



rRemarks Data for April 20, 2021 Village Council Meeting

Agenda Section	Agenda Item	Comment	Commenter
<i>The following comment was received after 5:00p.m. and summarized at the Village Council meeting.</i>			
Comments of a General Nature		<p>In the village's annual budget report, do the numbers reported for sales tax revenue include or exclude amounts rebated to business(es)? For example, if a business generates 100k in sales tax revenue but the village rebates 40k to the business, is the amount reported in the budget 100k or 60k?</p> <p>Relative to the total amount of sales tax revenue accruing (after rebates) to the village, what percentage of the total is generated by each of the top four categories of retail businesses generating sales tax?</p> <p>For each new car dealership within the village, please indicate if the village has/does not have a sales tax revenue rebate (STRR) agreement with it. Please include the duration of the agreement, the date at which the current agreement ends, and whether the current agreement continues a prior such agreement.</p> <p>Has the village ever turned down or been unable to agree to terms with a new car dealership wanting to revise/renew an STRR agreement, given the company's desire to have the village help defray its capital investment (or other) costs? If the answer is 'yes,' please elaborate.</p> <p>Inferring from a prior instance when the village renewed an STRR agreement with Luxury Motors, what clause(s) does the village include in an agreement to ensure 'good civic behavior' on the part of the enterprise? Under what circumstances are such clauses included/not included in an agreement? In which instances have they worked to the desired end? In which have they not?</p> <p>Please list the names of all other companies with whom DG has an STRR agreement at the present time. Please include the duration of the agreement, the date at which the current agreement ends, and whether the current agreement continues a prior such agreement.</p> <p>What percentage of sales tax revenue accruing to the village is related to an STRR agreement? What is the trend in this percentage over the last 20 years?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Please list the names of entities with whom DG has a property tax abatement agreement of any kind, including those affected by a TIF. Please include the duration of the agreement and the date at which the current agreement ends.</p> <p>Please indicate the amount of tax paid by each entity above in the last reporting year, and the projected annual amounts to be paid each year through to the first year after the agreement ends.</p> <p>What percentage of commercial property tax collected by the village in the last reporting year is revenue associated with a tax abatement agreement? What is the trend in this percentage over the last 20 years?</p> <p>Given the village's consistent reliance on abatement in recent decades, when and under what circumstances in the future may the village NOT need to engage in such agreements?</p> <p>Under what circumstances does the negotiation of a property tax abatement involve taxing bodies other than the village -- e.g., school district, park district, etc.? Is the financial effect of the abatement solely on the village (and parties to the agreement), so that the revenue collected by a taxing body not in the agreement is unaffected by the abatement?</p> <p>*****</p> <p>I encourage the council to make this type of information available to residents in a more systematic way, either by posting it on its website and/or including it in its annual budget report.</p>	David Rose
Comments of a General Nature		<p>Has the village ever done social scientific research investigating the perception non-white individuals living in the Chicago area but outside the village have of Downers Grove?</p> <p>Specifically, do they view DG as a desirable place to live, shop, dine, etc.? If not, why not?</p>	David Rose