

**LAKE COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS****PUBLIC HEARING****April 8, 2004**

The Lake County Board met in the Regular September, A.D. 2003 Session of the County Board held on Thursday, April 8, 2004 in the Fremont Township Center Community Room, 22376 W. Erhart Road, Mundelein, Illinois. Chairman Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. The Chair led the Pledge to the Flag. Deputy Clerk Linda Wisch called the roll. Members present were: Calabresa, Carlson, Cole, Cunningham, Gravenhorst, Kyle, Maine, Martini, Nixon, O'Kelly, Schmidt, Talbett and Whitmore. Members Bassi, Bauer, Carter, Mountsier, Newton, Paxton, Powers, Sabonjian, Spielman, and Stolman were absent.

Gary Gibson of the County Administrator's Office gave an overview of the proposed Special Service Area. He noted that it was being established to maintain the private roads in the Woods of Ivanhoe subdivision. Mr. Gibson also noted that Mr. Bill Grinnell, Highway Commissioner for Fremont Township filed a petition to request that the County Board establish a special service area. The petition was signed by property owners and electors within the proposed special service area and would provide a mechanism to maintain private roads. If the SSA is established, the County would work with the township road commissioner to establish a program whereby a voucher would be submitted to the County and we would pay off of that voucher. The special service area would last 15 years. There are 87 parcels within the subdivision and they would be taxed up to \$500.00 per year. It was noted that the tax could be lower, but no higher than \$500.00

Mr. Gibson then asked for questions from the County Board. Member Martini asked if the Village of Hawthorn Woods was planning on annexing these parcels. Mr. Gibson stated that there is an annexation petition going through the court system at this time. If our process is completed before the annexation, the special service area would still stand and we would work with the Village and the Township Highway Commissioner to establish a maintenance program. Member Martini asked if the lots could be subdivided. Mr. Gibson reported that they could still be subdivided. Mr. Gibson also noted that the potential to be collected per year is \$43,500.00. Member Martini asked if that would reduce the life of the SSA. Mr. Gibson said it would not.

Member Carlson asked if the roads would be included in the annexation. A member of the subdivision stated that they wanted to keep the roads private. Member O'Kelly asked that Mr. Gibson go over the petitions that were done for those who have never been involved in a SSA. Mr. Gibson gave the following calendar of events: highway commissioner files the petition, homeowners association filed petitions indicating their support. Objections must be submitted within 60 days after the close of the Public Hearing. In order to be ruled a valid objection by the Circuit Court, an objection petition would need fifty percent plus one of the signatures of the property owners and electors. If a valid objection is filed, the SSA process stops and cannot be restarted for two (2) years. If the County Board adopts and Ordinance

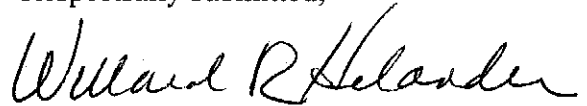
Establishing the SSA, then a levy ordinance would need to be passed in December. The First taxes for the SSA would be collected in 2005.

Member O'Kelly thanked Mr. Grinnell for his work and State Representative Ed Sullivan for changing the legislation. Member Talbett asked who makes the decisions? Mr. Gibson stated that the homeowners, the highway commissioner and Marty Buehler of the County Highway Department, as necessary, make decisions to help develop a program.

The Chair asked for Public Comment. A resident asked about the Hawthorn Woods annexation. The Chair advised that we have heard there is a movement to annex the area and petitions against annexation have been filed.

The Chair asked if there was any other public comment. There was none. Member O'Kelly moved, seconded by Member Whitmore to adjourn the public hearing. The Chair called for a Voice Vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Willard R. Helander  
Lake County Clerk

Minutes approved:

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