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**VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING 2015 REAL ESTATE TAX LEVY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015**

1. Call to Order

The Public Hearing for the 2015 Real Estate Tax Levy held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 was called to order by Mayor Edwenna Perkins at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at 125 South 5th Avenue, Maywood, IL 60153.

2. Roll Call

Upon roll call by Viola Mims, Village Clerk, the following answered **Present:** Mayor Edwenna Perkins, Trustee(s) H. Yarbrough, Sr., I. Brandon (7:03p.m.), A. Dorris, M. Rogers, and R. Rivers. **Absent:** Trustee M. Lightford. **There being a Quorum Present, the Meeting was called to order.**

Staff Attendance:

Willie Norfleet, Jr., Village Manager
David Myers, Asst. Village Manager / Director of Community Development
Michael Jurusik, Village Attorney
Craig Bronaugh, Fire Chief
Valdimir Talley Jr., Chief of Police
John West, Public Works Director
Lanya Satchell, Finance Director
JoAnn Murphy, Deputy Village Clerk

3. Acknowledgement of the Public Notice in a Local Newspaper.

Mr. Norfleet read the Public Notice published in the Sun-Times newspaper on November 21, 2015 as acknowledged by Clerk Mims.

4. Presentation on the 2015 Real Estate Tax Levy by the Village Manager and Finance Director.

A. Tentative Village of Maywood Fiscal Adoption Schedule for 2015 Real Estate Tax Levy and 2016/2017 Operating Budget.

Attorney Jurusik noted the remaining schedule which includes the next Legal, License and Ordinance Committee (LLOC) meeting where the Board would have final discussions and, the Regular Board Meeting (RBM) of December 15, 2015 where the 2015 Tax Levy needs to be approved in order for it to meet the filing deadline of the last Tuesday in December.

B. A draft of an Ordinance of the Board of Trustee of the Village of Maywood, Cook County, Illinois providing for the Levy, Assessment and Collection of Taxes for the Year 2015 Tax Levy, with Certificate of Compliance with Truth and Taxation Law (with LLOC approved 2015 Estimated Tax Levy Figures). Note: This matter was discussed under Item 4A.

Ms. Satchell stated the recommended tax levy before the Board reflects a 3% increase in the Corporate Fund over the previous year, with most of it due to a 2.5% increase in contractual obligations, with department numbers coming in at a \$268,000.00 net increase, which represents that 3%. She also stated the Police and Fire Pension Funds are based on actuarial studies of which she has not received on the Police Pension yet. Ms. Satchell noted the largest increase of about \$600,000.00 in the Fire Pension is being offset by the savings in the refinancing of the bonds and that the Recreation Fund remained the same.

Discussion: Mayor Perkins questioned if there was any way this could be reduced. Ms. Satchell responded it could, but it is not advised due to the primary increase being caused by the actuarial report from the Fire Pension with the Village only having to increase it even more in the future, so any decrease in this levy would just be kicking it down the road. Attorney Jurusik stated the Village cannot reduce the pension levies due to mandatory statutory requirements that state the levy should be per the actuarial studies recommendation and if not met, the State would automatically begin recapturing funds from municipalities to meet this requirement. He stated the recapture would be phased in over three years to the point of 100% of the required funds being withheld by the State if a municipality remained non-compliant. Attorney Jurusik also noted the Fire Pension Board litigation that is dormant, but still open waiting to see if the Village complies with the statutory requirements. He also pointed out that the noted Police Pension Fund indicates last year's numbers but until the actuarial study comes in we don't know if this number will go up or down before the Board approves this at the regular meeting. Ms. Satchell also noted the wider gap this year is due to the difference between our study and the Pension's study last year which had additional insight on retirees, etc., causing a larger number which is being made up this year. Trustee Dorris questioned why the police study was not available and will we still be in compliance with the requirements. Ms. Satchell stated it was a misunderstanding with our usual contractor and she had to go to someone else, expected it by November 28th but she has not received it as of today. She also noted that, should we need to use last year's numbers, any small catch-up needed could be done next year keeping in compliance. Attorney Jurusik noted the minor adjustment in the Corporate Fund includes capturing an increase in the equalized assessed value (EAV) of properties which has shown an uptick in recent years. Ms. Satchell stated due to the EAV, property owners might not see any long term effects of this levy on their bills. Mr. Norfleet noted the significant 13% decrease in the amount owed on the bonds due to the Board's action of refinancing the bonds.

5. Questions and Comments by Board Members.

Trustee Brandon stated he requested cost saving measures be submitted to the Board and until this is provided he would not be in favor of any tax increase. Trustee Rivers thanked staff for their efforts and due diligence involved with producing the recommended tax levy and past bond refinancing. Trustee Rogers noted the importance of perpetually looking for opportunities to be efficient insuring there are no waste in line items of the budget, clarified the levy is not the same as a tax increase which incorporates many other unknown factors with many out of the Villages control. Trustee Rogers also noted, according to Social Security, the wage index is projected to be 5.4% next year (the highest since the year 2000) as an example to justify a slightly higher tax levy in order to keep the Village in line to do what is needed as things arise.

6. Questions and Comments by the Public and Public Comments.

A. Questions and Comments from the Public – Questions and/or comments were made by the following individuals: L. Redmond, G. Clay, L. Cadoree, M. Larry, L. Davis, L. Robinson, J. Ratley and R. Johnson and are available upon request in the Clerk's Office.

Response to Public Questions and Comments – Mayor Perkins, Mr. Norfleet, Trustee(s) Brandon, Dorris and Rogers responded to public questions and/or comments and are available upon request in the Clerk's Office.

Mayor Perkins announced the I290 Reconstruction Update Meeting on Monday, December 7, 2015 taking place in the Council Chambers beginning at 5:30 p.m., the 8th Annual Seniors Christmas Party taking place on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at Mariella's Banquet Hall, 124 South 5th Ave., requiring spots be reserved by contacting Larry Shapiro at 708-238-3657 or

larryshapiro2000@yahoo.com by December 11, 2015, and other announcements of interest to the community.

- 7. **Final questions and comments by Board Members. – None**
- 8. **Motion to Place an Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Maywood, Cook County, Illinois, providing for the Levy, Assessment and Collection of Taxes for the Year 2015 Tax Levy on the December 15, 2015, Village Board Meeting Agenda for Final Action and Approval.**

MOTIONED BY TRUSTEE DORRIS AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE RIVERS TO PLACE AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2015 TAX LEVY ON DECEMBER 15, 2015, VILLAGE BOARD MEETING FOR APPROVAL.

Discussion: None

Ayes: Trustee(s) H. Yarbrough, A. Dorris, M. Rogers, and R. Rivers.

Nays: Mayor Perkins and Trustee I. Brandon

Abstain: None

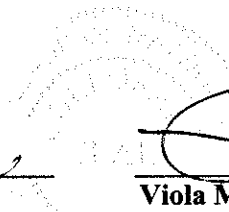
Absent: Trustee M. Lightford

MOTION CARRIES

9. Motion to Close the Public Hearing

Mayor Edwenna Perkins and the Board of Trustees closed the December 1, 2015, Public Hearing of the 2015 Real Estate Tax Levy with a Motion by Trustee Dorris and a Second by Trustee Brandon at 8:50 p.m. in the Village of Maywood Council Chambers.

The vote was affirmed unanimously by the Board of Trustees at 8:50 p.m.



Edwenna Perkins

 Edwenna Perkins, Mayor

Viola Mims

 Viola Mims, Village Clerk

Cc: Mayor Edwenna Perkins
Board of Trustees
Village Clerk, Viola Mims
Village Manager, Willie Norfleet