

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
Report for the Village Council Meeting
12/7/2021

SUBJECT:	SUBMITTED BY:
Motion to Estimate 2021 Aggregate Tax Levy for the Village of Downers Grove	Judy Buttny Finance Director

SYNOPSIS

A motion is requested to determine the tax levy estimate upon the taxable property in the Village in accordance with State law, which requires this action no less than 20 days prior to the adoption of the aggregate tax levy. The motion additionally directs staff to prepare ordinances to abate the preliminary tax levies related to the 2021 tax levies.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The goals for 2021-2023 include *Steward of Fiscal, Environmental and Neighborhood Sustainability*.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action establishes the maximum amount that the Village's tax levy cannot exceed. For this reason, it must include all potential components of the 2021 tax levy.

Those components, contained in the following table, total \$27,642,808. The process of abating, or reducing portions of the tax levy (because other sources of funding are available) will have the effect of lowering that amount to \$23,270,514, which includes the levy for the Village, Special Service Areas and the Public Library. The Village portion of the levy after abatements is estimated to be \$16,887,831. These figures are consistent with the FY2022 budget, which is scheduled for adoption on December 7, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION

This item was discussed in multiple prior public meetings and hearings. Staff recommends approval on the December 7th, 2021 Active Agenda.

BACKGROUND

The tax levy process requires the adoption of the motion presented in advance of the following:

- Publication of Truth in Taxation Notice and Announcement of Public Hearing 11/17/21
- Public Hearing on Tax Levy 12/07/21

- Adoption of Tax Levy 12/14/21
- Abatement of Certain Debt Levies 12/14/21
- Last day to file Levy with the County 12/31/21

Annually, the Village Council is required to levy taxes for the following: 1) Village Services defined as corporate/police, fire protection, police pension, fire pension, the total amount of all General Obligation (G.O.) Bond payments due for the fiscal year, 2) Library operating and 3) all Special Services Areas.

Following the levy of taxes, the Council may *abate* or reduce the levy (reduce the property tax collections) for the specific amount that the Village has other resources available to pay for debt service. The amount to be abated is determined by the budget when specific revenues such as water revenues that are identified to pay for bonds issued to improve the water system, and revenues from stormwater and capital funds that are available and budgeted for debt service.

Levy	2021 recommended levy before abatements	2021 recommended levy after abatements
Corporate levy	3,086,645	3,086,645
Fire Protection levy	2,935,500	2,935,500
Fire Pension	4,903,198	4,903,198
Police Pension	4,990,964	4,990,964
Capital	971,524	971,524
Debt Service:		
GO Bonds, Series 2014	790,975	-
GO Bonds, Series 2015	518,550	-
GO Bonds, Series 2016	745,500	-
GO Bonds, Series 2019	488,050	-
GO Bonds, Series 2020	1,829,219	-
Total Debt Service	4,372,294	-
Village Levy	21,260,125	16,887,831
Projected Village Tax Rate		0.5942
Library Operating	5,862,439	5,862,439
Special Service Area #6	120,244	120,244
Special Service Area #11	400,000	400,000
Total All Levies	27,642,808	23,270,514

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COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

INITIATED: Finance Director DATE: December 7, 2021
(Name)

RECOMMENDATION FROM: N/A FILE REF: _____
(Board or Department)

NATURE OF ACTION:

STEPS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT ACTION:

- Ordinance
- Resolution
- Motion
- Other

Motion to find and determine that the aggregate levy for the Village of Downers Grove, as defined in the Illinois Truth in Taxation Law, estimated to be necessary to be raised by taxation for 2021 upon the taxable property in Downers Grove is \$27,642,807.50. This amount is based upon an estimated levy of \$4,058,169 for corporate and police; \$2,935,500 for fire; \$4,990,964 for police pension; \$4,903,198 for fire pension; \$5,862,439 for library operating; \$790,975 for Refunding Bonds 2014 Series debt service; \$518,550 for Refunding Bonds 2015 Series debt service; \$745,500 for Refunding Bonds 2016 Series debt service; \$488,050 for Stormwater Bonds 2019 Series debt service and \$1,829,218.50 for Refunding Bonds 2020 Series debt services.

The estimated levy for Special Service Area #6, Fairview Fire Protection District Special Service Area, is \$120,244 and the estimate levy for Special Service Area #11, Downtown Downers Grove is \$400,000. The estimated levies is \$0 for the following Special Service Areas: Area #4, Green Acres; Area #5, Atwood; Area #7, Dunham Subdivision; Area #8, Nelson Meadow Subdivision; Area #9 35th & Saratoga Subdivision and #10 Bridgepoint Downers Grove Subdivision.

A public hearing will be held on these proposed levies on December 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers. The adoption of the proposed levies will be held on December 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers. Staff is also directed to prepare ordinances to abate certain 2021 tax levies.

SUMMARY OF ITEM:

Adoption of this motion will estimate the 2021 Village aggregate levy as shown above. This will be the subject of a public hearing on December 7, 2021.

RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN:
