

# INCOME TAX BOARD

City of Findlay

August 4, 2021

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## MINUTES

### **ATTENDANCE**

Members Present: Mayor Christina Muryn, Don Rasmussen, Susan Hite, Jim Staschiak II.

Staff Present: Mary Price and Kathy Launder.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve minutes of the May 5, 2021, meeting as presented, by Rasmussen, second by Mayor Muryn. Motion passed 4-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Year-To-Date Collections: Price reported that collections are up 17.231% over last year as of July 31, 2021, over 2020. Looking at year over year for the last five years, we had a pretty average July for collections.

Collections, Estimates, Delinquencies: Price reported that we are up 22.2% for collections over last year. Mailings haven't been sent out for bills for at least a couple years for outstanding balances. Will be doing a mass billing of all outstanding balances. Will start a regular cycle of billing moving forward. Mayor stated that we have been seeing an uptick in the number of cases that our collection attorney is getting which causes an uptick in our expenses. Reviewing our process to reach out to outstanding accounts before they go to collections so that we can collect it rather than having to pay someone to collect. The collections attorneys charge 25% and 35% fees of what they collect.

Legal Actions in Process and Contemplated: Rasmussen stated that cases are ongoing.

Legal Rules – Ohio Department of Taxation: Staschiak asked if NAISC are looking at eliminating codes? Comment period ends next week. City utilizes these codes. Is it worth us writing a letter to the group that we do use codes and find value in it and anything they do to cause codes not to be submitted to us would not be in our favor. Mayor stated that when she reviewed it looked like they are moving away from the NAISC codes and moving to an international system. There will still be a defined system that we can utilize. We will have a transition period. Rasmussen stated House Bill 110 took it out. Can't say for sure what they are going to do and how precise these codes are going to be. Mayor stated that she is willing to submit a letter sharing our concerns. Auditor Staschiak stated the letter should come from board. Motion for Mayor Muryn to submit letter as chair of the Income Tax Board to Ohio Department of Taxation stating the we do not believe that based off of the proposal there will be a consistent way for the City of Findlay to continue to identify business sector level information and make aware that we do utilize the information to identify economic trends in terms of our revenues, by Auditor Staschiak, second by Mayor Muryn. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Muryn stated that she will call a special meeting of the board to discuss administration of income tax for Village of Jenera and review of formatting changes to Income Tax forms.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Next Meeting: Meeting schedule for 2021: November 3. All meetings will be held at 2:30pm in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder  
City Clerk