

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
TAX LEVY HEARING

A tax levy hearing was held at 7:00 p.m., December 16, 2008 at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. Members present were: Cooper, Sederquist, O'Leary, Dunne, Drucker and Lawson. Absent: Kane.

The hearing was called to order by President Cooper. Trustee Drucker said the finance committee was recommending a tax levy increase of \$10,000, bringing the total request to \$176,155. Trustee Drucker said the village needed to stay current with increases in operating costs. Based on the estimated equalized assessed valuation a property valued at \$100,000 would have an increase in tax of five or six dollars.

There was discussion held about the need for Orion to convene a hearing every year based on language that requires the prior year's tax extension be compared with the current year's tax request. Clerk Sampson explained that the village's request was always reduced by Orion's share of the Western Township road and bridge funds. She said the language requirement always makes the current request appear much higher than the prior year. She said last year's request was \$166,155, and this year's request of \$176,155 had to be compared to last year's extension of approximately \$153,000, giving the appearance of a 14.85% increase. The increase was really only 6%.

There being no further business to come before the hearing, the meeting was adjourned.

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk

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