NEW YORK MILLS CITY COUNCIL
TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING
December 11, 2018
6:01 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM
The public hearing of the New York Mills City Council was called to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building at 28 Centennial 84 Dr. West, New York Mills, Minnesota, all members of the Council having been notified of the meeting and the business to be transacted.

Members Present: Gerber, Maki, Roder, Hoaby and Hetland

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: J. Roberts

Guests Present: None

Call to Order The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:01 p.m. A quorum was present.

Mayor Gerber noted that it was time for the Public Hearing to convene. She noted that City Clerk Julie Roberts would be making a presentation on the projector for the audience to follow along on.

Clerk Roberts noted there is an estimated increase of 0.12% in LGA (local government aid) for 2019. The City’s preliminary levy was set at 3.94% and is now at 5.77%, which is for the amount of $329,276 for the general levy amount. Roberts showed a summary of outstanding debt which was $8,253,350 for 2017 and 7,581,350 for 2018. Roberts noted the bond debt levy amount has not changed for the past five years. The average levy increase for Otter Tail County is 6.31% and New York Mills is below that at 5.77%.

Roberts gave an overview of the proposed 2018 levy payable in 2019. The levy is in two parts – one for the general fund needs and another for the debt servicing needs. The combined total of these two parts is proposed to be $498,276 which is up from last year’s combined levy of $471,088, an increase of 5.7%. Broken down, the levy consists of the debt levy which has remained flat for the past 5 years in the amount of $169,000 and the operating levy which is increasing from $310,402 to $329,276.

Roberts discussed the City’s budget for 2019. Special Revenue Funds include the Library Fund, Fire Department Fund, Park Board Fund and Revolving Loan Fund. The bond funds are the same as 2018. The Capital Project funds include TIF District #1 fund, Capital Projects Reserve Fund 412, 2015 Utility and Street Improvement fund 419, 2017 Miller Drainage and Street Improvement & CSAH 84 fund 420, TIF District 1-10 Fund 425 and TIF District 1-11 Fund 426. Enterprise Funds include Water, Sewer, Gas and Liquor Store Funds. General Fund Revenues include taxes and franchise fees, state, County and other aid and grants, permits licensing fees, police fines and fees, Roberts noted that the total general fund revenues are budgeted to be $1,222,928 in 2019. She went through the various general fund departments and showed the 2019 expenditures budgeted for each department. The General Fund total expenditures are at $1,214,319 leaving the General Fund net revenues at $8,609.

At the conclusion of Roberts’ presentation, she asked if anyone wished to ask questions or make comments.

The City of New York Mills is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
Mayor Gerber thanked Roberts for the presentation, and after hearing no further comments or questions she closed the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

________________________________________
Julie A. Roberts
Administrative Assistant
City of New York Mills