LOCKPORT, ILLINOIS

MARCH 25, 2024

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

TOWN CLERK'S RECORD BOOK TOWN FUND

A special meeting was held on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 5:31 PM at the Lockport Township Government Building, 1463 S. Farrell Road, Lockport, IL 60441, in the Supervisor's Office. Supervisor Alex Zapien presiding.

Present were Trustees Karen Johnson and Denise Salvino, and Clerk Erin Haas Gotts. Absent were Trustee Gregg Bickus and Dean Morelli, Highway Commissioner Jim Louch and Collector Jessica Cannaday. The meeting agenda was posted at the Lockport Township Government Building, on the Township website (Clerk's section), calendar and also by the elevator door.

The meeting was held to discuss the revision of the tax levy limiting rate calculation and the providing of support to the Ovation Center.

Citizens Wishing To Address The Board- There were no citizens wishing to address the Board.

Supervisor Zapien recommended to the Board to consider adjusting the current tax rate of .1257 to .1145, which would mark a 15-year low. There was discussion with the Board. Supervisor Zapien mentioned that the proposed adjustment would lead to an 8.9% reduction in the Township's tax rate, which would be a 4.6% decrease in the levy. Trustee Johnson would like to lower the tax rate to .1111. The Board expressed their concerns about lowering the tax rate to .1111. Supervisor Zapien will submit the limiting tax rate at .1145 unless Will County states that the Township will have adequate funding at a limiting tax rate of .1111.

Supervisor Zapien informed the Board that the Ovation Center will consider a 1-year lease with a partnership fee. The budget would have to be amended if the Ovation Center partnership is approved by the Board. There was discussion with the Board. Supervisor Zapien stated that the total cost for the first year would be $11,627.90 which includes the 1-year lease fee, the purchase of a phone, phone service fees, a printer/scanner, a bulletin board, a sign and door decals. The Board discussed a reasonable partnership fee. Supervisor Zapien and Trustee Salvino mentioned $250,000.00 for the first-year partnership fee. Trustee Johnson would like the $250,000.00 to be considered for a three-year partnership fee. There was additional discussion with the Board. Supervisor Zapien will speak with the executive director of the Ovation Center to see if $250,000.00 would be accepted as a partnership fee.

On a Motion of Salvino, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

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ERIN HAAS GOTTS, TOWN CLERK