

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE**

**December 9, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER** The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees of December 9, 2019 was held in the Meeting Room of the Village Hall, 7660 County Line Road, Burr Ridge, Illinois and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Gary Grasso.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Pledge of Allegiance led by Madilyn and William Steckel, Gower West School

**ROLL CALL** was taken by the Village Clerk and the results denoted the following present: Trustees Franzese, Schiappa, Paveza, Snyder, Mital, Mottl, and Mayor Grasso. Also present were Finance Director Jerry Sapp, Police Chief John Madden, Deputy Chief Marc Loftus, Assistant Village Administrator Evan Walter, Public Works Director Dave Preissig, Village Clerk Karen Thomas, and Village Attorney Mike Durkin.

**SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE OFFICER HEMZA SHAIBI** Police Chief John Madden introduced and the Village Clerk sworn in new police officer Hemza Shaibi.

**CALL TO ORDER** The Public Hearing for the 2019 Tax Levy was called to order by Mayor Grasso at 7:05 P.M. with the same Trustees in attendance as immediately preceding the Public Hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING** was published in The Suburban Life Newspaper November 28, 2019

**PURPOSE OF HEARING** is to consider the 2019 Tax Levy.

**PRESENTATION** Village Administrator Doug Pollock presented the 2019 Tax Levy. He said the total request for the 2019 Tax Levy is \$1,293,764 which represents an increase of 5.9% over 2018. Burr Ridge is subject to the State imposed Annual Tax Levy cap which dictates any increase be limited by a cost of living adjustment plus the capture of new growth resulting from annexation or new construction. The cost of living increase is based on the Consumer Price Index which is set at 1.9% this year.

Mr. Pollock continued that the available tax levy resulting from new growth will be determined by the Township Assessors in the first quarter of 2020. We estimate what the new growth might be and estimate higher than expected so as not to miss the opportunity to capture any property tax from new development in the Village.



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Mr. Pollock said the Tax Levy Ordinance must be adopted and filed with the Counties no later than the last Tuesday in December. The Tax Levy is divided into three separate levies: Police Pension, Corporate and Police Protection. The amount for the Police Pension Levy is determined by the State of Illinois. The remainder of the Levy is divided between the Corporate Levy which receives 60% and the Police Protection Levy which receives 40%. The Corporate Levy and the Police Protection Levy represent approximately 5.7% of the total General Fund that is used for normal expenses of the Village.

Mr. Pollock stated the Burr Ridge Property Tax portion represents less than 2% of a Burr Ridge resident's tax bill. The remaining 98%+ goes to other local taxing districts including school districts, fire districts, park districts, County, etc.

Trustee Mottl questioned how there could be a tax decrease, if the tax levy is increasing. He is concerned about raising property taxes when the value of homes have reportedly decreased. Finance Director Jerry Sapp explained a \$600,000 home, assuming no increase or decrease in the market value, the pool of equalized assessed evaluation would cause the taxes to go down. If there was an increase or decrease in market valuation there would be a variation but we are working with estimates and levying under the Illinois tax cap.

Mayor Grasso summarized the 5.9% growth is due to new growth taxes and the cost of living imposed by the respective Assessors in each County. It is not a tax increased by the Village Board.

Trustee Mottl stated the Village could choose not to increase the 1.9% Tax Levy. Mr. Pollock confirmed the Village has to pass the Levy. Trustee Paveza explained that if the Levy is not passed, the money from new construction will go to the County not the Village.

Village Attorney Mike Durkin explained the Police Pension Fund Levy is mandated. Although the Village is requesting 5.9% there is no guarantee of receiving anything more than the 1.9% cost of living. Trustee Mottl stated the Village could choose not to raise taxes at all. Mr. Durkin stated the Police Pension funding requirement by law is increasing. If that is not levied the State has the right to capture any State Revenue that can be paid by the municipality.

Motion was made by Trustee Snyder and seconded by Trustee Mital that the Public Hearing be closed.

The Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote of the Board of Trustees and the Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA – OMNIBUS VOTE** After reading the Consent Agenda by Mayor Gary Grasso, motion was made by Trustee Schiappa and seconded by Trustee Paveza that the Consent Agenda – Omnibus Vote (attached as Exhibit A), and the recommendations indicated for each respective item, be hereby approved. Any item removed from the Consent Agenda, will be discussed by the Board, opened for public comment, and voted upon during this meeting.

