

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**Report for the Village Council Meeting**  
**12/12/2017**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>
2017 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 12, 2017. The levy must be filed with the county by December 26, 2017.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The goals for 2017-2019 include *Steward of Fiscal, Environmental and Neighborhood Sustainability*.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Without the abatement of any debt, the proposed levy is estimated to be \$27,315,085. However, it is recommended that tax levy abatements totaling \$8,452,872, which would abate all Village debt, be approved. Therefore, the net taxes to be raised by taxation for 2017 upon the taxable property are \$18,862,213, 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 \$13,348,834. This levy amount is reflected in the FY18 Proposed Budget.

### **UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION**

This item was discussed at the December 5, 2017 Village Council meeting.

At the meeting, Mayor Tully asked what the Library Levy for operations has been for the past 5 years:

- 2013: \$4,440,083
- 2014: \$4,662,087, 5.00% increase over previous year
- 2015: \$4,826,000, 3.52% increase over previous year
- 2016: \$5,043,515, 4.51% increase over previous year
- 2017: \$5,182,314, 2.75% increase over previous year

Staff recommends approval on the December 12, 2017 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 11/22/17
- Public Hearing on Tax Levy 12/05/17
- Adoption of Tax Levy 12/12/17

- Abatement of Certain Debt Levies 12/12/17
- Last day to file Levy with the County 12/26/17

Annually, the Village Council is required to levy taxes for the following:

- 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;
- Library operating, Library debt; and
- 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, and revenues from the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts 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.

Levy	2017 recommended levy before abatements	2017 recommended levy after abatements
Corporate levy	2,997,145	2,997,145
Fire Protection levy	2,850,000	2,850,000
Fire Pension	3,400,165	3,400,165
Police Pension	3,130,000	3,130,000
Capital	971,524	971,524
Debt Service:		
GO Bonds, Series 2009	1,045,200	-
GO Bonds, Series 2010A	544,700	-
GO Bonds, Series 2010B	966,800	-
GO Bonds, Series 2012	1,935,319	-
GO Bonds, Series 2013A	1,839,750	-
GO Bonds, Series 2014	791,225	-
GO Bonds, Series 2015	512,250	
GO Bonds, Series 2016	744,100	
GO Bonds, Series 2017	73,528	-
Total Debt Service	8,452,872	-
<b>Village Levy</b>	<b>21,801,706</b>	<b>13,348,834</b>
Projected Village Tax Rate		0.5571
Library Operating	5,182,314	5,182,314
Special Service Area #2	247,000	247,000
Special Service Area #6	84,065	84,065
<b>Total All Levies</b>	<b>27,315,085</b>	<b>18,862,213</b>

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY**

**INITIATED:** Finance Director **DATE:** December 12, 2017  
(Name)

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

**NATURE OF ACTION:**

- ☒ Ordinance  
☐ Resolution  
☐ Motion  
☐ Other

**STEPS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT ACTION:**

Motion to adopt the "2017 AGGREGATE TAX LEVY ORDINANCE", as presented

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**SUMMARY OF ITEM:**

Adoption of this ordinance will establish the 2017 Downers Grove Tax Levy in the amount of \$21,801,705.76 for the Village of Downers Grove and \$5,182,314 for the Library.

**RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN:**

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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_****2017 AGGREGATE TAX LEVY ORDINANCE**

An ordinance levying taxes for corporate purposes of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County Illinois for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of January, 2017 and ending on the thirty-first day of December, 2017.

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

SECTION 1. That a tax for the following sums of money, as listed below and detailed on the following pages, or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, to defray all expenses and liabilities of the Village, be and the same is hereby levied for the purpose specified against all taxable property in the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of January, 2017, and ending on the thirty-first day of December, 2017.

<b>TAX LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 BY FUNDS</b>	
CORPORATE	\$3,968,669.00
FIRE PROTECTION	\$2,850,000.00
POLICE PENSION	\$3,130,000.00
FIRE PENSION	\$3,400,165.00
FAIRVIEW AVE. DEBT SERVICE & CBD TIF DEBT SERVICE 2009	\$1,045,200.00
CBD TIF DEBT SERVICE 2010	\$544,700.00
CBD TIF DEBT SERVICE 2010B	\$966,800.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS DEBT SERVICE 2012	\$1,935,318.76
CBD TIF DEBT SERVICE 2013A	\$1,839,750.00
REFUNDING BOND SERIES 2014	\$791,225.00
REFUNDING BOND SERIES 2015	\$512,250.00
REFUNDING BOND SERIES 2016	\$744,100.00
REFUNDING BOND SERIES 2017	\$73,528.00
TOTAL VILLAGE OPERATIONS	\$21,801,705.76
PUBLIC LIBRARY-OPERATING	\$5,182,314.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$26,984,019.76

SECTION 2. 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, on or before the last Tuesday of December, A.D. 2017, a copy of this ordinance duly certified by said Village Clerk.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as required by law.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Passed:

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Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk

Filed in the office of the County Clerk

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_