

Village of Oak Park

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Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

An Ordinance Providing for the Abatement of \$346,200 Against the 2021 Tax Levy (2010C General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds)

Overview

On an annual basis, Village staff recommends the abatement or cancellation of various tax levies that were originally pledged to pay the debt service of a specific bond issue. By default, whenever general obligation (GO) bond is issued, the annual debt service is automatically levied by the County unless the Village directs the Cook County Clerk's Office to abate some or all of the annual levy amount. When other non-property tax Village revenues are available to pay all or a portion of the debt service, the Village abates the tax levy.

Staff Recommendation

Approve the Ordinance.

Fiscal Impact

This ordinance will reduce the necessary property levy for debt service by \$346,200 as recommended in the FY22 Budget.

Background

Abatements come before the Village Board for review and approval annually as the Village sets its property tax levy necessary to pay annual debt service. This particular bond was issued for the benefit of the Water/Sewer Fund (29.3%) and Parking Fund (70.7%) which have budgeted and will pay the debt with user fees from the respective funds rather than general property taxes.

Alternatives

The Village Board is not required to abate any of the pre-filed debt levies with the County and by doing so, the abated amounts reduce the debt service portion of the Village levy. Prior to abating the debt service on a particular bond issue, there must be an alternative revenue source to pay that annual debt service.

Previous Board Action

The Village Board last approved the annual abatements at its meeting held on December 7, 2020.

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

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N/A.

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

N/A.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

N/A.