

Kirk Allen

From: Alyssia Benford <abenford@dupagetownship.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 24, 2020 11:05 AM
To: Kirk Allen
Cc: Dennis Raga
Subject: FW: Forged Tax Levy
Attachments: levy.pdf; Email - 1.pdf; Email - 2.pdf; Email - 2 - Attachment.pdf

Mr. Allen

The attached letter was forwarded to me on yesterday. Upon receipt of your letter, I contacted Supervisor George via email and text regarding this matter. I have personally spent more than 20 hours the past month assisting with the tax levy matters at the request the staff and the supervisor. I have also been trying to document our procedures as we have been working to clear up prior audit issues. My notes regarding the matter are below. I also currently serve as the Chair of the accounting and auditing committee as well. It is my desire to ensure the township implements the proper internal controls moving forward to handle things more efficiently. In order to do that, we have to assess each situation that is brought to our attention and address the matter quickly and respond truthfully.

1. The levy that was published and posted in November contained an amount of \$95,000 on the Social Security detail line.
2. The levy that was approved by the board at the December meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 also contained an amount of \$95,000 on the Social Security detail line.
3. On Friday, December 18, 2020 the entire board received an email from Linda Youngs, titled, revised levy worksheet. I expressed concern via an email to the Supervisor because the board had already voted for the levy. I asked the supervisor what he was planning to do regarding the revised levy worksheet. To this date, I have not received a response to my email.
4. I reviewed a copy of the levy that was filed with the Will County Clerk's office and that is not the same levy detail that the board approved at the meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. The board approved a levy with an amount of \$95,000 listed on the Social Security detail line in November and in December. The board approved the levy document in its entirety. It was my belief from the November posting and the December board meeting that the amount was \$95,000 for the social security line item.
5. I take exception to the wording of the response to you in the unsigned memo after reading the emails from the Will County Clerk's office, primarily because I know the amount was \$95,000 based on what was published and posted in November and in our December board packets. You can review the summary page from November, and you will see the amounts doesn't add up in November either, if that document had been submitted, we would find ourselves right in this same exact position. It is not the Will County Clerk's job to figure out the DuPage Township Levy, it is our job.
6. I have also been received copies of the emails from the Will County Clerk's office and that detail does not match the information provided in this attached letter. In an effort to understand this entire levy process start to finish for documentation purposes, I have had several conversations with the clerk's office. I was completely confused as to why the Will County Clerk's office would be directing DuPage Township to change our levy therefore I requested copies of the emails referenced in the memo you received. I have attached those emails as well, to save you the time of asking for them.
7. The county clerk's email said "if that's the case". The correct answer needs to be determined by the board, not whomever filed this paperwork with the county. The board voted on the entire levy packet, including the line item detail. The levy that was filed with the county is not the levy that the board approved at the meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. The line item for Social Security was \$95,000 in November and in December when the board approved it.

I appreciate you bringing this matter to our attention. I hope you receive a response to your questions. I plan to use this information to develop procedures on how to improve things going forward and I plan to speak to our board regarding how we plan to address this matter.

I wish you and your family a Happy and safe holiday.

From: Linda Youngs <lyoungs@dupagetownship.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 12:14 PM
To: Felix George <fgeorge@dupagetownship.com>; Kulsum Ali <kali@dupagetownship.com>; Alyssia Benford <abenford@dupagetownship.com>; Ken Burgess <kburgess@dupagetownship.com>; Maripat Oliver <moliver@dupagetownship.com>; Dennis Raga <draga@dupagetownship.com>
Subject: FW: Forged Tax Levy

FYI

From: Linda Youngs
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 10:58 AM
To: Kirk Allen <Kirk@illinoisleaks.com>
Cc: Ross Secler <rsecler@osmfm.com>; Amy Albright <aalbright@dupagetownship.com>
Subject: RE: Forged Tax Levy

Mr. Allen,
Please see attached response.
Linda

From: Kirk Allen <Kirk@illinoisleaks.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 9:32 AM
To: Felix George <fgeorge@dupagetownship.com>; Amy Albright <aalbright@dupagetownship.com>; Linda Youngs <lyoungs@dupagetownship.com>
Cc: rsecler@osmfm.com
Subject: Forged Tax Levy

Supervisor George,

I am contacting you to find out who filed the DuPage Township tax levy with the Will County Clerk and who forged that filing. I say forged due to the fact what was filed was not what was passed by the Board during the last Township meeting.

Can you tell us who increased the levy for the Personel line under the Social Security Fund. The difference of what was approved vs what was turned in is \$3,000.00.

I await your response for publication. I would appreciate a response by end of business today prior to publication.

Thanks
Kirk Allen
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