

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Weathersfield Township Trustees Regular Meeting

Held on Tuesday, December 21, 2023 at 3:30 PM

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**Call to order:** Steve Gerberry

**Pledge:** Completed

**Prayer:** Completed

**Roll Call:** Steven Gerberry - Present                      Richard Harkins - Present  
Edward Whittaker - Present                      Fred Bobovnyk - Absent

**Public Hearing:**

This is the Second Public Hearing held pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4504.181 for the Board of Trustees to receive public comment before making a decision whether to levy an annual motor vehicle registration tax, in the amount of five dollars \$5.00 annually, on all motor vehicles the owners of which reside in the unincorporated area of Weathersfield Township.

**Documents Introduced into the Record:**

Proof of Publication of Notice of the Public Hearings published in the Tribune Chronicle, a newspaper of general circulation in Trumbull County, on the same day of two consecutive weeks, on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 and Wednesday, December 6, 2023.

**Public Comments:**

All members of the public who wish to speak will be given three minutes to ask questions or speak in favor of or against the Motor Vehicle License Tax. Each person speaking must sign in and state their Name and Address for the Record

23-198 Motion to ***conclude the public hearing.***

Motion by: Rich Harkins                      Seconded by: Edward Whittaker  
Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes    Richard Harkins - Yes                      Edward Whittaker - Yes  
Motion Carried

23-199 Motion to ***adopt a Resolution to levy a Five Dollar (\$5.00) Annual License Tax on all motor vehicles the owners of which reside in the unincorporated area of Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County, Ohio***

**RESOLUTION TO ENACT A TOWNSHIP ANNUAL LICENSE TAX FOR THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE §4504.181.**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County, Ohio:

**WHEREAS**, The Weathersfield Township Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of maintaining township roads and the cost of road maintenance within the township is increasing; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Revised Code 4504.181, effective July 3, 2019, allows the Board of Trustees, by resolution, to levy an annual license tax upon the operation of motor vehicles on the public roads and highways in the unincorporated territory of the township, to be used for any authorized purpose under Ohio Revised Code 4504.181(A)(2), which includes the cost of construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, and repair of township roads, bridges, and culverts; for purchasing, erecting and maintaining traffic signs, markers, lights and signals; for purchasing road machinery and equipment; and for planning, constructing, and maintaining suitable buildings to house road equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, A tax levied under Ohio Revised Code 4504.181 shall be at the rate of five dollars per motor vehicle on all motor vehicles the district of registration of which is located in the unincorporated area of the township levying the tax; and

**WHEREAS**, As required under Ohio Revised Code §4504.181, public notifications were published in The Tribune Chronicle newspaper on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 and on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 announcing two public hearings which were held on

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December 12, 2023, at 6:30 PM and December 21, 2023, at 3:30 PM, to provide information and accept comments about a proposed \$5.00 permissive motor vehicle license tax; and

**WHEREAS**, the public hearings were held, and residents had the opportunity to voice their concerns and have their questions addressed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County, Ohio as follows:

**Section 1.** Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 4504.181, an annual license tax is hereby levied upon the operation of motor vehicles on the public roads and highways in the registration district known as the unincorporated area of Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County, Ohio.

**Section 2.** Such tax shall be levied at a rate of five dollars and zero cents (\$5.00) per motor vehicle on all motor vehicles the owners of which reside in the registration district known as the unincorporated area of Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County, Ohio.

**Section 3.** All revenue realized by Weathersfield Township from the tax levied pursuant to this Resolution shall be used only for the purposes authorized by Ohio Revised Code §4504.181.

**Section 4.** That this Resolution shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption, which is the earliest date allowed by law.

**Section 5.** That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Motion by: Rich Harkins                      Seconded by: Edward Whittaker  
 Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes    Richard Harkins - Yes                      Edward Whittaker - Yes  
 Motion Carried

**Adjournment:**

23-200 Motion to *adjourn the meeting*.

Motion by: Rich Harkins                      Seconded by: Edward Whittaker  
 Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes    Richard Harkins - Yes                      Edward Whittaker - Yes  
 Motion Carried

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 Fred Bobovnyk, Fiscal Officer

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 Steven J. Gerberry, Trustee

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 Richard T. Harkins, Trustee

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 Edward K. Whittaker, Trustee