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**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE FOSS PARK
DISTRICT, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1,
2016 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2017**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS (THE "BOARD") OF THE FOSS
PARK DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT"), LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS:**

Section 1

The following sum or sums of money, or so much thereof as shall be authorized by law, as heretofore appropriated for corporate purposes to be collected from the taxes to be levied for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2016 and ending April 30, 2017, be and the same are hereby levied upon all property subject to taxation within the Foss Park District, Lake County, Illinois as the same is assessed and equalized for State and County purposes of the said current year.

Section 2

That the purposes, for which said amounts were hereto appropriated, are now hereby levied respectively as follows:

CORPORATE FUND

	Appropriation	To be paid by Sources other than taxation	Amounts to be paid by taxation
<i>Expenditures</i>			
<i>Administration</i>			
Personnel Services	\$275,000		
Fringe Benefits	\$50,000		
Professional Services	\$150,000		
Utilities/Cleaning	\$5,000		
Maint. & Repair/Insurance	\$15,000		
Communications	\$40,000		
Commodities	\$15,000		
Other Expenditures	\$100,000		
Transfers Out	\$400,000		
Capital Outlay	\$10,000		
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<i>Total Administration</i>	\$1,060,000		
 <i>Park Maintenance</i>			
Personnel Services	\$175,000		

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Fringe Benefits	\$20,000		
Professional Services	\$4,000		
Utilities/Cleaning	\$20,000		
Maint. & Repair/Insurance	\$50,000		
Communications	\$9,000		
Commodities	\$40,000		
Other Expenditures	\$5,000		
Capital Outlay	\$10,000		
<i>Total Park Maintenance</i>	<i>\$333,000</i>		
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>\$1,393,000</i>	<i>\$657,000</i>	<i>\$736,000</i>

RECREATION FUND

	Appropriation	To be paid by Sources other than taxation	Amounts to be paid by taxation
<i>Expenditures</i>			
<i>Administration</i>			
Personnel Services	\$400,000		
Fringe Benefits	\$60,000		
Professional Services	\$9,000		
Utilities/Cleaning	\$80,000		
Maint. & Repair/Insurance	\$50,000		
Communications	\$50,000		
Commodities	\$50,000		
Other Expenditures	\$2,500		
Transfer Out	\$400,000		
Capital Outlay	\$10,000		
<i>Total Administration</i>	<i>\$1,111,500</i>		
<i>Programs</i>			
Personnel Services	\$20,000		
Fringe Benefits	\$5,000		
Professional Services	\$5,000		
Utilities/Cleaning	\$5,000		
Maint. & Repair/Insurance	\$5,000		
Communications	\$30,000		
Commodities	\$40,000		
Capital Outlay	\$10,000		
<i>Total Programs</i>	<i>\$120,000</i>		
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>\$1,231,500</i>	<i>\$571,500</i>	<i>\$660,000</i>

SPECIAL RECREATION FUND

	Appropriation	To be paid by Sources other than taxation	Amounts to be paid by taxation
Expenditures			
<i>Administration</i>			
Professional Services	\$6,000		
Maint. & Repair/Insurance	\$25,000		
Communications	\$12,000		
Commodities	\$8,000		
Capital Outlay	\$50,000		
<i>Total Administration</i>	\$101,000	\$93,000	\$8,000

ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND

	Appropriation	To be paid by Sources other than taxation	Amounts to be paid by taxation
Expenditures			
Fringe Benefits	\$275,000		
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$0

PUBLIC LIABILITY

	Appropriation	To be paid by Sources other than taxation	Amounts to be paid by taxation
Expenditures			
Fringe Benefits	\$150,000		
Professional Services	\$45,000		
Maint. & Repair/Insurance	\$100,000		
Communications	\$30,000		
Commodities	\$20,000		
Capital Outlay	\$60,000		
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	\$405,000	\$405,000	\$0

AUDIT FUND

	Appropriation	To be paid by Sources other than taxation	Amounts to be paid by taxation
Expenditures			
Professional Services	\$30,000		
<i>Total Administration</i>	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$15,000

POLICE FUND

	Appropriation	To be paid by Sources other than taxation	Amounts to be paid by taxation
Expenditures			
Personnel Services	\$100,000		
Professional Services	\$15,000		
Utilities/Cleaning	\$5,000		
Maint. & Repair/Insurance	\$10,000		
Communications	\$5,000		
Commodities	\$15,000		
Capital Outlay	\$50,000		
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	\$200,000	\$130,000	\$70,000

BOND & INTEREST FUND

	Appropriation	To be paid by Sources other than taxation	Amounts to be paid by taxation
Expenditures			
Professional Services	\$30,000		
Other Expenditures	\$25,000		
Capital Outlay	\$550,000		
<i>Total Administration</i>	\$605,000	\$245,000	\$360,000

Section 3

That the unexpended balances of any item or items levied in and by this ordinance may be used in making up any deficiency in any items under the same general appropriation and levy for the same general purposes.

