

**MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF LENA  
PUBLIC HEARING  
December 9, 2024  
5:55pm**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

\*not present

**Board present: Steve Buss, Claudia Simpson, Christin Keefer, Brian Peight, Brooke Baldauf, Dean Rood, Brandon Smith, Cathy Stevens, and Nicole Callos. Also Present: Lindsay Buss, Kory Polhill, Robin Walton**

**This Public Hearing was held to allow the public to speak and ask questions regarding the proposed Tax Levy for the Village of Lena.**

**The following discussion was held: Buss stated the Tax Levy does not raise individual resident taxes; it allows the Village to capture the available funds that have already been assessed. The Village does not set the tax multiplier. Buss explained there is a 15.1% increase to what the Village could capture this year due to TIF coming to an end, the estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2024 is \$559,500. Buss stated the Village worked with Jazmin Wingert and Rick Heinrich to complete this ordinance. Peight asked whether there would ever be an option to lower taxes; in a perfect world, with a bigger tax base the rates would not need to be as great for residents. Assessed values are not done by the Village but are mandated by the State. A levy of over 5% is not predicted to happen again for another 20+ years.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Peight second by Keefer to adjourn the Public Hearing of December 9, 2024. ALL AYE.**