

CITY OF SYLVAN LAKE
PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 20, 2015

A Public Hearing was held by the Sylvan Lake City Council on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at the Sylvan Lake Community Center, opening at 7:34 p.m. with Mayor Dzenko presiding.

Present: Zubrzycki, Cassar, Dzenko, Lorenz, Meskin **PH-001-15 B-005-15**

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Martin, Clerk Dryden and City Attorney Schultz

The public hearing was scheduled to receive public input regarding the proposed 2015/2016 budget.

Martin made a power point presentation showing how the millage rates are calculated which included the breakdown of proposed millage rates, and dollars collected for each millage. He showed the proposed total millage to be levied for fiscal year 2015-2016 will be 23.2179 the General Operating total being 13.7429 mills. He explained how the debt millage is calculated. He provided a review showing taxes collected from 2009, \$703,000 and where will be at for 2015, \$544,000; so his estimate back in 2011 saying it will take 20 years to get back to where we were will be pretty close to correct. Martin provided a summary of General Fund revenues and expenditures and charts showing the revenues and expenditures. He reviewed capital improvements and projections going out to 2020 when the voted millage expires.

Mayor Dzenko opened the meeting to the public.

Cassar confirmed his thinking on additions being new construction and additions/improvements on a home is what is included and this affects the taxable value.

Jim Smith saw cable revenue in the presentation and asked what that is. Martin explained it is from franchise fees from the cable companies.

MaryAnn Smith asked if there is any allocation for post-employment benefits. Martin confirmed there is.

Lorenz question what the maximum the taxes could be raised, is it rate of inflation? Martin explained, Headlee says we are only allowed to receive the same amount of money we did the prior year plus the rate of inflation.

Mayor Dzenko thanked Martin for the presentation. Martin invited everyone to make an appointment with him if they would like to discuss the budget in further detail.

There were no other comments.

Mayor Dzenko closed the Public Hearing at 7:55 p.m.

Dennise Dryden, City Clerk