Tax Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM

Members Present: Chris Balkema, Frank Halpin, Ken Iverson

Members Absent: Ralph Wagner, John Galloway

Also Present: John Almer (5:46), Sandy Pommier, Susan Bates, Missy Durkin, Dave Henderson, Bob Rychlicki,

Walt Zuckowski, Kathy Perry, Pat Halloran, David Streicker, Doug Jones, Hans Detweiler

Media: Terry Christensen

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2012 meeting was made by Halpin, seconded by Iverson. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the claims as presented was made by Halpin, seconded by Iverson. Motion carried.

Grainger Update: Missy Durkin, GEDC, presented a draft letter of support from the Tax Committee Chairman addressed to Tommy Kersting of WW Grainger. The letter reflected the county's approval of the extension of the abatement agreement deadline of November 25, 2012 to December 31, 2012 if needed. A motion to recommend the letter of support to the County Board, upon review by the States Attorney's office, was made by Halpin, seconded by Iverson. Motion carried.

Northern Illinois Hydropower: Durkin presented the statement of support for the Dresden Island and Brandon Road Hydroelectric projects. John Almer was asked to update the committee on the meeting that he attended in regards to the matter. A motion was made by Iverson, seconded by Halpin to recommend the letter of support to the County Board. Motion carried.

Board of Review: Rachel Wolf attended the meeting to update the committee on a matter involving complaints that tax appeals were not being accepted at the Assessor's office. Henderson stated that the complaint form had changed and was not being completed properly; the form was amended and the matter has been resolved.

No New/Old Business was heard.

Cleanline Energy: Balkema stated that a meeting had been held, prior to this one, between Cleanline Energy and the school districts to further discuss the proposals. Attorney for the schools, Walt Zuckowski added that the meeting was positive and constructive and that a letter of support had been done to Cleanline to be included in their application to the Illinois Commerce Commission.

The discussion continued including requirements and timelines of the project. Balkema asked that the Tax Committee be kept updated and further discussion will take place at the next meeting on November 7, 2012. Halloran added that there are plans for a joint Finance meeting between Saratoga and Morris school districts.

No executive session was held.

A motion to adjourn was made by Halpin, seconded by Iverson. Motion carried.