

INCOME TAX BOARD

City of Findlay
February 6, 2019

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Interim Mayor Ron Monday, Don Rasmussen, Jim Staschiak II, Grant Russel.

Staff Present: Andrew Thomas and Kathy Launder.

Guests: Holly Frische.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of the November 7, 2018, meeting as presented, by Rasmussen, second by Russel. Motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Estimate Payment Policy: Thomas stated that Paul Schmelzer asked the board to address the estimate payment policy. Staschiak stated that in his opinion we shouldn't vote on it. He states it is a significant public policy. His stance remains the same. He stated that the board is stepping into unwise ground as a public entity if address now. He states he will not quit talking about it. If the board lets it lie, there is nothing to talk about. If this board takes action, there will be a lot to talk about. He doesn't believe the public likes it at all. It will probably be a topic of conversation in mayoral debates and if the board takes a position, he will stand by his words. Wants to make sure the public knows that his position goes against anything that might be found to support this where we are at currently particularly in light of things shared with him by corporations recently. Staschiak stated that as Safety Director he is surprised that he would make that request.

Motion to table approval of policy until able to review, by Councilman Russel. Motion dies for lack of second.

Motion to adopt Estimate Payment Policy by Director Rasmussen, second by Mayor Monday. Roll Call: Mayor Monday, aye, Director Rasmussen, aye; Auditor Staschiak, nay; Councilman Russel, nay. Vote 2-2. Motion defeated.

Carey Tax Collection: Thomas stated that the tax collections for Village of Carey is going very well.

NEW BUSINESS

Year-To-Date Collections: Thomas reported that it's a little early, however collections are down 5.266%. There are some delays from the Ohio Business Gateway and not balanced.

Collections, Estimates, Delinquencies: Thomas reported that year end 2018, we collected \$795,000 in past due collections. This is up 37% over last year and 12% over the year before.

Legal Actions in Process and Contemplated: Rasmussen stated that there is no real change. Have one in process to collect taxes of someone who is claiming sovereign citizen.

HB 49 Legal Action: Rasmussen stated that thought had good argument in 10th District Court of Appeals. Decision came in against us. Preparing arguments for Supreme Court. Troublesome on levying taxes. Briefs were good. Have people convinced Ohio Business Gateway is a good thing. The last shot will be to appeal it to the Supreme Court. Thomas stated that about 200 taxpayers are using the Ohio Business Gateway. More labor intensive, because we have to report it to the state twice. State charges ½% of the tax collected as their fee. We don't get to review returns. Russel asked if we are tracking the amount the Ohio Business Gateway is collecting and their fees. Thomas stated that he is giving the Auditor's Office the fees collected by Ohio Business Gateway.

Net operating loss deductions: Thomas reported that the state changed the net operating loss deductions. He distributed information regarding it.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: Meeting schedule for 2019: May 1, August 7, and November 6. All meetings will be held at 1pm in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder
City Clerk