

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON WHICH WAS HELD MONDAY,
DECEMBER 17, 2007 AT THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL,
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD**

RE: Proposed Tax Levy Increase

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:37 p.m. President Sauer called the Public Hearing to order. The Deputy Village Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance, and then called the roll:

Present: President Sauer, Trustees Boland, Farrell, Kolar, and Pino
Absent: Trustees Contorno and Weiner
Also Present: Kathy Nelander, Village Administrator
Roberta A. Svacha, Village Treasurer
Kris Lennon, Deputy Village Clerk
Hal R. Morris, Arnstein & Lehr LLP, Village Attorney
Susan Allman, Village Forester
Warren Nass, 107 Mohawk Drive
Pat Ryan, 404 Concord Lane
Tony A. Solano, Barrington Courier
Alice Niemiec, 404 Halcyon Lane
Tom Leonard, Superintendent of Schools, District 220
Sam Oliver, 480 Eton Drive
Brian Battle, President School Board District 220
Tom O'Connor, 249 Biltmore Drive
Gery Herrmann, 257 Kimberly Road
Bruce Kramper, 178 Pheasant Run Trail

2. Legal Notice (see attached legal notice)

The published notice of the public hearing was incorporated into record.

3. Proposed Tax Levy Increase

President Sauer explained that the proposed tax levy increase will provide additional capital for the Village of North Barrington and allow the Village to meet its responsibilities by addressing important issues like Village Road and Bridge Programs, the clean-up of Flint Creek, and fighting the Canadian National Railway Company's acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railway Company. The Village's tax levy rate was 5.47% higher than last year's tax levy. President Sauer stated that the additional increase will be relatively small at approximately \$5.00/month/household.

It was noted that the increase of the tax levy was affected by the 2007 real estate tax assessments.

Trustee Pino asked if any unused capital levied by the state would be returned to the people. Village Attorney Hal R. Morris affirmed that unused money levied by the state goes back to the people.

Trustee Farrell stated that she is uncomfortable with the proposed tax levy increase due to the recent increase in real estate tax assessments. President Sauer stated that the Village is trying to take an aggressive approach to the ecological and structural work needed within the Village; President Sauer considers that \$5.00/month/household is not a big increase.

President Sauer asked if there were any public comments. No one from the audience wished to be heard.

4. Adjournment

Motion: Trustee Boland moved to adjourn the Public Hearing: seconded by Trustee Kolar.:

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 7:45 p.m. President Sauer declared the Public Hearing adjourned.

These Minutes were approved by the Board at a meeting held January 23, 2008

Attest: _____
Kris Lennon, Deputy Village Clerk