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Board of Library Trustees of the Batavia Public Library District

Public Hearing

Tuesday • 19 November 2019

1. **Call to Order**

President Smith called the public hearing to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Elizabeth L. Hall Conference Room of the Batavia Public Library.

2. **Call the Roll**

Trustees Present: Diane L. Blodgett, Jennifer M. Culotta, Katherine A. Garrett, Elizabeth P. Larson, Daniel R. Russo, and Jo Ann Smith

Trustees Absent: Michael E. MacKenzie

Staff Members Present: Director George H. Scheetz, Michele M. Domel, H. Joseph McKane, Stacey L. Peterson, and Joanne C. Zillman

Visitors Present: Barbara L. Mabbs, volunteer, Batavia Access Television (BATV), Inc.; George L. Schramer, resident

3. **Public Hearing:** An Ordinance Levying the Annual Taxes for Library Purposes in the Batavia Public Library District, in the Counties of Kane and DuPage, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year 2019–2020 (ORDINANCE 2019–009)

Trustee Smith declared the public hearing open and read the following statement:—

*PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE
FOR THE BATAVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT*

Section 1. *This is a public hearing on the proposed property tax increase for the Batavia Public Library District for 2019 (the Fiscal Year beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 30 June 2020).*

Section 2. *Pursuant to “The Truth in Taxation Act,” the Board of Library Trustees adopted “A Resolution Determining the Amount of Money Estimated to Be Necessary to Be Raised by the Tax Levy” (Resolution 2019–006) at its regular meeting on Tuesday, 15 October 2019.*

Section 3. *In accordance with Illinois Statutes, the Library District published a black-bordered "Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for the Batavia Public Library District" on Thursday, 7 November 2019. This notice was published in the Kane County Chronicle.*

Section 4. *That the corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2018 were \$4,228,116.69. The estimated corporate and special purpose taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$5,813,000, which represents an increase of 37.48% over the previous year.*

Section 5. *That the property taxes extended or abated for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 were \$0 (zero). The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2019 are \$0 (zero), which represents a change of 0.00% from the previous year.*

Section 6. *That the total property taxes extended or abated for 2018 were \$4,228,116.69. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$5,813,000, which represents an increase of 37.48% over the previous year.*

Section 7. *In the published notice, persons desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district were requested to contact the Library Director. No one contacted the Library Director for this purpose; in fact, no one contacted the Library Director to discuss the proposed property tax increase. If there is any person who desires to present testimony to the taxing district, represented by this Board of Library Trustees, please step forward at this time.*

Trustee Smith invited comments from the audience. There were no comments.

Trustee Smith declared the public hearing closed.

4. **Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee Culotta to adjourn the public hearing. Seconded by Trustee Garrett. All: Aye. The motion carried.

Trustee Smith declared the public hearing adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Smith
President

Daniel R. Russo
Secretary