2013
Village of Sugar Grove
Committee of the Whole**

President Michels opened the meeting and asked that the roll be called.

Present: Trustee Paluch, Trustee Herron, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Bohler, Trustee Montalto, and Trustee Geary.

Quorum Established.

Also Present:

Administrator Eichelberger, Chief Rollins, Clerk Galbreath, Public Works Director Speciale, Attorney Andersson, and Community Development Director Young.

Discussion 6 Month Budget Update

The Board reviewed the budget information presented and was pleased that generally everything is in line and that at this time there is a projected surplus.

Discussion Comprehensive Sign Ordinance

Staff was asked to complete an inventory of existing signs. This inventory has been completed.

The Board reviewed the information presented and asked if it was possible to extend the time limit and perhaps even state that upon change of a tenant or 10 years the signage would be need to be changed or updated. The Board agreed that change wall box signs to opaque would be acceptable.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted, Cynthia L. Galbreath, Village Clerk