Section 4

That the following is a summary of the taxes herein above levied.

	Appropriation	To be paid by Sources other than taxation	Amounts to be paid by taxation
General Corporate Fund			
Administration	\$1,060,000		
Park Maintenance	\$333,000		
Total	<u>\$1,393,000</u>	<u>\$657,000</u>	<u>\$736,000</u>
Recreation Fund			
Administration	\$1,111,500		
Programs	\$120,000		
Total	<u>\$1,231,500</u>	<u>\$571,500</u>	<u>\$660,000</u>
Special Recreation Fund			
Special Recreation	\$101,000		
Total	<u>\$101,000</u>	<u>\$93,000</u>	<u>\$8,000</u>
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund			
Fringe Benefits	\$275,000		
Total	<u>\$275,000</u>	<u>\$275,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Public Liability Fund			
Public Liability	\$405,000		
Total	<u>\$405,000</u>	<u>\$405,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Audit Fund			
Audit	\$30,000		
Total	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
Police Fund			
Police	\$200,000		
Total	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$130,000</u>	<u>\$70,000</u>
Bond & Interest Fund			
Bond & Interest	\$605,000		
Total	<u>\$605,000</u>	<u>\$245,000</u>	<u>\$360,000</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$4,240,500</u>	<u>\$2,391,500</u>	<u>\$1,849,000</u>

Section 5

That the Secretary of the Foss Park District Board of Commissioners, Lake County, Illinois is directed to file a certified copy of this ordinance with the County Clerk of Lake County, Illinois, as required by law.

Section 6

All ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed.

Section 7

All ordinances shall be in full force and effect passage and approval as provided by law.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed. If any item or portion thereof of this Tax Levy Ordinance is for any reason held invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of such item of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effective immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED THIS FIFTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.

A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: **Baldwin, Johnson, Jones, Wyatt**


NAYES:

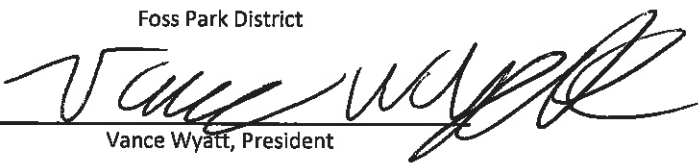
ABSENT: **King**

I, Kari Cowart, do hereby certify that I am the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners in the County of Lake, State of Illinois and as such I am the keeper of the records, ordinances, and seal of said District.

I further certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Tax Levy Ordinance of said Foss Park District, that the Ordinance was duly passed at a meeting of said Board of Commissioners of the Foss Park District, duly held on 5th of December, 2016, was approved by the President of the said Board of Commissioners and now is on file in my office.

Witness my hand and corporate seal of said Foss Park District on December 16, 2015.


Kari Cowart-Board Secretary
Board of Commissioners
Foss Park District


Vance Wyatt, President
Board of Commissioners
Foss Park District

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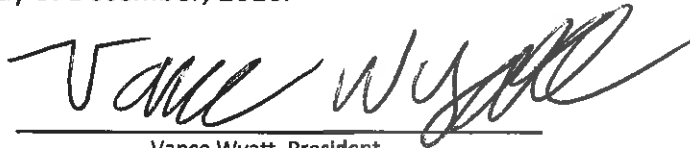
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FOSS PARK DISTRICT

I, Vance Wyatt, being first duly sworn on oath, hereby certify that I am the duly elected President of the Foss Park District, Lake County, Illinois; and that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the Annual Tax Levy Ordinance assessing taxes of the Foss Park District for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of May 2016 and ending on the 30th day of April, 2017.

