

**Powell Township Government**  
**Truth – in – Taxation Public Hearing**  
**PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808**  
**Friday October 8th, 2021 7:00PM**

~~Draft Minutes~~

Approved 10/19/21

Public Hearing for the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing called to order at 7:00 PM at Township Hall and via FreeConferenceCall

1. Roll Call: Karen December (Trustee); Kelli Santilli (Treasurer), Samantha Morin (Clerk)
  - a. Absent: Denise Hudson (Trustee); Darlene Turner (Supervisor)
2. Motion to have Treasurer Kelli Santilli to run the Hearing (December/Morin). All yes, motion passed.
  - J. Gertz - feels taxes should not be raised during COVID
  - P. Bakken - questions what Truth-in-tax used for? How much would be collected? How much will it increase per 1000.
  - R. Durant – Understands that it is Headlee; gave example using taxable value of \$100,000
  - K. Fisher – gives personal struggles; believes township should trim more of spending and not pass the Truth-in-taxation

Treasurer reads memo from Assessor *See attachment*

- R. Durant - renewing millage in future years would be only way to get money back if not passed.
- J. Gertz – Township Funds discussion
- R. Durant – Truth-n-taxation covers inflation questions
- K. Fisher – Special Meeting discussion
- P. Bakken – questions if it was voted no when would the next year to vote it back in?
- K. Fisher – Board Quorum concern
- J. Gertz – millage/funds affected concern
- K. Fisher- believes its above taxable value inflation, reads Headlee act

Assessor J. Solomon was called to join the meeting. Explains over the phone what Truth-in-Taxation affects; timing of mileages and when it can be brought back; that the millage cannot go over the 1.00; how much the township would collect

- Conversation between K. Fisher and Assessor

Treasurer announced while Special Meeting is to follow this Hearing, a different Special Meeting will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7pm due to public concerns that it was not posted correctly.

Trustee December invites the public back for further public comment

No Public joined via Free Conference Call

**Treasurer closed the hearing at 7:33 PM**

Minutes prepared by:  
Samantha Morin

Powell Township Clerk

### Truth in Taxation

A note from the assessor.

You're holding the hearing as it allows you to include the inflation rate in the millage reduction calculation.

The Base tax rate w/out this hearing is .9941

The Headlee rate w/ this hearing is 1.000 (so no roll backs to the millages keeping the rate the same)

To the tax payer this means an increase of 3.55 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value. For a property with a taxable value of \$50,000 the taxes would increase by \$1.775. To the township this means a difference of \$3,127.00 spread over all of the millages.

Another note is that once a millage is rolled back, it cannot increase for the life of the millage, so once these funds are lost, you lose them not just this year, but for each subsequent year as well.

Don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions before or during your hearing [REDACTED] is my cell.

Attachment 1