



THE LEVY VS. THE BUDGET

- LEVY & BUDGET ARE <u>NOT</u> THE SAME
- LEVY ADOPTED AT SEPARATE MEETING
- BOTH MUST BE FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK
- BUDGET MUST BE REALLY DETAILED, BUT NOT SO FOR THE LEVY





TAKE ME TO THE LEVY



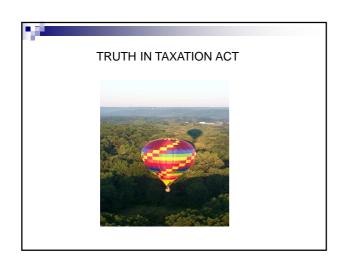
"Taxation is very much like dairy farming. The task is to extract the maximum amount of milk with the minimum amount of moo."

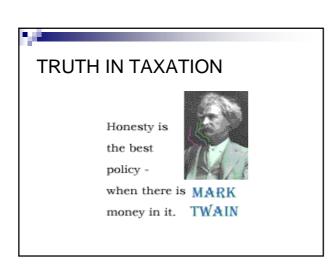
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A LEVY IS THE MAIN MEANS FOR OBTAINING REVENUE FOR THE TOWNSHIP



TAXES LEVIED BY ORDINANCE TOWN G.A. INSURANCE AUDIT S.S.





ESTIMATE THE AMOUNT OF TAXES TO RAISE

- IF ANY PROPOSED INCREASE OVER 105% FROM PREVIOUS EXTENSION, YOU MUST HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INCREASE
- IT'S THE AMOUNT THAT IS ACTUALLY EXTENDED THAT COUNTS, NOT THE ESTIMATE

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

 PUBLISH NOTICE OF HEARING 14 DAYS IN ADVANCE

- AT HEARING, EXPLAIN REASONS FOR INCREASE
- HEARING CAN'T COINCIDE WITH BUDGET HEARING, BUT CAN COINCIDE WITH ADOPTION OF TAX LEVY





TAX LIMITATIONS







PROPERTY TAX EXTENSION LIMITATION LAW

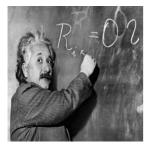
- ALSO KNOWN AS THE "TAX CAP"
- LIMITS AMOUNT OF CURRENT LEVY BASED ON LAST YEAR'S EXTENSION
- LIMITS GROWTH OF LEVY AS APPLIED TO PROPERTY VALUE INCREASES IN TOWNSHIP
- ADMINISTERED BY COUNTY CLERKS

PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION LAW (PTELL)

■ LIMITS EXTENSIONS TO THE LESSER OF 5% OR THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE OF CPI FOR THE YEAR PRECEEDING THE LEVY, OR, THE PERCENTAGE RATE OF INCREASE APPROVED BY REFERENDUM FOR THAT PARTICULAR LEVY YEAR



HOW THE COUNTY APPLIES PTELL



- COUNTY DETERMINES PRELIMINARY RATE
- COUNTY DETERMINES LIMITING RATE
- LIMITING RATE
 IF PRELIMINARY
 AGGREGATE RATE
 EXCEEDS LIMITING RATE,
 LIMITING RATE IS APPLIED
 ADJUSTMENTS MADE ON
 PROPORTIONAL BASIS,
 UNLESS CLERK TOLD
 OTHERWISE

THERE IS A WAY OUT



- TRANSFER OF **FUNDS**
- NEW CONSTRUCTION
- REFERENDUM

DON'T FORGET YOUR FILING REQUIREMENTS



- FILE WITH COUNTY CLERK
- PUBLISH IN NEWSPAPER



NEVER FORGET TO FILE THE LEVY



SANTA'S DEADLINE IS **YOUR** DEADLINE



■ FILE YOUR LEVY
WITH THE COUNTY
CLERK(S) BY THE
LAST TUESDAY IN
DECEMBER, OR
ELSE!

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE



■ SPENDING PLAN	
CONTROLS EXPENDITURES	
MEASURES REVENUES	\$ \$ \$ \$

INCLUDE SUFFICIENT DETAILS SO PUBLIC UNDERSTANDS HOW REVENUES WILL BE SPENT

COPY MUST BE AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE FINAL ACTION AT LEAST ONE PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED



FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUDITS



- ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
- ANNUAL AUDIT
- STATE COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

THANK YOU!

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