

**Minutes of the Taxing Bodies Efficiency Task Force
Tuesday, April 17, 2018 – 8:00 a.m.
Public Works Center, 2nd Floor Multi-Purpose Room**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m.
2. **Roll Call:**

Present: Chair David Pope, Brian Chang, John Hedges, Joi Cregler, Jim Peters

Absent: Judy Greffin, Gary McCullough

Also Present: Lisa Shelley, Deputy Village Manager and Paul Stephanides, Village Attorney, Bob Dean and Angela Riley, Metropolitan Planning Council

3. **Introductions**

Bob Dean and Angela Riley of the Metropolitan Planning Council (“MPC”) introduced themselves to the Taxing Bodies Efficiency Task Force (“Task Force”). Each member of the Task Force introduced themselves as well as Deputy Village Manager Shelley and Village Attorney Stephanides.

4. **Public Comment**

None.

5. **Approval of April 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Member Cregler and seconded by Member Hedges to approve the Taxing Bodies Efficiency Task Force’s April 3, 2018 meeting minutes. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

6. **Task Force Work Plan**

Bob Dean reviewed the slides contained in a presentation entitled “Task Force Work Plan Research Activities, and Outreach Activities” that takes the Task Force through August 2018 when its report is due to the Village Board. Background research will be MPC’s focus through the month of June 2018. Letters will be sent out to chief elected and appointed officials of the taxing bodies during the month of April. Chair Pope stated that the Task Force should include the potential savings that can be realized as part of its recommendations.

7. Research Activities

a. Government efficiency publications and studies

Member Hedges suggested reviewing Oak Park's history of sharing services and ways to expand sharing services. Member Cregler stated the Task Force needs more information on unfunded state mandates and ways to push against unfunded mandates.

b. Comparable communities and case studies

Chair Pope stated that the Task Force can look at service collaboration with neighboring municipalities. The top three services that are being shared with other municipalities currently are joint dispatching, joint procurement of supplies and services, and public works operations.

c. Financial analysis

Chair Pope suggested looking at sources of revenue other than property taxes. Member Peters stated that the sharing of services should be the focus of the Task Force because it is easy for the community to understand. Member Cregler asked that the Task Force look at how services are currently shared and ways to expand such sharing of services.

8. Outreach Activities

a. Approach to other taxing bodies

The Task Force will send out letters and surveys to taxing bodies to determine current practices; potential for the sharing of services; and financial information. The survey will ask what challenges the taxing bodies are facing that effect efficiencies.

b. Collection of public input

The Chicago Community Trust spearheaded meetings over a meal between government representatives to discuss the future of the metropolitan area that it called "On the Table." Bob Dean suggested that MPC could facilitate a similar meal "On the Table" meeting regarding the Task Force's mission with one to two persons from each taxing body and the Task Force in attendance. MPC will look to schedule such a meal meeting possibly in May. It would be a good opportunity for leaders, board members, staff, or the public to participate. MPC could pay for the meal. Topics of discussion at the meal will be ideas to improve services and lower costs.

c. General talking points on mission of Task Force

The Task Force discussed the use of the Village's website for the collection of public comments using the I-290 project as a model. Chair Pope asked the Task Force members to create their own efficiencies lists using the handout he distributed at the last meeting.

Chair Pope discussed reaching certain segments of the community that are historically not engaged and are disproportionately impacted by property taxes.

9. Adjournment

It was moved by Member Chang and seconded by Member Peters to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.