

**Minutes of the Taxing Bodies Efficiency Task Force
Tuesday, August 14, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
Oak Park Village Hall, Room 201**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:**

Present: Chair David Pope and Members John Hedges, Jim Peters, Brian Chang, and Joi Cregler by phone

Absent: Members Judy Greffin and Gary McCullough

Also Present: Village Manager Cara Pavlicek and Bob Dean and Sawyer Middleleer of the Metropolitan Planning Council (“MPC”)

3. **Introductions**

Bob Dean and Sawyer Middleleer of MPC introduced themselves to the Taxing Bodies Efficiency Task Force (“Task Force”). Each member of the Task Force introduced themselves as well as Village Manager Pavlicek. Chair Pope thanked MPC for all of their work, efforts and assistance to the Task Force.

4. **Public Comment**

Kitty Conklin asked that Task Force address referendum to reduce excess fund balances and examination of TIFs listed on the matrix and summaries prepared by MPC.

5. **Approval of August 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

It was motioned by Member Hedges and seconded by Member Chang to approve the Task Force’s August 7, 2018 meeting minutes. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

6. **Report Preparation**

a. **Prioritization and structure of recommendations**

Bob Dean of MPC reviewed 23 recommendations in a grid as recommended by Member Peters. The Task Force worked on materials distributed by Member Greffin. There was a lengthy discussion on how to develop the chart and final report.

b. **Continued discussion of report structure**

A recommendation was made for taxing bodies to refrain from seeking a funding referendum for 10 years. Citizen lead financial management commissions were recommended. This would strengthen residents’ ability to advocate for sound financial

management decision making. The Village is a resource and sometimes the Village collaborates with other jurisdictions. Salary growth and reducing the number of taxing bodies' employees are recommendations that would take priority.

c. Process for report finalization

At the Village Board's September 4, 2018 meeting, the Task Force will ask the Village Board for additional time until the end of September to prepare a final report. Some items were recommended to pursue now, study further, or not pursue. The Task Force will set out an action plan for implementation. Fund balance issues should comply but not exceed accepted state guidelines for particular units of government. The Task Force discussed a recommendation to limit the Village's 2019 levy increase to 3%. Including citizens' comments in the Task Force's report was suggested.

7. Adjournment

It was motioned by Member Hedges and seconded by Member Chang to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.