

December 02, 2014
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 Montalto, Trustee Geary, Trustee Herron, and Trustee Johnson.

Absent: Trustee Bohler

Quorum Established.

Also Present:

Administrator Eichelberger, Attorney Wilson, Public Works Director Speciale, Finance Director Chamberlin, Community Development Director Magdziarz and Chief of Police Rollins.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2014 Tax Levy

President Michels opened the Public Hearing for the purposes of gathering public input for the 2014 (collected 2015) Tax Levy. No member of the public stepped forward to address the Board and the hearing was therefore closed.

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval: Minutes of the November 18, 2014 Meeting
- b. Approval: Vouchers
- c. Resolution: Review of Closed Session Minutes Res#20141202A
- d. Proclamation: National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month
- e. ~~Ordinance: Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015 Ord#20141202A~~
- f. Ordinance: Tax Levy of the Mallard Point Special Assessment for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015. Ord#2014-1202MPRO
- g. Ordinance: Tax Levy for SSA #10 (SGC) for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016
- h. Resolution: Declaring Notice of Second Installment, and Adoption of Special Assessment for the Mallard Point Drainage Project
- i. Ordinance: Abating 2014 Taxes related to Debt Service on the \$2,640,000 2006 General Obligation Alternate Revenue Bonds Ord#2014-1202FDB
- j. Ordinance: Abating 2014 Taxes related to Debt Service on the \$2,585,000 2008A General Obligation Alternate Revenue Bonds Ord#2014-1202FDD
- k. Ordinance: An Ordinance Abating 2014 Taxes related to Debt Service on the \$2,930,000 2009 General Obligation Alternate Revenue Bonds Ord#2014-1202FDF
- l. Ordinance: An Ordinance Abating 2014 Taxes related to Debt Service on the \$5,460,000 2013A General Obligation Refunding Alternate Revenue Bonds Ord#2014-1202FDG

- m. Ordinance: An Ordinance Abating 2014 Taxes related to Debt Service on the \$470,000 2013B General Obligation Refunding Alternate Revenue Bonds Ord# 2014-1202FDH

Trustee Johnson **moved to approve the Consent Agenda removing item e.** Trustee Herron seconded the motion. President Michels then called for a roll call vote.

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

Motion Carried.

Ordinance Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015 Ord20141202A

Trustee Johnson **moved to adopt an Ordinance Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015 Ord20141202A.** Trustee Montalto seconded the motion. President Michels then called for discussion. Trustee Geary stated he was not in favor of any increase any taxes. Trustee Johnson stated no one is however, the police department pension increase has to be covered and the police will most likely not settle for no increase in the upcoming union discussions. President Michels asked about health insurance premiums. Administrator Eichelberger stated the premiums have gone up and a significant increase has been passed on to employees. President Michels stated that new growth is happening and is covering a portion of the small increase in the levy. Trustee Geary again stated someone has to hold the line and set an example and hopefully send a message to the school district. President Michels stated that the minimum manning will probably hit the PD as well and that will be a huge cost. Administrator Eichelberger stated both union contracts are up this year and arbitration is a very good probability. Trustee Herron stated that if the Village doesn't approved th approximate 7.50 increase per house, this will push the union arbitration? Administrator Eichelberger stated no, this will not push arbitration however the Village will be facing increased costs and even this levy portion will not cover very much in any increased costs through the Village. The union has the right to binding arbitration. President Michels then called for a roll call vote.

AYE:	Montalto	NAY:	Geary	ABSENT:	Bohler
	Johnson		Herron		
	Paluch				
	Michels				

Motion Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Ordinance Tax Levy of the Mallard Point Special Service Area Assessment for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015. Ord#20141202MPROS

And

Resolution Declaring Notice of First Installment and Adoption of a SSA for Restoration and Maintenance (motion not made as resolution runs with ordinance)

Trustee Johnson **moved to adopt an Ordinance Tax Levy of the Mallard Point Special Service Area Assessment for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015. Ord#20141202MPROS.** There was no second, however Trustee Geary stated he would second for discussion purposes only. President Michels then called for discussion.

Trustee Geary asked why it is more expensive to burn and should we not just do a burn and not the herbicide. President Michels explained that cattails are hard to eradicate that they need to be herbicide treated. He suggested that the Board support a levy of 9,900. Trustee Montalto stated he will not support the residents

paying for the pond maintenance as it is not owned by the subdivision it is owed by the Village. President Michels explained that the intent was that Mallard have an HOA just like other subdivisions. And even with an HOA if the HOA did not maintain the Village would levy the SSA to maintain to ponds etc. Trustee Montalto stated he did not care, the Village owns the pond, and there is no HOA.

President Michels called for a second on the motion to approve. No second was made on the motion to approve, motion died from lack of second.

Motion Fails.

Ordinance Authorizing Leases for 160 S. Municipal Drive - STAR

Trustee Geary **moved to adopt an Ordinance Authorizing Leases for 160 S. Municipal Drive – STAR.** Trustee Paluch seconded the motion. The Board discussed the proposed leasing of the building and agreed that it was in the Village’s best interest to enter into lease agreements for space in 160 S. Municipal. President Michels then called for a roll call vote.

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

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Eichelberger stated that the Village had received a request for a break on utility bills. He reminded the Board that this is an enterprise fund and that the Village is no a social service agency. What this amounts to is that services such as water/sewer/refuse are supposed to be self-sustaining with no tax dollars used and that cities are not charged with providing assistance. He further stated if the Board would decide to enact a policy it would need to be fair and available to all customers of the service and would need to based on items that are tangible. There are many of the Village customers that have needs due to loss of work, illnesses etc.

Trustee Montalto asked if the Village could take a stance and request that the family members or friends/relatives perform some type of community service as payment.

It was explained that anyone performing work would need to be hired as a seasonal and then there are other expenses associated.

The Board asked that staff be sure to have on hand phone numbers of agencies that can provide assistance and give the information to those who contact the Village and post such information when possible.

REPORTS

Public Works Director Speciale stated all equipment is working and 5 events of snow/ice have already been responded to. Community Development Director Magdziarz, stated that Pirhl building permit has not yet been picked up, Meadowridge Villas is working hard to get their sales office open and the Seniors housing is pouring the foundation. American Heartland is making good progress.

Reports were given on Corn Boil and Holiday in the Grove. President Michels invited the trustees to attend with him a “coffee with the Mayor” at Holiday in the Grove. Trustee Johnson reminded everyone that is able to give for meals for the food pantry.

Trustee Johnson stated reminded all the EDC has their Holiday gathering this week. Trustee Paluch stated he is gathering holiday cards and they will be going to Hines VA this year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Greg Loebbaka representing Walnut Woods stated that the HOA had sent information regarding the area bike path and he asked why no answer has been given to date on the request. Administrator Eichelberger stated that the information received from the HOA is being reviewed and it is estimated that a response would be ready the week of December 7th.

AIRPORT REPORT

Liaison Wolf stated although Honda Jet is to be certified in 2015 they still have no plans to come to the Aurora Municipal Airport.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. by motion made by Trustee Johnson seconded by Trustee Montalto, all in attendance voted Aye in a Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia L Galbreath, Clerk