

Manteno CUSD #5  
Minutes of the Public Hearing for the 2006 Tax Levy  
Tuesday, December 19, 2006 – 6:17 p.m.  
High School Library

Call To Order        The meeting was held in the Manteno High School library and was called to order by President Stauffenberg at 6:17 p.m.

Roll Call         The following members answered to roll call:

S. Martin   M. Nelson   J. Toepper    M. Stauffenberg   - four (4)

Absent: G. Dodge, P. Mallaney (arrived at 6:24 p.m.) and A. Strawson – three (3)

Also present: Supt. Russert, K. Meyer, P. Russert, T. Steele, J. DePoister and D. Fortin (recording secretary) – six (6).

Visitors: R. Paarlberg, J. & K. Emerson, K. Frame, J. Nelson, B. Huff and B. Fischer – seven (7).

Pledge of Allegiance        President Stauffenberg led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appoint Secretary Pro-Tem        Moved by Toepper, seconded by Martin to appoint Mike Nelson as Secretary Pro-Tem in the absence of Patrick Mallaney. Voice vote: All ayes – four (4). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Public Hearing For 2006 Tax Levy        Member Mallaney entered at 6:24 p.m.

Public Input        President Stauffenberg asked if any community members wished to address the Board of Education – Mr. Ralph Paarlberg, a resident of Sumner Township for over 30 years addressed the board with the concerns of the notice of publication (the notice was published only in the Manteno News 12/7/2006); a 12% plus increase is a lot for a land owner (12% is what is asked for, the County Clerk will reduce to what is applicable under the law); when the tax increase would go into effect (next tax bill); how the referendum request (March) was placed on the same year's tax bill (it was so stated on the referendum question and answered at the televised referendum forum); the impact fee for new homes (approximately \$5,800 for the school's portion); and mobile home parks do not pay much in taxes (the tax bill is based on the land value, which is sent to the land owner, then normally absorbed by the occupants). Member Nelson commented that the tax bills will also go up 12 cents per \$100 assessed evaluation form last year's bonds. Member Stauffenberg commented that Manteno CUSD #5 continues to have one of the lowest tax rates in the area compared to:

- St. George        4.816
- BBB                4.818
- Bradley            5.229
- Manteno            4.301

- Grant Park 5.017

Staff Input President Stauffenberg asked if any staff member wished to address the Board of Education – there were none.

Board Input President Stauffenberg asked if any Board member would like to discuss the proposed levy – there were none.

Amendments Or Changes to Tax Levy There were no amendments or changes to the proposed tax levy.

Adjournment Moved by Martin, seconded by Nelson to adjourn the hearing. Voice vote: All ayes – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried. The hearing ended at 6:27 p.m.

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Mark Stauffenberg, Board President

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Patrick Mallaney, Board Secretary

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