

CITY OF BURTON

JUNE 2, 1997, 7:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Special Meeting was called to order by Ted Hammon, President, at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Centilli, Cox, Cross, Hammon, Martinbianco, Walls and Zelenko.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: D. Lowthian, Assessor; B. Becker, Treasurer/Controller; J. Major, DPW Director; R. LaDuke, Building Supervisor; R. Hamilton, Attorney and G. Webster, Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: TRUTH AND TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Lowthian explained the reason for holding a Truth and Taxation Hearing. Truth and Taxation is a procedural hearing held before Council can levy the full operational millage. The millage that is being proposed is the same that was levied last year. However, when the taxable value increases over the previous year due to inflation, a hearing is called to express it in terms of a millage rate.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Joseph Thorpe, 2231 N. Vassar, commented on the proposed millage. He suggested new businesses and new homes generated a lot of tax money. His assessed value increased 10%. He thinks older homes are being taxed too much. He wanted to know why the extra money needed to be raised.

Mr. Hammon asked Mr. Lowthian to comment on the SEV and explain why it's out of our control.

Mr. Lowthian addressed how much the taxable value actually increased. The taxable value went up about 2.8%. The taxable value is capped with Proposal A

from year to year, unless the property is sold or improvements are made.
Taxable
value can only go up by the rate of inflation, not to exceed 5%.

Mr. Cox suggested Mr. Lowthian explain taxable value as it relates to
assessed
value growth. He said there is some tax lag in new growth.

Mr. Lowthian gave further details in regards to this issue. The overall
taxable
value for the total roll is about 6.2%. The amount due to inflation was
about
2%. About 4% of that was probably due to new growth, as well as, the
provision
in Proposal A. Once a property sells, the cap is removed and the taxable
value
will be readjusted to the current rate.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:07 P.M.

Gayle Webster
City Clerk

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