

**MINUTES
FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF ORLAND HILLS, ILLINOIS
FOR DECEMBER 21, 2022**

President Hastings called the hearing to order at 7:50 p.m.

Clerk Iannantone (Electronically) called the roll with the following results. Present: President Hastings, Trustees; Roti, Janachowski (Electronically), Morrison (Electronically), Trustee Hastings II (Electronically), Administrator O'Neill, Rec Director Bilina, Public Works Director Hanley (Electronically), Treasurer Kowalski, PD Admin Haleem (Electronically), Rec Assist Radney,

Absent: Petrey

With a quorum having been established, President Hastings led the Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the flag.

President's Report: President Hastings

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, this meeting will be held by audio conference and a physical quorum may not be present. At this time, I would like to verify that all members participating remotely can be heard by everyone and that they can hear each other.

This was verified.

I would also like to verify that everyone physically present in the Boardroom can hear the discussion and testimony.

This was verified.

Mayor Hastings then announced that the purpose of the hearing was to provide public input to the Annual Tax Levy Ordinance being considered by the Village Board at the Regular Board Meeting later this evening. He asked Administrator O'Neill to discuss the levy.

Administrator O'Neill explained that:

The Tax Levy's final determination was made on or about December 3, 2022 and the Finance Committee reviewed the levy at their regular monthly Committee Meetings in Nov and Dec.

Notice was posted for the Public Hearing at the Village Hall and posted on the Village's website (on Dec 16) as required by law.

By definition, our property tax levy is the amount of money we are requesting from property owners each year in order to help fund our operations.

There are up to 15 different taxing bodies that levy property taxes to Orland Hills residents and businesses. And of course, the Village of Orland Hills is one of those 15.

Of the total dollars that an Orland Hills property owner pays, approximately 7.4% of that total will be paid to the Village. This is a very low percentage when compared to many other villages. (TP property owners, for example, pay ~11% of their property tax bill to the Village of Tinley Park, OP similar to OH)

In the end, I expect the new Levy that we pass this evening will generate a total increase in our request from property tax payers to be ~5% above last year.

That translates to less than \$1.50 per month increase in the Village portion of a \$5,000 TOTAL property tax bill.

In the past, the Village has dedicated our property tax revenue to two sources: our general fund to help pay for general operations and our police pension fund which helps to fund our financial obligation to our past, current, and future police personnel.

Due to the continued increase in the police pension fund liability, we have continuously increased property tax resources to that fund more aggressively over the past 10 years.

Last year, we chose to take a very aggressive step for the 2021 Levy (paid in CY 2022), and we have taken that same step for the 2022 Levy, paid in CY 2023, because the ENTIRE levy is designated to be paid to the Police Pension Fund.

Why have we had to do this? From the 2012 Statutory Minimum Contribution required by the State to the 2022 Contribution, a total of 11 levy years, there has been an increase in that minimum annual contribution of 296%(from \$185,388 to \$548,812). Our past funding decisions for Property Tax dollars for general operations became unsustainable because the Village's ENTIRE levy has only been "allowed" to increase by 23%.

This is a classic example of the burden of the funding requirements of the Police Pension Fund crowding out other services the Village needs to provide to our residents and which now must be funded by other sources. But, the Village is acting in the most fiscally responsible manner by shifting its property tax resources to the Police Pension Fund in as aggressive of a manner as possible.

In the end, for the low property taxes our residents and businesses pay, they get great parks, police services, street maintenance, street snow plowing, flood prevention, and holiday events, just to name a few of the services that the Village provides.

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees have made it a priority that residents get a bargain for what they pay for and I believe that this tax levy is consistent with that mantra.

If anyone has any questions, I would be happy to answer them.

President Hastings asked for input or questions from the Village Board, and none were offered.

President Hastings asked for input from the Public at 7:54 PM and none was offered.

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There being no further business, President Hastings requested support of a motion to adjourn the hearing at 8:00 pm. Motion by Trustee Roti, seconded by Trustee Morrison

Ayes: Trustees: Roti, Janachowski, Morrison, Hastings II, Kissane

Nays: None.

Absent: Petrey

MOTION CARRIED- HEARING ADJOURNED.

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Jennifer Iannantone
VILLAGE CLERK