



**TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA
BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 23, 2025**

A Meeting of the Budget Committee of the Township Officials was held on Thursday, September 23, 2025, at 9:37 A.M., at City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Room 404, Peoria, Illinois, to discuss an agenda item for the Town Board of Trustees Meeting for the Town of the City of Peoria, with proper notice having been given.

ROLL CALL

Budget Committee Members present: Township Supervisor LaTrina Leary, Township Assessor Max Schlafley, Township Clerk Stefanie Tarr – 3; Absent: Township Collector Jim Montelongo - 1.

Others present: Township Attorney John Redlingshafer, Township Bookkeeper Lynn Green, Township Bookkeeper Asya Washum, Township Administrative Assistant Holli Heinz, Township Assessor-Elect Andrew Couri, Township Liaison Bernice Gordon-Young, Township Assistant Ian Munk.

MINUTES

Township Supervisor Leary moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2025, meeting of the Township Budget Committee; seconded by Township Assessor Schlafley.

Approved unanimously by viva voce vote.

PROPOSED TAX LEVY DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

Township Bookkeeper Green distributed the Tax Computation Report and the Estimate Cash Balances Report.

Township Assessor-Elect Couri reviewed the levy rate in comparison to the previous year.

Township Supervisor Leary discussed decreased estimated cash balances, a decrease in the reserves, and an increase in applications for General Assistance. She continued by raising concerns about rising economic hardship and potential federal legislation that would lay additional strains on the Township's finances.

Township Liaison Gordon-Young questioned the course of action to be taken to address the concerns raised by Township Supervisor Leary. Township Supervisor Leary planned a sustainable reduction in reserves and a collaboration with the Township Assessor to ensure a levy rate that benefits from the increased appreciation of housing values.

Township Assessor Schlafley moved to approve the preliminary levy of \$1,419,540.00 at a rate of 0.074315%, an approximate 5% decrease from the previous tax rate; seconded by Township Supervisor Leary.

Approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Leary, Schlafley, Tarr – 3;
Nays: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was determined there was no Unfinished Business to address at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Township Clerk Tarr welcomed the new Township Liaison Gordon-Young and Township Bookkeeper Washum.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS BUDGET COMMITTEE

It was determined that there were no citizens wishing to address the Township Budget Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Township Supervisor Leary moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Township Assessor Schlafley.

Approved unanimously by viva voce vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 A.M.



Stefania Tarr, RMC, MMC
Town Clerk

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