

Edwardsville Township

Public Notice & Agenda for Truth in Taxation Hearing

December 12, 2018

Approved December 19, 2018

The meeting of Edwardsville Township Board's Truth-In-Taxation Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Schulte at 7:00 p.m. at Glen Carbon Fire Protection District—Station #2, 430 Glen Carbon Road, Glen Carbon, Illinois.

Supervisor Schulte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXPLANATION OF THE PROPOSED TAX LEVY: Supervisor Schulte provided an overview of services the township provides to township citizens. The constituency base served are those most in need in the community, including senior citizens, members of the disabled population, low-income families and individuals, those who are homeless and the transient population. The current facility does not meet ADA standards and is difficult for seniors and those living with disabilities to access. This is a growing concern for the Township, as its core constituency—seniors and the disabled—are most adversely affected by this. The senior and disabled population served has been steadily increasing over the last 5 years. Because of this, over the last 5 years, the Township has explored several options to address the building's shortcomings. It has teamed with other governmental bodies to explore rental options. It has worked with a local non-profit agency to determine building a new facility at Edwardsville Township Community Park. But the Township has been unable to find a financially viable option. Supervisor Schulte noted that due to its creditworthiness, the Township has secured a 10-year line of credit at a rate of 3.75 percent to borrow no more than \$1.3 million. The funds would be used for a proposed building renovation and expansion project at the Township facility located at 300 West Park St., Edwardsville, and the addition of a meeting room.

Trustee Matt Chapman, chair of the Edwardsville Township Facility Planning Committee presented statistics. He noted, from 2000 to 2017 the Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) of the property grew by 143 percent, while the total levy during that same period grew only by 25 percent. He added due to major cuts to the Township's tax rate during that time under previous administrations, the Township was unable to save money for the proposed expansion and renovation project. Trustee Chapman explained the proposed 30-percent tax rate increase being proposed would bring the Township to the tax rate it was in 2003. The proposed new rate would still be 33-percent less than it had been in 2000. For tax year 2017 (payable in 2018) the Township received \$46.37 per year on a home valued at \$224,000, which is the Township average. With the proposed increase, a homeowner with a \$224,000 home could expect their total Township portion of the tax bill to increase to \$60 per year.

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR OPENS THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, BOTH ORAL AND WRITTEN: Those speaking at the hearing included Robert Jackstadt, Pat Hulme, Steve Jellen, Bob Hulme, Desiree Bennyhoff, representing the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce, Charles "Skip" Schmidt and Darrell Tripp.

There being no further business to discuss, the Truth-In-Taxation hearing was adjourned by Supervisor Schulte at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST



Town Clerk: