



GID Meeting
Town Council Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 8, 2024
5:00 PM
130 Kearns Road
Snowmass Village, CO 81615

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Madsen called the GID Meeting to order at 4:53 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

3. GID Minutes for Approval

3.A Minutes for Approval

Director Shenk motioned to approve the minutes. Director Fridstein seconded. All in favor.

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4. GID Resolution

4.A GID Budget Resolution

Finance Director Marianne Rakowski summarized item and described how the the Mill Levy is essentially staying the same, highlighted details regarding the rate, 2023 rate was 6.048, and the 2024 will be a flat 6 mils. Chair and Rakowski clarified that this is for the utilities to operate the Skittles, the Snowmelt, and some administration fees. In addition, Town's general fund (rather than the GID) is spending Town about half a million to replace the vaults on Carriage Way/Snowmelt Road. Town took over some expenses for the good of the community.

Director Shenk acknowledged the public comment from Pat Keefer email.

Areas of brief discussion included the deficit spending grow year after year stuck at the 6 mils until the Bonds are paid off; that inflation is growing at a higher amount than prop taxes; that this is the best revenue the GID has received thus far; that expenses, because of inflation, are growing at a greater amount than what we are collection for property taxes; that Town is not covering the deficit of the GID but the Town does contribute for some operational expenses for events where the Skittles are needed; costs of operation of the Skittles has gone up; the maintenance is a

Capital Expense shared between GID and SkiCo during the ski season but not during the Summer. Staff and Directors briefly focused on the agreement with Aspen Skiing Company with the Skittles; winter and summer operations, the upcoming SkiCo Master Plan discussion, and importance of the partnership and shared responsibility and shared costs.

Director Shenk motioned to approve. Director Fridstein seconded. All in favor. [Pages 4-5 Agenda Summary-GID Budget-Resolution No. 2 - 2023](#)
[Pages 6-7 GID Resolution No. 2, Series of 2023](#)

5. ADJOURNMENT

Director Shenk motioned to adjourn. Director Fridstein seconded. All in favor.

Adjourned at 5:09pm.

This set of GID Minutes was approved by the GID Board on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at their Regular Meeting.

Submitted By,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Megan Harris Boucher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Megan" being the most prominent.

Megan Harris Boucher, GID Secretary

From: [Patricia Jayne Keefer](#)
To: [Snowmass Town Council](#)
Cc: [Megan Boucher](#)
Subject: Requesting equal tax levy relief
Date: Friday, January 5, 2024 4:27:47 AM
Attachments: [Public Comment Jan 2024 GID.docx](#)

Dear Town Council,

Please consider equivalent tax levy relief for GID taxpayers that is recommended for the entire town.
GID taxpayers are predominantly Part Time Residents.

I have asked the attached document to be entered into the record for the Jan 8 GID meeting as Public Comment

Wishing You Blue Skies and Tailwinds™,

Pat

Patricia Jayne (Pat) Keefer
Base Village Residential Owner

™ of Tailwinds.com

Public Comment January 8, 2024 GID

While I am not able to appear in person at the January 8, 2024, GID Tax District Meeting, I ask that this document be entered into meeting minutes as Public Comment. For the record, my name is Patricia Jayne (Pat) Keefer and we have occupied 90 Carriage Way #3320 for summers and winters since 2013 and skied Snowmass since 1976. Our property value increased 86%. Any increase in taxes will be paid solely by us. We do not rent the property.

The purpose of this Public Comment is to ask the GID leadership to treat Base Village/GID taxpayers as you would want to be treated with respect to the mill levy you set. It was surprising to see a 52.76% property value increase since residential properties were increased 86% on average. Clearly the commercial property in Base Village and the newest properties will shift the taxpaying burden to residential owners in earlier phases such as Capitol Peak and Hayden if the mill levy is not reduced.

It is requested that a temporary reduction in the currently allowed 6 mills to 4 mills be implemented. This about 1/3 reduction still gives GID effectively a 1.84% increase.

- $4.0 \text{ times } 1.5276 \text{ (for the property value increase)} = 6.114 \text{ mills}$
- $6.114 \text{ divided by } 6.0 \text{ (current levy)} \text{ as a percent} = 1.84\% \text{ increase in GID funding}$

When talking to those taxpayers who have approached the GID Board or Town Council on Base Village residential owners taxpayer concerns in the past have commented to me they are discouraged by Town Management leadership's proposal to arrange for tax relief for local residents but not PTRAB constituents. Even though the proposal did not move forward, the mere fact that it was proposed and quietly lobbied for, alienated taxpayers.

Further, after reviewing the Town Council Jan 8, 2024 meeting agenda it was noticed that the Town Staff is recommending reducing the Town's mill levy by nearly a third but did not make a comparable recommendation for GID taxpayers. Why is that? Isn't this the exact thing the PTRAB folks asked not to happen?

My neighbors in Base Village have also commented that with no taxpayers involved in any part of the GID tax district decisions or recommendations, it is futile to make any more efforts to change decisions that negatively impact taxpayers. As an eternal optimist, I continue to present salient information to the GID tax board.

Let me also address the drumbeat of comments regarding development 'needs to pay their own way' by asking if you were a Base Village GID taxpayer, how would you feel about housing boilers and paying for snowmelt on a public road that has clear benefit for adjacent and uphill properties and public safety but those entities provide no funding? If you were a Base Village GID taxpayer, how would you feel about paying nearly all summer skittles operations and basically half the winter operations that have clear benefit for the Mall and uphill properties but those entities provide no funding? If you were a Base Village GID taxpayer, how would you feel about raising the lack of SkiCo summer Skittles funding for 6 years without a change in funding?

Please keep in mind that beyond GID, each time you park in the covered and heated Base Village garage for free, each time you park in the snowmelted Arrival Center lot for free, each time you park in the Tree House lot for free, each time you ice skate at Base Village for free, each time you enjoy the snowmelted pavement from the transit center to the lifts for free, each time you have a gathering in Base Village for free, each time you use the transit center for free, each time you use the Base

Village public restrooms for free ... the costs incurred to provide and maintain these facilities (and more) are all borne by solely Base Village owners.

In my opinion not only have Base Village property owners/'development' paid our own way, we are also 'paying the way' for many non-contributing developments, SkiCo tourists and local residents.

In closing, The purpose of this Public Comment is to ask the GID leadership to treat Base Village/GID taxpayers as you would want to be treated with respect to the mill levy you set in this time of average 86% residential property valuation increases for Capitol Peak and Hayden. It is requested that a temporary reduction in the currently allowed 6 mills to 4.0 mills. This reduction still gives GID a funding increase and is on par with the TOSV tax levy decrease.

Thank you in advance for considering this request.