ALGONQUIN AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING
2600 HARNISH DRIVE
NOVEMBER 15, 2017
7:30 P.M.

The Board of Trustees of the Algonquin Area Public Library District held a Truth In Taxation Hearing on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at the Harnish Library.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President McGuire.
Those answering roll call were Trustees Athmalingam, McGuire, Mejia, Sanchez, Schaaf, and Smith. Vice President Gebhardt was absent. Also present were Executive Director Murray, Assistant Director Dolin, and Department Managers Christopherson, Parmele, Pearsall, and Slavick.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS
Patrons Joseph Greenwood, Janet Martin, and Administrative Assistant Theresa Therens were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT
President McGuire addressed the audience and discussed Board policy for public comments. President McGuire made a statement to the public regarding the responsibility of the Board to levy funds to operate the library. ‘’ We, the Board of Trustees of the Algonquin Area Public Library District, are responsible for levying the funds needed to operate the Library. This levy is a request made to Kane and McHenry Counties for property taxes to be billed and collected on behalf of the Library. Our levy request this year is $7,198,000.00, which represents an increase of 15.5% more than the money distributed to us by the counties last year. This 15.5% is not a direct 15.5% increase on individual taxes, but rather an increase in our requested levy amount. The reason we are asking for this increase is to keep up with the rate of inflation and to capture additional tax dollars from the new growth, both commercial and residential, in our library district. We understand that the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, commonly known as the PTELL or Tax Cap, will reduce our request to no more than we are legally allowed to collect.”

Janet Martin provided comment and documentation regarding the tax levy increase. “My husband and I have lived in Algonquin for nearly 20 years. We appreciate the library and the services offered. However, we are opposed to any tax levy increase. Our house is worth approximately $350,000. We already pay $11,061 in property taxes with $657.22 going to the Algonquin Library. Even through the recession, our taxes never went down. In fact, they have increased each year. After researching through the McHenry County Clerk website, using the Tax computation Report, I found that Algonquin’s library has the highest tax in all of McHenry County. The limited rate is .595732 which is double cities like Barrington and Huntley. Please see the attached information which includes an itemized listing of cities within McHenry County as well as their limited tax rates. Library taxes should not be raised. Please be responsible with tax payer money. Thank you for your time.”

The Board extended appreciation for the public’s comments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 7:42 pm was made by Secretary Schaaf and seconded by Treasurer Mejia

Ayes: Athmalingam, McGuire, Mejia, Sanchez, Schaaf, and Smith
Nays: None
Absent: Gebhardt
Abstain: None

APPROVED:

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President

ATTEST:

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Secretary

Enclosures: Multiple County Tax Computation Reports