

**NEW YORK MILLS CITY COUNCIL  
TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING  
December 12, 2023  
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 Center Building at 118 North Main, New York Mills, Minnesota, all members of the Council having been notified of the meeting and the business to be transacted.

Members Present: Maki, Hetland, Hammond, Grotheer, and Nesland

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Clerk Julie Roberts, Public Works Director Kyle Mattson, Admin Assistant Cheri Kopveiler

Guests Present: Brent Thompson

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

Mayor Maki noted that it was time for the Public Hearing to convene. Brent Thompson was present at 6:01 for the public hearing.

Roberts gave an overview of the proposed 2023 levy payable in 2024. The proposed total tax capacity for 2023 is 115.828%, comparable with 127.837% last year. Roberts gave a breakdown of each taxing authority. The City's share totaled 62.5960%, School 20.125%, HRA 1.4880%, and County 31.619.00%.

The levy contains 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 \$628,369 which is up from last year's combined levy of \$586,608, a blended increase of 7.12% or \$42,081. Broken down, the levy consists of the debt levy which has remained flat for the past eleven years in the amount of \$169,000 and the operating levy which is increasing from \$417,608 to \$459,369.

Roberts discussed the City's budget for 2023. Special Revenue Funds include the Library Fund, Fire Department Fund, Park Board Fund and Revolving Loan Fund. Outstanding debt at the end of 2023 totaled \$6,578,000, a net decrease of \$569,000 from 2022. The Capital Project funds include TIF District #1 fund 405, Capital Projects Reserve Fund 412, TIF District 1-10 Fund 425, and the 2022 Public Works Facility Fund 428. 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 and police fines and fees.

Roberts noted that the total General Fund revenues are budgeted to be \$1,559,410 in 2024. She went through the various General Fund departments and showed the 2024 expenditures budgeted for each department. The General Fund total expenditures are at \$1,547,782 leaving the General Fund net revenues at \$11,628. Transfers out of the General Fund to other departments totaled \$201,946.

At the conclusion of Roberts' presentation, she asked if anyone wished to ask questions or make comments. Having received several inquiries about proposed property taxes in the newly annexed Southside Addition, Roberts commented she will call the County Assessor to try to get answers as to why property taxes increased so much more than the study projected. Roberts also gave a breakdown of how property taxes are calculated.

Mayor Maki thanked Roberts for the presentation, and after hearing no further comments or questions she closed the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Julie A. Roberts  
City Clerk  
City of New York Mills  
(Notes taken and typed by Cheri Kopveiler, Administrative Assistant)

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