

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**Report for the Village Council Meeting**  
**12/8/2020**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>
2020 Aggregate Tax Levy for the Village of Downers Grove	Judy Buttny Finance Director

**SYNOPSIS**

The Council will pass ordinances establishing and abating certain tax levies on December 8, 2020. The levy must be filed by December 31, 2020.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The goals for 2019-2021 include *Steward of Fiscal, Environmental and Neighborhood Sustainability*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Without the abatement of any debt, the proposed levy is estimated to be \$26,074,836. However, it is recommended that tax levy abatements totaling \$4,376,383 which would abate all Village debt, be approved. Therefore, the net taxes to be raised by taxation for 2020 upon the taxable property are \$21,698,453 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 \$15,790,288. This levy amount is reflected in the FY21 budget.

**UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION**

This item was discussed at the December 1, 2020 Village Council meeting. Staff recommends approval on the December 8, 2020 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 11/18/20
- Public Hearing on Tax Levy 12/01/20
- Adoption of Tax Levy 12/08/20
- Abatement of Certain Debt Levies 12/08/19
- Last day to file Levy with the County 12/31/20

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, revenues from stormwater and capital funds that are available and budgeted for debt service. The Mayor and Village Council have the opportunity to evaluate the proposed tax levy in the context of the budget. In addition, the proposal includes the tax levy and abatements. The amounts proposed for abatement are those debt instruments for which the Village has funds other than property taxes identified to pay principal and interest obligations.

<b>Levy</b>	<b>2020 recommended levy before abatements</b>	<b>2020 recommended levy after abatements</b>
Corporate levy	3,086,645	3,086,645
Fire Protection levy	2,935,500	2,935,500
Fire Pension	4,785,434	4,785,434
Police Pension	4,011,185	4,011,185
Capital	971,524	971,524
Debt Service:		
GO Bonds, Series 2012	1,215,400	-
GO Bonds, Series 2014	788,075	-
GO Bonds, Series 2015	518,450	-
GO Bonds, Series 2016	745,900	-
GO Bonds, Series 2019	486,600	-
GO Bonds, Series 2020	621,958	-
Total Debt Service	4,376,383	-
<b>Village Levy</b>	<b>20,166,671</b>	<b>15,790,288</b>
Projected Village Tax Rate		0.5807
Library Operating	5,553,474	5,553,474
Special Service Area #2	247,000	247,000
Special Service Area #6	107,691	107,691
<b>Total All Levies</b>	<b>26,074,836</b>	<b>21,698,453</b>

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE  
COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

INITIATED: Finance Director DATE: December 8, 2020  
(Name)

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

**NATURE OF ACTION:**

**STEPS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT ACTION:**

- Ordinance
- Resolution
- Motion
- Other

A motion adopting ordinances abating a portion of the 2020 tax levy related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012, 2019 and Refunding Bonds Series 2014, 2015, 2016, 2020, as presented

**SUMMARY OF ITEM:**

Adoption of the abatement ordinances as enumerated on the agenda will abate certain 2020 tax levies. The total amount to be abated is \$4,376,383.30. This amount can be abated since other sources of revenue are available to pay these debt service obligations.

**RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN:**

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Tax Levy Abatement - General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019

**ORDINANCE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_**AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF  
THE 2020 TAX LEVY RELATED TO  
THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2019**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, pursuant to the provisions of Article 8 of the Illinois Municipal Code, has heretofore adopted an ordinance levying taxes for the corporate purposes of the Village of Downers Grove for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of January, 2020, and ending on the thirty-first day of December, 2020, (hereinafter referred to as the "Ordinance"), which Ordinance shall, pursuant to law, be filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance provided for a levy for funds budgeted for the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019 (Ordinance 5753 adopted March 5, 2019) in the amount of \$496,600.00; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove has sufficient funds available in the Corporate Fund to abate a portion of the amount of tax to be levied for the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019 and to reduce the amount of tax to be levied pursuant to the Ordinance accordingly,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the funds available in the Corporate Fund of the Village of Downers Grove be applied to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019 in the amount of \$486,600.00.

SECTION 2. That the amount of \$486,600.00 levied for purposes of the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019 be abated from the tax levy for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of January, 2020, and ending on the thirty-first day of December, 2020.

SECTION 3. That the Clerk of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, is hereby directed to file with the County Clerk of DuPage County, Illinois, a copy of this Ordinance, duly certified by said Village Clerk.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as required by law.

SECTION 5. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

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Mayor

Passed:

Published:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk

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