

December 16, 2019

Special Meeting was called to order by Scott Markley with Pledge of Allegiance.
Present were Fiscal Officer Cheryl Welch, Trustees Scott Markley, Jim Power, Kay Wright

Guest(s): Sign-in sheet on file

Purpose of the meeting: Proposal to levy motor vehicle license taxes pursuant to R.C. 4504.18 and R.C. 4504.181.

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Trustee Scott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance; then by reiterating the purpose of the meeting; what ORC 4504.18 and 4504.181 was about and how revenues could be used to strengthen the road fund. Trustee Jim followed with an overview of the Amish and the board's efforts to get them to contribute to the road fund. Discussion was then open for guest input summarized as follows:

Discussion on Amish Participation

- Guests wanted definite answers on what the Amish would be willing to contribute. Trustee Scott responded by saying that the average Amish community has about 4-5 buggies. Amish are reporting that they have about 200 families in this community. In casual conversation with Amish leaders; Trustees reported a potential financial contribution based on \$15/buggy and \$5 wagon fee that would be paid once a year.
- Guests were vocal in conveying their dissatisfaction about the Amish not contributing to the road fund. Trustees pointed out that Amish do contribute with the paying of their property taxes; they would also be contributing if they purchased gas; they do not contribute to the licensing of vehicles with the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- Guests questioned how to police, track and manage Amish road money contributions. Board was clear to convey that if and when Amish contribute it will be completely voluntary.
- Guests inquired about getting a use tax from farmers. Trustee Markley pointed out tractor tires are rubber and air. Trustee Jim reiterated that the board has no interest in trying to assess a fee to tractors.
- Guests inquired about collecting fees from Amish who might be traveling through the township. Board made it clear that any decisions would affect only Jackson township residents.
- Guests recalled numerous stories about how they have personally witnessed Amish wagons and horses damaging the roads.

Discussion on Road Repair

- Resident Blodgett gave an overview on how he perceives roads should be repaired. Would like to see the township spend more money on chip and seal and much less on cold patch. Does not see the township doing near enough the amount of berming that should be done. He conveyed his disappointment with the current road crew.
- Resident Oehling gave an overview on how he would use cold patch to repair some noticeable holes on 1080 and 133.
- Guests questioned whether this additional money would enable the chip and seal of every road. Trustees conveyed that this additional money would not be an end all to chip and sealing each and every road. Our roads really vary with needed repairs – the most heavily

used roads are in need of repair each year; therefore it is challenging to make 5-year plans that can be adhered to.

Discussion on General Spending.

- Trustee Jim conveyed that a reduction in our local government funding happened when Governor Kasick began building up Ohio's rainy day fund. Trustee Jim made it clear this is one idea to build this fund back up.
- Trustee Scott reported \$15,000-\$18,000 potential if a resolution to pass only ORC 4504.18 is made.
- Resident Lori Hartsel voiced concern that the township spent too much money on the new truck and building up the parking lot for the park.
- Guests questioned the line in the ORC that excludes residents in the unincorporated area of the township. It can be interpreted that the 330 residents in Polk could be excluded from the additional motor vehicle fee. Trustees will get clarification on this line.
- Guests got confirmation from the board that they do bid out work, stone, chip and seal and equipment purchases.
- Guests got confirmation that park and cemetery spending is very insignificant in comparison to road spending.

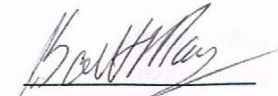
In closing:

- Trustee Scott announced he would be in favor of tabling the decision to move forward with either of these 2 ORCs until the Amish commit to contribute. Trustee Jim was in agreement and Trustee Kay went on to convey the same.

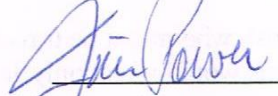
Trustee Jim moved to table the discussion on ORC 4504.18 and 4504.181 until the Amish commit to contribute; Scott 2nd; Kay in agreement.

Kay made motion to adjourn; Jim 2nd ; Scott in agreement.

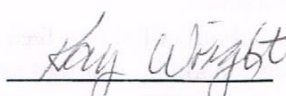
Meeting minutes submitted by Cheryl Welch



J. Scott Markley



Jim Power



Kay Wright