

VILLAGE OF THREE OAKS PUBLIC HEARING – DATE: 06-09-21

A Motion was made to close the (in-person) regular Council Meeting at 7:08 pm. Moved: Hinman Supported: Thomas Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0 MOTION CARRIED. A Motion was made to enter into the (in-person) Public Hearing at 7:08 pm to hold the “Truth in Taxation” hearing in order to set the 2021 millage rate and to consider the proposed Non-Discrimination Ordinance. Moved: Kramer Supported: Newquist Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0 MOTION CARRIED. **NOTE The regular Council meeting and Public Hearing were held “in-person” in the upper level at Froehlich’s Event Center located at 19 N. Elm Street (next door to Village Hall). Council Members present were accounted for when roll was called for the Regular Council Meeting. Present: Kramer, Thomas, Hinman, Newquist, Ream, Smith Absent: Graziano.**

THE “TRUTH in TAXATION” hearing is held annually in order to set the millage rates for property taxes for the current year. A millage rate of 8.6585 mills was set for General Operations and 3.4632 mills for Streets. This is a decrease from the millage rate levied in 2020. There was no discussion.

REVIEW and DISCUSSION of the PROPOSED NON-DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE:

Audience Member, Sid Mohn, Director of the Interfaith Action of Southwest Michigan (a Faith Community) organization stated that they have implemented an “All are Welcome” to their group and believe that all people should be shown dignity and inclusion and equitable treatment. He expressed congratulations to the Village for moving forward with this ordinance.

Audience Member, Jenny Alderink read a letter recommending that the ordinance be adopted, but stated that the ordinance must include the banning of discrimination based on “Familial Status” and “Pregnancy, Childbirth, or a related medical condition”. It was confirmed that both of those items are already included in the ordinance. Attorney Hilmer asked the Council to table the ordinance in order to allow adequate time to review it. Council Member, Ream thanked the public for attending the meeting and showing their support for this ordinance.

A Motion was made to close the Public Hearing at 7:18 pm. Moved: Newquist Supported: Thomas Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0 MOTION CARRIED. A Motion was made to re-enter into the Regular Council meeting at 7:18 pm. Moved: Hinman Supported: Thomas Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by:

Cynthia E. Moynihan
Three Oaks Village Clerk
Minutes for the 06-09-21 Public Hearing
Were **APPROVED** at the 07-14-21 Council Meeting