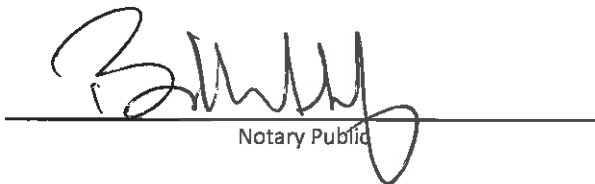
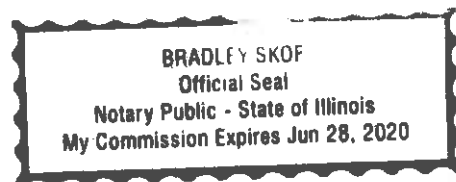
I further certify that said Ordinance was adopted, pursuant to, and in all respects in compliance with, the provisions of Sections 18-55 through 18-90 of the Truth-in-Taxation Law. The notice and hearing requirements of Sections 18-60 through 18-85 of the Truth-in-Taxation Law are inapplicable.

Witness my signature this 5th day of December, 2016.



Vance Wyatt, President
Board of Commissioners
Foss Park District

Subscribed and Sworn to Before me this 5th day of
December, 2016.


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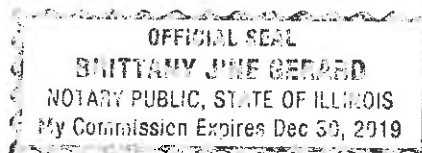
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U. of I. center majors in veterans

Residence helps wounded with their next steps in life

By DAWN RODRIGUEZ
Chicago Tribune

URBANA, Ill. — On a recent afternoon, students at a University of Illinois residence planned a small celebration, before everyone scattered for the Thanksgiving break.

The scent of roasting sweet potatoes emanated from the kitchen as junior Ashlee Belloso prepared her share of the holiday meal for her housemates. A graduate student sat nearby, flipping through his homework and texting that the potatoes may be burning. Other students played video games in a lounge.

The bright and vibrant home on the east edge of the Urbana-Champaign campus is a unique space, designed for a distinct population: student veterans.

The Center for Wounded Veterans in Higher Education, which opened last year, serves as a home and community center for student veterans from all military branches. The students span nearly six groups, majors and interests but are all there for the same reason: to use services aimed at addressing the unique experiences of student veterans pursuing a college education.

Facilities like this were virtually nonexistent a decade ago. But now, with a steady stream of 9/11-era service members leaving the military and cycling for college degrees, the job market, universities nationwide are devoting more resources to serve these students.

For U. of I., the center continues a long history of advocacy for veterans and for people with disabilities. U. of I. was the first campus to welcome World War II veterans with disabilities, to install curb cuts and to employ buses with wheelchair lifts, for example.



Graduate student Garrett Anderson, left, checks in with freshman Spencer Klessewetter last week at the University of Illinois' Center for Wounded Veterans in Higher Education, a home and community center for student veterans.

About 830 student veterans are enrolled this fall at U. of I. campuses in Urbana-Champaign, according to the school's Veterans Student Support Services.

One of the new student veterans this year is Jose Hernandez, a Marine veteran who transferred to U. of I. from a community college in Chicago's south suburbs. He is among the dozen veterans living at the center full time.

"It's definitely been a hard first semester here," said Hernandez, 24, who is enrolled in the business school and pursuing a master's in certified public accounting. "But I think it's very doable with all the resources they offer here and being around other people on the same path."

The center, part of the College of Applied Health Sciences, seeks to help veterans parlay their military-honed skills into success in

the classroom and future careers. In addition to the 12 students who live on-site, dozens more stream in and out throughout the day to study, participate in activities and events, or get counseling.

The support is critical to military-connected students, a vulnerable student population with unique challenges, students said. "I don't think I've talked to a veteran yet that hasn't thought about dropping out or going back (to the service) or doing something else," said Caleb Carlson, 24, sophomore and former U.S. Army infantryman. "It's a particularly powerful thought for us because we've already been accepted into another world that's embraced us. Physical spaces like the center help embody the reasons to stay."

The \$16 million center welcomed its first students in fall 2015. It is named for the Ches. Family Foundation, which gave the top gift to build the facility.

Veterans can access a wide range of services, including physical therapy, disability management, individual and family counseling, academic and career coaching, and peer mentoring.

Part of the first floor serves as a community space with a lounge, TV, piano, video games and magazines.

