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FAQs about the Proposed Property Tax Increase for Warren-Newport Public Library District

A public hearing regarding a proposed property tax levy increase for Warren-Newport Public Library District for fiscal year 2018-2019 will be held November 20, 2018, at 6:45 p.m. at Warren-Newport Public Library, 224 North O'Plaine Road, Gurnee, Illinois. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Ryan Livergood, Executive Director, at rlivergood@wnpl.info or (847) 244-5150.

1) What's the background on this increase?

In 2010 Warren-Newport Public Library refinanced existing bond debt (\$7.8 million in Series 2010B bonds) by passing and filing a bond ordinance with the Lake County Clerk. The ordinance required the County Clerk to levy a special tax to pay off the bonds. Each year, however, Warren-Newport Public Library would pass and file a bond tax abatement ordinance.

In 2017, the WNPLD Board passed a bond tax abatement ordinance (on January 17, 2017). However, it was not properly filed with the Lake County Clerk. The error resulted in a temporary increase in taxes paid to the library in 2017 for 2016. The additional tax revenue was set aside. To correct the error, the 2017 levy asked for a lesser amount (a "double abatement") to make whole the taxpayers. The current year's levy request is a correction that would bring the tax levy to a level of balance prior to the filing error in 2017. This is not an increase per se, but a leveling of tax prior to 2017.

2) Is the November 20 hearing and public notice unusual? Is this part of the normal process?

Yes, both are part of the standard process for notifying the public.

3) If I have more questions, whom can I speak with?

Please feel free to contact Ryan Livergood, Executive Director, at rlivergood@wnpl.info or 847-244-5150, ext. 3008.

Thank you for your interest and understanding.

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