

Session # 818-09

Minutes of the Special Meeting for the specific purpose of conducting an informational meeting regarding the 2009 Tax Levy Abatement for the Navajo Gardens Special Service Area to be held at the Worth Township Town Hall 11601 S Pulaski, Alsip, Illinois, 60803 Tuesday, November 24, 2009 6:30 P.M.

Supervisor John F. Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Clerk Pro-Tem Benson called the roll and the following board members were present: Trustee Michael Stillman, Trustee John "Jack" Lind, Trustee Michael Mahoney and Supervisor John F. Murphy. Clerk Thomas "Bud" Gavin was absent with notification.

Also present: Highway Commissioner Steve Loulousis, Collector Dave Walsh, Attorney Mark Sterk, Joseph Murray, CPA, June Maddrell, Arlene Sladek, Linda Wood, Caryn DeBoer, Navajo Garden residents from the Special Service Area. (SSA)

SPECIAL MEETING

Supervisor Murphy stated the township had received numerous calls from residents in the Navajo Gardens subdivision (SSA) regarding their 2008 second installment tax bills. He stated the residents expressed concerns regarding the large increase in their second installment tax bill. The Board decided to hold this informational meeting to answer any questions the residents had regarding the tax abatement process. Supervisor Murphy introduced Joseph Murray, the Township's accountant, who was there to explain the tax abatement process. Mr. Murray handed out a copy of the water bond analysis that outlined the yearly tax abatement figures. He explained that the rate levied against their property is contingent on the payment due on the bonds that year and how much funds the Township has on hand to make the payment. Trustee Stillman explained that the large levy in the beginning years of the special service assessment (SSA) was to ensure the Township had sufficient funds to make payments on the bonds before they could abate the taxes. He further explained the reason the SSA levy had been lower in recent years was because the Township had abated the SSA levy several times since the first year. Trustee Stillman stated the increase in 2008 was because the Township was unable to abate the tax levy at the amount it had previously abated since there were not enough funds on hand to abate at a higher amount. He stated that the last year of this SSA levy will be 2010 payable in 2011.

Trustee Stillman stated the Board will schedule another informational meeting next year regarding this tax abatement to answer any further questions that may arise.

PUBLIC/STAFF PARTICIPATION

Supervisor Murphy asked the public if they had any questions or comments. The residents were satisfied with the explanations given regarding the tax abatement process and there were no further questions.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Trustee Stillman, seconded by Trustee Benson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 P.M.

All ayes; Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clerk Pro-Tem Roger Benson

