

Approved as Presented
GRAFTON TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET LEVY MEETING MINUTES
Grafton Township, McHenry County, Illinois
Grafton Township Office, 10109 Vine Street, Huntley, IL 60142

MONDAY, December 20, 2021

The Road District Budget Levy Hearing of the Grafton Township, McHenry County, Illinois was held on Monday, December 20, 2021 at the Grafton Township Offices.

1. **Call to Order** -7:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**– Board Present: Supervisor Ruth; Trustee: Cooper, Cratty, Melendy and Ziller; Road Commissioner Kearns, Attorney Gottemoller, Attorney Militello, and Clerk Watson. Assessor Zielinski was absent. This meeting was not recorded.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
4. Road Commissioner Frank Kearns held a Budget Levy Hearing for the purpose of increasing the levy above 105%. This Hearing was properly black boxed in the Northwest Daily Herald. His levy increase in part as follows:
 - a. “The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2020 were \$720,145.00.”
 - b. “The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2021 are Eight Hundred Twenty Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$820,695.00). This represents a fourteen percent (14.0%) increase over the previous year.”
 - c. Road Commissioner Kearns was represented by Attorney James Militello III who presented the following information:
 - i. Attorney Militello had handouts/ explanations on Illinois State Statutes 60 ILCS 1/235-25; 605 ILCS 5/6-201.1; 605 ILCS 5/6-201.5; and 605 ILCS 56-501. This packet is included and made a part of these official minutes.
 - ii. Attorney Militello presented information on how the tax is calculated including but not limited to tables of information on Levy Extension/Limited Rates, Rates as they appear on the Real Estate Bill, Limiting Rate Extension Calculations, Road & Bridget Planning Projection for 2021, Final Tax Computation Report, and Assessor Estimated EAV Report. This packet of information is included and made a part of these official minutes.
5. **Public Comment**

- a. Resident Daniel Ziller Sr. commented on his disapproval of the increase.
- b. Response from Board
 - i. "Great explanation of the law" was commented by members of the Board.
 - ii. A discussion ensued with the Board, and Attorney Gottemoller regarding if there was a middle ground that could be decided and what role the Board has to play.

6. Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Trustee Cooper to adjourn the Grafton Township Road District Budget Levy Hearing. A voice vote was taken, all ayes noted, meeting adjourned @ 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Watson, Grafton Township Clerk