

Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library District  
Minutes of the October 25, 2010 Public Hearing  
TIT-Proposed Property Tax Levy Increase for 2010

The public hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Ella Johnson Memorial Public District was called to order at 7:32 PM by board president Richard Perry with Trustees Barbara Brust, Judith Pokorny, Luann Sarro and Linda Wallace present. Trustees Robert Becker and Tracy Pierce were absent. Also present were library director Carol Schrey and member of the public Jean Duchaj.

Public Hearing: Ms. Duchaj questioned why levy publication appeared only one time and in only one newspaper. President Perry responded that the library is required to publish the "black border" notice within certain time limits prior to the public hearing and in a publication that serves the general area.

Ms. Duchaj asked how the library arrived at 17% increase. President Perry replied that because of the tax cap if we did not inflate the amount asked for and there is an increase in the EAV we could lose the ability to collect the full, legitimate tax amount which is the lower of 5% or the CPI.

Ms Duchaj asked if the funds requested are for the new building or this operating budget. President Perry responded that these funds are for the operating budget of the library.

Ms. Duchaj asked if after the public hearing this goes on a voting ballot. President Perry responded the hearing is to allow for public input on the levy and the levy rate is to allow the library to collect the allowable taxes under the tax cap and is not to increase the current tax rate.

Member of the public Carol Quandt arrived near the end of discussion with Ms. Duchaj.

Ms. Quandt asked when this would be on the ballot. President Perry responded that this is not a ballot item to increase the tax rate; it is a levy to allow the library to receive taxes due.

Motion Sarro, sec. Wallace to adjourn the public hearing. Brust-yes, Perry-yes, Pokorny-yes, Sarro-yes, Wallace-yes Motion carried.

The public hearing was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara M. Brust, Secretary