

INCOME TAX BOARD

City of Findlay
March 8, 2017

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff Present: Andrew Thomas and Kathy Launder.

NEW BUSINESS

Centralized Collections, LGF, Elimination of Throwback Rule in Governor's Budget: Mayor Mihalik stated that the Ohio Mayors Alliance (OMA) reports that the Governor's budget is being pushed back on by municipalities and villages and legislators. More conversation is needed. There was a lot of representation from across the state at yesterday's testimony before the Ways and Means Committee. Mayor doesn't think it is a bad idea to move forward with recommending Council pass a resolution in opposition of the Centralized Collections, LGF, and elimination of the Throwback Rule provisions of the Governor's budget, as long as it is tempered and has right tone. We want to work hand in hand instead of kicking and screaming.

Mayors across the state want these provisions eliminated. It will cost the City of Dublin more money to administer. Not saving anything because we still have to operate the income tax department.

Personal service vs. Ohio Business Gateway. There are a lot of issues currently with the Ohio Business Gateway, not business friendly. The proposal is for 1 percent this year, but what will it be down the road?

OMA mindset is that is not good for the businesses or the community they operate in.

The Mayor mentioned that the leadership in the Ways and Means Committee was very receptive to the opposition to Centralized Collections.

Want to be impactful, thoughtful, not just hollering. Do not want to be detrimental to what's already being done.

More conversations need to be held by elected officials and City Council with Senator Cliff Hite and Representative Robert Sprague. This will be more impactful than hearing from lobbyists.

OMA will be following up with more information so that we can craft legislation when it is decided to move forward.

Same or similar resolution to other cities won't be impactful. Wait and see and be more forceful when needed.

Mayor will share with Council as a whole. Will share Income Tax Board's position at next City Council meeting under Old Business.

The consensus of the Income Tax Board was to wait to move forward with requesting Council pass a resolution in opposition to Centralized Collections in order to be more impactful.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder
City Clerk