

Public Hearing - Tax Levy St. Clair Township

DATE: December 27, 2010

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: St. Clair Township
107 Service Street
Swansea, IL 62226

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Buchanan, Supervisor
Mary Carroll, Clerk
Dave Barnes, Trustee
Richard Schobert, Trustee
Greg Bridgman, Trustee
Mark Burk, Hwy Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: William Stiehl, Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Henry Walson
Linda Graham
Terry Carroll

Roll Call:

The Public Hearing of the St. Clair Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Buchanan with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken. All present except for Trustee Trentman and Assessor Knee.

Business Items:

A. Tax Levy Discussion: Supervisor Buchanan explained to the Board and visitors the income vs. expenses problem the Township is facing. He noted there were three funds, Town Fund, General Assistance Fund (GA) and the Park Fund. He said the Town Fund is projected to take in \$20,000 more than expenses. The GA fund is projected to spend \$56,000 more than revenues. He said there were two reasons this fund was negative. One was because employee expenses were transferred from the Town fund to the GA fund because that better reflects where the spending occurs. The second reason was because there was a doubling of GA clients and a great increase in medical expenses. The third fund, Park Maintenance, is projected to spend \$66,000 more than revenues. The reason this was negative was because the park fund is now paying for the park employee costs. Prior to this past fiscal year, the park maintenance employee was paid out of the sewer fund but that was improper. Supervisor Buchanan recommended using reserves and increasing the tax levy by \$50,000 to work toward solving the budget deficit. Since the Road District is planning on reducing its tax levy by \$75,000, the Township as a whole will reduce the request for property taxes by \$25,000.

B. Public Comments and Questions: Henry Walson asked if the Township had to pay for the welfare, and it seemed that some other municipality should cover it. Supervisor Buchanan said

we are mandated to pay the general assistance. He said that generally the type of people the Township assists are typically single people with no children. He pointed out that generally those with children can get help through state funds.

Trustee Schobert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Barnes seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Carroll
Township Clerk