

**Village of Rochester**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Public Hearing**  
**January 30, 2017**

President David Armstrong called the hearing to order at 6:14 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:	President Armstrong	Trustee Eandi
	Trustee Hendrickson	Trustee Munroe
	Trustee Zobrist	Trustee Laningham
	Clerk Langdon	

ABSENT: Trustee Hill

President Armstrong welcomed those in attendance and informed residents that the Village had handouts/fact sheets for their information regarding the proposed TIF District.

**Hearing Regarding the Proposed Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District**

President Armstrong opened the public hearing by informing the audience of the procedure for providing comments. He then proceeded to provide some back ground information on this proposal which began in 2015. After briefing the audience on steps taken by the Village in regards to the proposed TIF, President Armstrong opened the floor to comments and questions.

Dozens of residents addressed the Board including Rochester School District Superintendent Dr. Tom Bertrand. Dr. Bertrand informed the Village Board that the school board voted to oppose the TIF due to the inclusion of existing residential property in the TIF. The diversion of tax to the TIF would create a significant void to the school district as well as the other taxing bodies. Dr. Bertrand offered to do a presentation for the Village Trustees regarding the schools district's concerns.

Other residents to address the Board include:

Kimberly Poole – in support of Dr. Bertrand's comments and expressed her concerns regarding the impact on the school district.

Joe Hurwitz – in support of the proposed TIF district.

Tom Walker – in support of Dr. Bertrand and school board position. Opposed to taking tax dollars away from the school district.

Michelle Tungett – in support of the school boards position. Would support TIF if the school was protected and the school board supported.

Janet Hoss Davis – concurred with Dr. Bertrand and school board's position.

Joan Martin – does not want to see money diverted from the school district. Concurs with school board position.

Pat Reserva – asked a few questions regarding the life of the TIF. He is concerned school district would be deprived funds needed to accommodate growth in the district.

John Thing – asked when the Board would vote on the TIF. Feels the TIF proposal is contradictory to the policies that the Village has in place that appear to be anti-growth. He is concerned about the long term effects of the TIF and he supports the school board's position.

David Lacy – asked if anyone has approached the Village regarding development. President Armstrong responded that while there is nothing in writing, there are businesses that are interested in development.

Diane Kerr-Herrmann – spoke on behalf of the Library Board. Reminded Trustees that a TIF would impact the library as well. It is her hope that through an intergovernmental agreement the library funds would not be capped for the next 23 years.

Pat Patterson – lives outside the Village but owns rental property in the Village. Stated that what attracts renters to Rochester is the school district. He would hate to see anything done that would have an adverse effect on the school.

Lois Weisberg – spoke in support of the proposed TIF

Jeff Hill, Curt Mavis, Ben Moore and Charles Ragsdale also addressed the Board.

Herb Klein (Jacob & Klein) and Steve Kline (Economic Development Group) provided most of the responses to the questions/concerns raised by residents pointing out the many benefits of a TIF. They encouraged residents to study the plan of what they are trying to do. The TIF would put Rochester on a more level playing field when it comes to getting private investment to come here.

Trustee Hendrickson also spoke on the issue. He informed residents that to address all the infrastructure improvements (streets, sidewalks, storm water drainage, etc.) that need to be done in the Village would cost around \$23 million. This is money that Public Works does not have. The need for sidewalks to the Intermediate School and Library would cost around \$800,000. The TIF would be a good way to solve some of these problems facing the Village. The Board agreed from the beginning that they would try to take care of the fire district, library district and school district.

*Trustee Eandi made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion. Hearing closed at 7:57 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Langdon  
Clerk  
Village of Rochester