

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF DU PAGE) SS
TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMINGDALE)

MINUTES OF THE TRUTH IN TAXATION MEETING
OF THE TOWNBOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP
HELD ON NOVEMBER 21, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Michael D. Hovde, Jr., called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Upon roll call, the following were:

Present:	Michael D. Hovde, Jr., Supervisor Branka Poplonski, Trustee Joe Salerno, Trustee Robert Tolentino, Trustee
Town Clerk:	Joyce M. Hundhausen
Absent:	Michael McGinn, Trustee
Highway Commissioner:	Robert Czernek
Staff:	Ray Wanders, Administrator Karen Kramer, Administrative Assistant
Present in the Audience:	Diana Eckert, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Katie Schueman, Michael Murray, Paul Scott, Sheryl Woods, Cindy Franceschini, Tammy Dixson, Dave Rogers

A quorum was present.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION & POSTING OF MEETING:

Supervisor Hovde read the Public Hearing Notice of the proposed property tax increase for Bloomingdale Township as published and posted in accordance with Public Act 82-10 "Truth in Taxation Law," (35 ILCS 200/18-55 through 18-100).

PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED 2017 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE:

Supervisor Hovde, explained the 2017 Tax Levy Ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Diana Eckert, 665 Oak Street, Roselle, IL 60172.

She gave a rundown of all the different sources that the Needs Committee contacted to form an opinion of what a good budget number would be to meet the needs of the Township. She commented that while PTELL, Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, is a good idea, they will be very limited with any future budgets because of it. She said that the focus tonight is to accruing a budget that will ensure we can help our township residents for years to come who cannot help themselves. She went on to say that the voters have spoken by passing a referendum. By increasing the budget you will show them that you care and want to make a positive impact that will last for generations.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, 655 Oak Street, Roselle, IL 60172.

She is a resident of Roselle who has been following this Mental Health for quite a while and thinks it is extremely important. She has an adult son who no longer lives with her, he has severe developmental disabilities. She feels very strongly that the voters, voted for this and she thinks we need a much bigger budget to serve the people in this township. She feels because of the PTELL, if we go in with a small budget, it is killing us for the future years. She would rather go in with a large budget and then if you abate the next year to bring it down to something more reasonable for the beginning, that makes sense to her. She feels that if we start under a million dollars, you can never grow again. She said that we have a potential to do something great here and it is really not going to happen. We are not going to be able to serve the people we can serve with a small budget. She strongly supports this.

Katie Schueman, 26W354 Burdette Avenue, Carol Stream, IL 60188.

She is an unincorporated resident of Bloomingdale Township. She voted for the referendum. She stressed that the Needs Assessment Committee's recommendations that were presented with much documentation; there are other agencies of this type in the Chicago area that we can model ourselves to work from. The Township would be a focus that people could come to for a variety of services, one of those being transportation. She doesn't think we should be ignoring the word of the people. Having the experience of what it takes to pass a levy and then the PTELL and the cost of living it limits what you can do in future years. She closed with being responsible to your residents.

Tammy Dixon

680 Bluff Street, Carol Stream, IL 60188.

She commented that she agrees with what has been expressed by the other people tonight.

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Michael D. Hovde, Jr.
Supervisor, Bloomingdale Township

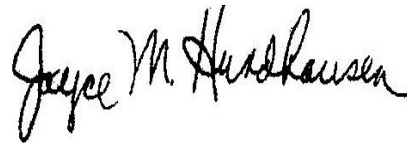
We will now adjourn this public hearing, but I just want to make a couple of comments. Bloomingdale Township Youth Service Bureau added an additional counselor this year. Budget for that is about \$156,000 that is not included in the amount we have budgeted for Mental Health. So the combined amount for Mental Health is over \$900,000.

In regards to our Township Levy versus the Mental Health piece, Hanover Township is about 12% of their total budget. Oak Park is 31% of their budget; our Mental Health Board would be about 22%, in the middle.

We have a responsibility to balance the interest of the majority of voters who passed the Mental Health Bill referendum and the ever increasing tax burden on all residents. We have reduced the Township Levy request by \$50,000 in light of this burden.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Poplonski, second by Trustee Tolentino, to adjourn the meeting.
All board members present voted Aye. The meeting adjourned.



Joyce M. Hundhausen
Town Clerk

Approved: December 19, 2017