

MINUTES
FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF ORLAND HILLS, ILLINOIS
FOR DECEMBER 16, 2020

President Hastings called the hearing to order at 7:46 p.m.

Clerk Iannantone called the roll with the following results. Present: President Hastings (Electronically), Trustees; Petrey (Electronically), Janachowski (Electronically), Morrison (Electronically), Trustee Hastings II (Electronically), Kissane (Electronically), Administrator O'Neill, Deputy Chief Blaha (Electronically), Rec Director Bilina (Electronically), Public Works Director Hanley (Electronically), Treasurer Kowalski (Electronically)

Excused: Village Attorney, EMA Director Leddin

Absent: Roti

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 process.

Administrator O'Neill explained that notice had been posted at the Village Hall on Dec 8. He then explained that the Tax Levy determination was made on November 10, 2020 and that the Finance Committee reviewed the appropriations and approved recommendation, thereof, on November 10, 2020 at their regular monthly Committee Meeting.

Administrator O'Neill further discussed the fact that property owners in the Village of Orland Hills only pay ~6% of their entire property tax bill to the Village. This is a very low percentage when compared to many other villages. Further, this year's levy is expected to increase an average tax bill in the Village by approximately only \$9. For the low property taxes our residents and businesses pay, they get great parks, police services, street maintenance, flood prevention, holiday events, etc....The Mayor and the Board of Trustees have made it a priority that residents get a bargain for what they pay for.

The Mayor discussed how it has been the practice, since 1993 to hold such public hearings in order to affect openness and honesty in the Village Government, whether or not a hearing is required by law.

President Hastings asked for input from the Village Board, and none was offered.

President Hastings asked for input from the Public at 7:52 PM and none was offered.

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President Hastings asked for input from the Public at 7:58 PM and none was offered.

There being no further business, President Hastings requested support of a motion to adjourn the hearing at 7:59pm. Motion by Trustee Morrison, seconded by Trustee Kissane.

Ayes: Trustees: Janachowski, Petrey, Morrison, Kissane, and Hastings II.

Nays: None.

Absent Roti.

MOTION CARRIED- HEARING ADJOURNED.

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Jennifer Iannantone
VILLAGE CLERK