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Board of Trustees of the Batavia Public Library District

Public Hearing

Tuesday • 15 November 2011

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Call the Roll**

Trustees Present: Virginia C. Babcock, Maureen A. Jakubowski, Douglas S. Sullivan, James F. Trefil, and J. Thomas Von Lunen

Trustees Absent: Randall E. Gibson

Staff Members Present: Director George H. Scheetz, Stacey L. Cisneros, Joy K. Ganster, Laura A. Hensley, James J. Klyczek, and Joanne C. Zillman

Visitors Present: Elizabeth Lenihan, candidate for the Board of Library Trustees; Barb Mabbs, volunteer, Batavia Access Television (BATV), Inc.

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 2011–2012 (Ordinance 2011–009)

Trustee Sullivan declared the public hearing open and read the following statement:

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 2011 (the Fiscal Year beginning 1 July 2011 and ending 30 June 2012).

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 2011–008) at its regular meeting on Tuesday, 18, October 2011.

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, 3 November 2011. This notice was published in the Batavia Republican.

Section 4. That the Corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2010 were \$3,059,015.47. The proposed corporate and special purpose taxes to be levied for 2011 are \$3,418,750, which represents an 11.7598% increase over the previous year.

Section 5. That the property taxes extended or abated for debt service and public building commission leases for 2010 were \$558,663.24. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt services and public building commission leases for 2011 are \$710,144 which represents a 27.1149% increase over the previous year.

Section 6. That the total property taxes extended or abated for 2010 were \$3,617,678.71. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for the 2011 are \$4,128,894 which represents a 14.1310% 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 the purpose; in fact, no one contacted the Library Director to discuss this proposed property tax increase. 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.

President Sullivan invited comments from the audience. There were no comments from the audience.

President Sullivan declared the public hearing closed.

President Sullivan noted that, when all is said and done, the actual change for “the property taxes extended or abated for debt service” will be a decrease of 0.5304% from Year 2010 to Year 2011, due to a tax abatement approved by the Board of Library Trustees acting as a good financial steward in the best interests of the community it serves.

4. **Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee Jakubowski to adjourn the public hearing. Seconded by Trustee Von Lunen. All: Aye. The motion carried.

Trustee Sullivan declared the public hearing adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas S. Sullivan
President

Maureen A. Jakubowski
Secretary