

CITY OF BURTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2007, 6:45 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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The Meeting was called to order by Council President Gary Isham at 6:45 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Conley, Cross, Isham, LaDuke, Major and Tinnin.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wells.

OTHERS PRESENT: D. Heidenberger, Assessor and G. Webster, City Clerk.

Purpose of the Meeting: **Downtown Development Authority Truth & Taxation Hearing.**

PRESENTATION:

Mrs. Heidenberger said a truth-in-taxation hearing is a procedural hearing required by PA 5 of 1982. This hearing only applies to those properties located in the Downtown Development Authority. Truth-in-taxation requires that if the taxable value increases over the previous year, excluding new construction, the increase in taxable value must be expressed in terms of an additional millage rate. However, before the additional rate can be levied City Council must hold a truth-in-taxation hearing. The proposed additional millage will be an agenda item at your regular meeting this evening. The truth-in-taxation process is very confusing in that if someone read the notice in the paper they would clearly believe that property taxes and millages were increasing for the current year. However, the total millage increase is actually less than last year. This is a result of the Headlee Rollbacks. Keep in mind that Headlee Rollbacks become permanent and establishes a new maximum levy. The total DDA millage levied in 2006 was 1.8923 and this year's proposed millage is 1.8877.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Norma Pippin, 4483 Columbine, indicated she is a 75-year-old widow on a fixed income. Due to the passage of the Bendle School millage her taxes are over \$1,600.00 on her small 1,000 square foot home. Along with the water rate increases and the constant tax increases she will be forced to leave her home, because she can no longer afford to live in the area.

John Stapish, P.O. Box 190134, asked for clarification on the DDA expenditures.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

A brief discussion was held regarding the DDA expenditures. The DDA sets its own budget and the agenda items for the year. The funds are used for public improvements in that district. The district is made up of 310 parcels that include real and personal property. This is not a new tax. The dollar amount levied is actually less than last year. This does not have anything to do with the recent increases of County millages.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

Gayle Webster, CMC
City Clerk