

VILLAGE OF EAGLE
APPROVED SPECIAL VILLAGE AND TOWN JOINT
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
August 20, 2013

The Special Joint Village and Town Board meeting was called to order by President Spurrell on behalf of the Village, and Chairman Kwiatkowski on behalf of the Town. at 7:03 p.m. Open meeting laws were met. Roll call was taken: Representing the Town, present were Chairman Kwiatkowski, Supervisors West, Malek, Rasmussen and Davis. Representing the Village, present were President Spurrell, Trustees Jones, Rice, and Scheff. Absent for the Village were Trustees Neuburg, Schoessow, and Degenhardt.

The pledge was led by Richard Spurrell.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizens comments.

Discussion/consideration for Resolution regarding exemption from the county taxes for libraries

Alli Chase, Library Director, was present in the audience. She gave some background as to the use of the Resolution in previous years by both the Town and the Village. This year, there is an option to utilize the recent legislation called Maintenance of Effort, wherein the average of the past three years is used to determine how much a joint library may receive toward their operation. To be exempt from the County levy, the municipality must do their part to exempt their citizens from the County levy. She calculated the last three years using equalized value, which had been done in the past.

Discussion turned to double taxation. Supervisor West stated that he spoke with someone at County and the County does not do double taxation. People would be levied a tax and the municipality is funding the library.

Ms. Chase tried to explain that if the municipalities drop out of the County non-exempt status, the tax would be levied by the County, and to keep the library going, the municipalities would have to fund the library, thereby causing double taxation to the citizens. After calculating this, she stated there would be \$24,000 more than the levy amount. She ran the figures from September 2012 to July 2013, with the Town being responsible for 54%, and Village 46%. She utilized Jim Pasterski's equalized value amounts. In this scenario, the Village would pay \$62,028 towards the library, with the Town paying \$143,548.

She then went on to say that she will need to increase the 3MBPS to 5MBPS due to requirements for the new health insurance rules, etc. which will add to her overall

budget.. More computer capacity is needed for jobs, health insurance information, tax information, etc. She has 4,000 patrons utilizing the computers, as they do not have them in their homes.

If the Village and Town go with the mil rate, as they have in the past, the new mill rate will be .269036 per thousand.

Chairman Kwiatkowski is in favor of the three year average. President Spurrell stated that for the municipality's to go two separate ways, to meet the minimum exemption, they might come up short.

This is the first year the Maintenance of Effort is being offered. Ms. Chase stated it is her opinion that the mil rate method is the best way to go. In any case, both amounts are below that for which she asked for in 2011.

Further discussion ensued as to which plan works best for each municipality.

After consideration, the following motion was made:

Motion: Moved by President Spurrell, seconded by Trustee Rice, to proceed with the Resolution based on the County tax levy mil rate of .269036 per thousand in 2013 for 2014 purposes. The motion carried 4-0.

Motion: Moved by Supervisor Davis, seconded by Supervisor Malek, to proceed with the Resolution based on the County tax levy mil rate of .269036 per thousand in 2013 for 2014 purposes. The motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/consideration of meeting with North Prairie, the Village of Mukwonago, and the Town of Mukwonago regarding a preliminary discussion of current structuring of Fire Departments

Chairman Kwiatkowski stated that the Town has met with respect to this, and has assigned the Fire Commission to bring the information to their Board meetings, until such time as decisions need to be made. President Spurrell stated he was not aware that was done. No further action was taken.

Adjourn

Motion: Moved by Trustee Rice, seconded by Trustee Scheff, to adjourn the Special Joint meeting at 7:31 p.m. The motion carried 4-0.

Motion: Moved by Supervisor Malek, seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen, to adjourn the Special Joint meeting at 7:31 p.m. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne O'Brien, Clerk, Village of Eagle