

INCOME TAX BOARD

City of Findlay
August 3, 2016

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff Present: Andrew Thomas and Kathy Launder.

Guests: Holly Frische, Councilperson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of the May 4, 2016, meeting as presented, by Auditor Staschiak, second by Councilman Monday. Motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Revenue Estimate: Auditor Staschiak stated that Marathon Petroleum 2nd quarter profits were announced and were better than 1st quarter profits. Auditor Staschiak stated that the way the law reads the income tax administrator is allowed to disclose information to officials as long as it is part of their statutory duties. Auditor Staschiak stated he would like to be within 5-10% range of revenue estimates. Director Rasmussen stated that the income tax collection information shared with the Income Tax Board is what is available. It may be broken down into a little more detail, but not allowed to see individual returns. Auditor Staschiak requested to meet separately with Director Rasmussen and Andrew Thomas regarding this.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 Year-To-Date Collections: Thomas reported that employer withholding collections have jumped around a bit. It may be a result of a timing issue. Some employers have had three pay periods per month vs. two pay periods per month that may be the cause. Thomas stated that at the end of October the announcements for the third period will be made. He is requesting that we push back the date that budgets are due until after this announcement is made. Auditor Staschiak stated that he will work up the latest date possible.

Collections, Estimates, Delinquencies: Nothing to report.

Legal Actions in Process and Contemplated: Thomas reported that he files 18-20 cases every week. They are scheduled through September 6. Auditor Staschiak asked if there were any cases for over \$50,000. Thomas stated that there are not. Thomas also reported that this is normal number of cases.

OTHER BUSINESS

Centralized Collections: Auditor Staschiak asked if there was any update on centralized collections. Mayor Mihalik stated that there was testimony on centralized collections that was snuck in during other hearings that did not involve this topic. Auditor Staschiak asked if, as a Board, we should state our position to City Council regarding centralized collections. The Board did not have an issue with that.

Mayor Mihalik mentioned that the *Ohio Mayors Alliance: A Coalition of Ohio's 30 Largest Cities* is joined against centralized collections.

Auditor Staschiak stated that there is also forgiveness issues that would take away the reciprocal tax for cities. Auditor Staschiak stated that no matter if you live here and work elsewhere or vice versa you still enjoy the services of the City and should contribute toward them.

Next Meeting: Meeting schedule for 2016: November 2. 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