

Public Comment #1
Received Monday, July 27, 2020 at 10:47 a.m.

Kathy Dolan Rubenstein
Wauconda, IL.

RE: Wauconda Tax Bills

Good morning,
I am writing to you about the mistake made in the Wauconda School District 118 tax bills. I realize that mistakes are made and I'm not pointing fingers but please listen to this plea. We did not make the mistake yet we are going to be held in "arrears" and a very short time frame to pay up. It is like we are being blamed for this. In these trying times there are people who have been adversely affected by the pandemic. Losing jobs and illness are the realities. There are people who may not have the money or the escrow account to pay by November.

The superintendent of District 118, Dan Cole said they have would have to go to their working cash fund. I have worked in a public school for 26 years and understand. I would hope they have a reserve fund. He also said this happened before but was in their favor, taxpayers paid too much. They lowered the bill the following year. How is it then that we the taxpayers have only a couple of months to pay them back yet they used our money that we paid for a whole year plus interest? Not fair is it!

I just ask for you to consider a longer grace period for the people of Wauconda, District 118 to pay the additional taxes. Escrow accounts will automatically pay and that money will be coming in. Unemployed, fixed income and many other families would appreciate the gesture of goodwill.

Thank you so much

Kathy Dolan Rubenstein

Public Comment #2
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Rosanne C. Silva

My name is Rosanne Sliwa. I am a resident of Wauconda for 24 years I have paid my taxes faithfully without question. Last year I received a letter that stated that our taxes were over estimated. I was told the adjustment would be made on the next tax bill which is why I didn't question the reduction of my taxes this year.

Now you are sending us notice that we are in arrears for the school district. Arrears means that I made an error on my payment. That is not the case, the error appears to

be on your end. I can't see how we can be arrears on the school district, because the schools were not in use for most of the year.

I love Wauconda, the community and the people. I am a bit worried about the beach opening when it did but that's another matter.

I would really like to get answers as to whether the reduction was right as you told us it was, and why are we paying arrears for a school that was not even in use most of the year.

I thank you for your time and I look forward to your comments on this issue.

Sincerely
Rosanne Sliwa

Public Comment #3
Received Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 4:55 p.m.

Gregory Lambert
Wauconda, IL

I object to calling it "ARREARS". This makes it appear that I am to blame and did not pay my taxes. It was in fact an ERROR on someone's part. It has not been made clear if it was District #118 or the County Clerk Office that made the error; but, I assure you that it was NOT ME.

It is not right to have been aware of this error since May and to have not immediately notified the public that there was an issue of understating our tax bills. Folks would have been able to perhaps save some of the stimulus money for this or to have budgeted for the eventual expense.

I gladly pay my taxes to support our community and society. The community is due a heartfelt apology.

Respectfully Greg Lambert