

VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD
Purpose of Hearing, Certification of Publication and presentation of the Village's
2024 Real Estate Tax Levy for fiscal year January 1, 2025- December 31, 2025.

MINUTES
December 18, 2024 – 5:45 p.m.
2nd Floor - Board Room

Call to Order

The Public Hearing meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bellwood was called to order by Mayor Harvey at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2024.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Andre' Harvey, Clerk Janel Moreland, Trustees Ciavattone, Boston, Holman, Robinson, Delgado and Nightengale.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Village Board and others in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Harvey.

Purpose of this Public Hearing

Mayor Harvey stated the purpose of this meeting is the Certification of Publication and presentation of the Village's 2024 Real Estate Tax Levy. Mayor, Turned it over to Attorney Castaldo.

Attorney Castaldo: This is something that we've done over the years. We are at zero percent increase and not required to even post a public hearing. We've always had a public hearing for the real estate tax levy. Attorney turned it over to the Director of Finance Willie Norfleet.

Finance Director Willie Norfleet: Read the public hearing notice that was published and the adoption of the real estate tax levy. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bellwood, Cook County, Illinois, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 5:45 pm in the Board Room of the Bellwood Village Hall, 3200 Washington Boulevard, Bellwood, Illinois 60104, and will present the Village of Bellwood's Annual Real Estate Tax Levy for the fiscal year January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. The Village of Bellwood's proposed tax levy in the amount of General Corporate \$9,827,912, Debt Service \$1,040,950, Police Pension \$3,175,901, Fire Pension \$1,769,347, IMRF \$70,000, Social Security/Medicare \$280,000, a TOTAL VILLAGE LEVY of \$16,164,110 represents a zero percent increase over the previous year. The Village of Bellwood Public Library's tax levy in the amount of \$2,255,331 which represents a 1% increase over the previous year. The aggregate of the Village of Bellwood and the Village of Bellwood's Library proposed tax levies of \$18,419,441 represent a 0.1 % increase over last year's tax levies of \$18,397,110. Any person may appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the Village of Bellwood.

Immediately thereafter at 6:00 pm in the Board Room of the Bellwood Village Hall, 3200 Washington Boulevard, Bellwood, Illinois 60104, the President and Board of Trustees will hold a regular board meeting to present and adopt the Village of Bellwood's Annual Real Estate Tax Levy for the fiscal year January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

Peter Tsiolis, the library board is a separate entity. They increased their tax levy by 1%. That has nothing to do with the village. We are again at a zero percent increase. Mayor – The library raised their levy, and they raised it last year. We gotta get on them, so they can stop raising their levy. Thanks to the department heads, great job. Mr. Norfleet keeps working those numbers. We've been hearing the number \$16,164,110 for a long time, and we want to keep it that way.

New Business:

None.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Public Comment:

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to open the floor for Public Comment. Trustee Ciavattone made a motion and Trustee Holman seconded to open the floor for public comment. All Trustees were in favor of opening the floor. Upon a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Harvey declared the floor for public comment open.

Mayor Harvey asked for a motion to close the floor for Public Comment. Trustee Boston made a motion and Trustee Delgado seconded to close the floor for public comment. All Trustees were in favor of closing the floor. Upon a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Harvey declared the floor for public comment closed.

Adjournment

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing meeting. Trustee Delgado moved, seconded by Trustee Nightengale, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Harvey declared the meeting adjourned, with no further business to come before the Board, this meeting stands adjourned at 5:53p.m. That was the Public Hearing for the Village's 2024 Tax Real Estate Tax Levy.

Respectfully submitted,

Janel Moreland
Village Clerk