

**Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library
109 S. State Street, Hampshire, IL 60140
Public Hearing Property Tax Levy Increase
Monday, November 24, 2025, 6:45 PM**

Purpose: Approve proposed property tax levy increase.

The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2024 were \$1,421,001. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2025 are \$1,541,000. This represents an 8.44% increase in the extension over the previous year.

Present: Trustees Kim Alberth, Kathy Eller, Morgan Kolecke, Judy Pokorny, and Linda Wallace.

Staff Members: Executive Director Stephen Bero, Youth Services Manager/Assistant Director Heather Swanson and Recording Secretary Kimberly Luhman.

Public: Steve Jerger and Ginger Romano

Absent: Trustees Pat Dumoulin, Judy Pokorny

Call to Order: President Wallace called the Public Hearing to order at 6:45 pm.

Public Comments: Ginger Romano addressed the board with the concerns of taxes. Her questions were do we need to increase the taxes and do we need to take the full amount?

Director Bero responded to the questions by explaining what the county process is for taxes.

Trustee Pat Doumlin joined the Public Hearing at 6:52 pm

Trustee Suzanne Lattanzio joined the Public Hearing at 6:55 pm

Adjournment: Trustee Alberth motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, seconded by Trustee Pokorny. President Wallace adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm. Closing of the meeting was approved by voice-vote consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Luhman, Recording Secretary

Kim Alberth, Board Secretary