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Board of Trustees of the Batavia Public Library District

Public Hearing

Tuesday • 17 November 2009

1. **Call to Order**

President Gibson called the public hearing to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Elizabeth L. Hall Conference Room of the Batavia Public Library.

2. **Call the Roll**

Trustees Present: Virginia C. Babcock, Randall E. Gibson, Maureen A. Jakubowski, Edward F. Skahan (via telephone), Douglas S. Sullivan, James F. Trefil, and J. Thomas Von Lunen

Trustee Gibson stated that Director Scheetz had received a notice from Trustee Skahan pursuant to the “Policy on Attendance by a Means Other Than Physical Presence,” in which he (Trustee Skahan) expressed a request to attend the meeting electronically (via telephone). Trustee Gibson asked whether there were any objections to the request. Hearing no objections, President Gibson declared that Trustee Skahan was present at the meeting, and eligible to participate and vote.

Trustees Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Director George H. Scheetz, Stacey L. Cisneros, Joy K. Ganster, Kerry K. Halter, James J. Klyczek, Lisa M. Moore, and Joanne C. Zillman

Visitors Present: Barb Mabbs, volunteer, Batavia Access Television (BATV), Inc.; and Bruce K. Roberts and Kristen M. Pinter, attorneys at law, Roberts, Simon & Even, Ltd.

3. **Public Hearing:** An Ordinance Levying the Annual Taxes for Library Purposes in the Batavia Public Library District, in the Counties of Kane and DuPage, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year 2009–2010 (ORDINANCE 2009–010)

President Gibson declared the public hearing open, and read the following statement in explanation of the Ordinance:

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE
FOR THE BATAVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Section 1. This is a public hearing on the proposed property tax increase for the Batavia Public Library District for 2009 (the Fiscal Year beginning 1 July 2009 and ending 30 June 2010).

Section 2. Pursuant to “The Truth in Taxation Act,” the Board of Library Trustees adopted “A Resolution Determining the Amount of Money Estimated to Be Necessary to Be Raised by the Tax Levy” (Resolution 2009–012) at its regular meeting on Tuesday, 20 October 2009.

Section 3. In accordance with Illinois Statutes, the Library District published a black-bordered “Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for the Batavia Public Library District” on Thursday, 5 November 2009. This notice was published in the *Batavia Republican*.

Section 4. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2008 were \$2,972,615.11. The proposed corporate and special purpose taxes to be levied for 2009 are \$3,412,950, which represents a 14.8130% increase over the previous year.

Section 5. The property taxes extended or abated for debt service and public building commission leases for 2008 were \$700,860.63. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2009 are \$700,362 which represents a decrease of 0.0007% from the previous year.

Section 6. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2008 were \$3,673,475.74. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2009 are \$4,113,312 which represents a 11.9733% increase over the previous year.

Section 7. In the published notice, persons desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district were requested to contact the Library Director. No one contacted the Library Director for this purpose; however one person contacted the Library Director to discuss the proposed property tax increase. However, if there is any person who desires to present testimony to the taxing district, represented by this Board of Library Trustees, please step forward at this time.

Trustee Gibson invited comments from the audience. There were no comments from the audience.

Trustee Gibson declared the public hearing closed.

4. **Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee Sullivan to adjourn the public hearing. Seconded by Trustee Babcock. All: Aye. The motion carried.

President Gibson declared the public hearing adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Randall E. Gibson
President

Maureen A. Jakubowski
Secretary