The center can accommodate students with the most severe physical disabilities, including those who have lost one or more limbs, as well as those who have traumatic brain injuries or suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. For example, in the first-floor kitchen, appliances are set lower to the ground, enabling people in wheelchairs to reach them.

The second floor contains office space, a meditation room and gym. The third floor features 14 private, single-room residences. Each room is outfitted with a motorized ceiling lift system, which helps transport students with physical disabilities from the living area to the bathroom and back.

Freshman Melani McCoy, who is in the Army Reserve, said living at the center provides a much-needed familiarity.

"To kind of come back into a different world, it's good to be around other veterans who understand your experiences," said McCoy, 20. "When you actually have a problem, everyone's willing to help. It's just an unbelievable experience."

Resource centers dedicated to veterans are springing up at campuses across the country, according to Lauren Rouse, director of education and employment at the Military Family Research Institute at Purdue University.

The demand for targeted assistance for student veterans likely will increase.

About 5 million service members are expected to

leave the military by 2020 and roughly half are expected to pursue college, Rouse said.

The country first experienced an influx of veterans in college after World War II, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944. In 1947, veterans comprised nearly half of all college admissions. By the time the original GI Bill ended in 1956, about 49 percent of the 16 million WWII veterans had participated in some type of education or training program, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The federal government has expanded such benefits in recent years. The Post-9/11 GI Bill, implemented in 2009, provides funding for tuition, fees, housing, books and supplies for those who served at least 90 days in active duty after Sept. 11, 2001.

Tuition funding covers 40 to 100 percent of the cost, depending on length of service. Service members honorably discharged for a disability after serving at least 90 days also are eligible for benefits.

The Illinois Veterans Grant also provides benefits to Illinois residents who enlist in the military and then enroll at a state public two- or four-year institution.

But while federal and local funding can help more veterans get in college, transitioning from military life to higher education can be a culture shock.

Chris Fettes, a former Navy operations specialist who also lives at the center, said certain behavioral instincts acquired in the military can look odd in a school setting. For example, he noted that some veterans do not like to sit with their backs to the door in class.

The students also often arrive on campus after being out of a classroom environment for years, and the re-entry can be difficult. They may know their future

career goals but are not sure the steps to get there.

"One of the first classes I took here was advanced composition, and that was a 20-page paper. I'd been probably four years since I'd written a paper," Fettes said.

To help students ease back into the academic environment, Nicholas Osborne, the center's director, teaches a transition class that includes such topics as learning better study habits, how to access university services and switching from technical writing to creative writing.

"Veterans are much more likely to start their first year and not continue," Osborne said. "There are several reasons for that. The pace of education might be too overwhelming. Life circumstances, affordability, family responsibilities. Some have different disabilities that make it difficult to stay enrolled full time."

There are other ways the university can help ease the process, advocates said, such as finding ways to provide academic credit for military service. Carlson recalled a friend, who worked as a nuclear engineer in the military and then had to take basic engineering courses at U. of I., repeating information he already learned.

Incidents like that can leave students feeling out of place on campus. "For those who leave, if it's about (academic) climate, it's about feeling like they're being treated like a kid or talked down to by a 22-year-old teacher's aide who doesn't know what they've been through," Osborne said.

But the new center is a step in the right direction, students said. Nearly all the residential rooms are full, participation in events is growing, and counselors and therapists often are booked solid for appointments.

Graduate student Garrett Anderson, 40, is a fixture at the center and an advocate for his fellow veterans. A former Army infantryman who was severely injured in Iraq, Anderson is pursuing a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling. He also does peer counseling to help other former soldiers and their families find "a new normal."

His multitasking was on display on a recent afternoon. As Anderson worked through a sizable reading assignment for class, he stopped to check in with 19-year-old Spencer Klessewetter and ask how classes were going for the freshman. He did the same for all the other students who congregated in the kitchen.

"We're building the foundation, we're building the protocols, we're building best practices," said Anderson, who suffered a traumatic brain injury and lost part of his right arm when a roadside bomb exploded. "We're very blessed to have a center like this. It's a great environment for our veterans."

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Any persons desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Vance Wyatt, Board President; 1730 Lewis Avenue, North Chicago, IL 60064 (847)689-7480.
- The corporate and special purpose taxes extended for 2016 were \$1,444,386.
The proposed corporate and special purpose taxes to be levied for 2017 are \$1,489,000. This represents a 3.09% increase over the previous year.
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