

INCOME TAX BOARD

City of Findlay
August 7, 2013

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Mayor Lydia L. Mihalik, Don Rasmussen, Susan Hite, Jim Staschiak II, Ron Monday.

Staff Present: Andrew Thomas and Kathy Launder.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of the May 8, 2013, meeting as presented, by Auditor Staschiak, second by Law Director Rasmussen. Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

2013 Year-To-Date Collections: Year-to-date collections through August 2 are down 3.102 percent. Employer withholding collections were negatively impacted in July by the 20 percent drop in the tax rate and by timing issues for employers that had three pay periods in May 2013 versus the typical June or July. This increased June's collections and conversely decreased July's collections. Thomas cited the City of Findlay as a hypothetical example of two series of fluctuations caused by the pay-period timing issues beginning in late 2012 when the City experienced three pay periods in November (versus the typical December or January) and three pay periods in May (versus the typical June or July). Thomas also referenced collections spreadsheets disseminated at the end of July.

Ohio House Bill 5 Update: There is still a lot we do not like in the bill. House Ways and Means Committee Chair Beck has been supporting municipalities. The passing of House Bill 5 as presented has been thwarted, but an amended substitute bill is expected.

Federal Supporting Documents with Individual Filings: There was a concern brought up regarding privacy in regards to the City's requirement to provide federal tax supporting documents to back up City income tax filing.

Rasmussen contacted Bricker & Eckler for an opinion. They stated that the City is not violating any federal or state privacy laws by asking for federal tax supporting documents. If the City is contesting a tax return, we have the right to subpoena the books and filings anyway.

Bonds: Auditor Staschiak requested the number of large employers who pay in 6% or more of the total gross tax collections. He is trying to get a feel for impact of the major employers. Thomas stated that he can give quantity, not names which is consistent with Mr. Staschiak's request. No objection by the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: November 6, 2013. All meetings will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder

City Clerk