

## Miami Township Board of Trustees Public Hearing Minutes

May 19, 2016

Trustee President Douglas Barry called the Miami Township Board of Trustees Public Hearing for the consideration of enacting a supplemental Motor Vehicle Tax meeting to order on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 10:00 am and led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present:

<u>Elected Officials:</u>		Present	Absent
Douglas Barry	Trustee President	X	
Robert Matthews Jr.	Trustee Vice President	X	
Andrew Papanek	Trustee		X
Aaron Newell	Fiscal Officer		X
<u>Township Staff:</u>			
Greg Rogers	Township Administrator	X	
Ron Hess	Police Chief	X	
Dan Mayberry	Public Works Director	X	
Clay McCord	Finance Director	X	
Mukesh Singh	Compliance Director	X	
Chris Snyder	Community Development Director	X	
Kyle Hinkelman	Community Development, Deputy Director	X	

### PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Barry motioned and Mr. Matthews seconded the motion to open public hearing for the consideration of enacting a supplemental Motor Vehicle Tax pursuant to ORC 4504.18.

	Yes	No	Abstain
Mr. Barry	X		
Mr. Matthew	X		

Mr. Barry stated that the order in which the hearing will proceed would be as follows:

- Staff will give a report
- All proponents and opponents will speak
  - Please give your name and address for the record
  - A time limit of 5 minutes will be placed on each of the speakers
- The Board will close the public hearing prior to taking final action

### Staff Report

Mr. Mayberry stated that the legal requirements for this hearing have been met and this first meeting must come within 10 days of the second meeting, planned for May 24, 2016. This proposed supplemental Motor Vehicle Tax will allow for some funding for repair of roadways.

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Miami Township has currently two taxes, license tax and permissive tax. The license tax includes a \$20 fee for each vehicle registered. Of the money collected, \$1 goes to the township based on roadway mileage in the township. Mr. Mayberry indicated that Miami Township receives about \$30k-\$32k annually. In addition to the license tax, townships are permitted to have up to four supplemental \$5 Motor Vehicle levies. Miami Township has enacted 3 of the 4 allowable Motor Vehicle levies which total \$15 of the \$20 possible for collection. Of the \$15 currently collected, \$5 goes directly to the County, and the remaining \$10 is split – 70% to the county and 30% to the township.

The proposed supplemental Motor Vehicle Tax increase of \$5 will go completely to Miami Township. Currently the township has only 3 of the four levies enacted. This generates approximately \$82k annual for the 3 enacted levies.

To begin collecting this supplemental Motor Vehicle Tax effective 1/1/2017, the proposal will need to be adopted prior to July 1, 2016.

Mr. Barry commented that the board considered putting two levies on the ballot, one for parks and one for roads, but the board sought alternate means of funding for the parks. Mr. Barry indicated that the revenue from the new FedEx facility would help fund the parks. Mr. Barry went on to say that alternative funding for road maintenance however was not identified. The roads are falling into disrepair and while the proposed motor vehicle levy will help the roads, but it is not a true fix.

Mr. Barry went on to say that at this time, there is no plan for another road levy, but that in the near future the township roads will need major repairs done and funds are not available.

Mr. Matthews stated that when the roads fail, the property values decline. While we don't like to raise taxes, this levy proposal is truly just a band aid fix.

**Proponents/Opponents**

No one came forward.

Mr. Barry motioned and Mr. Matthews seconded the motion to close public hearing for consideration of enacting a supplemental Motor Vehicle Tax.

	Yes	No	Abstain
Mr. Barry	X		
Mr. Matthew	X		

At this time no action will be taken on the resolution until after the second public hearing on May 24<sup>th</sup> at the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting.

Mr. Barry adjourned the meeting at 10:16 am.

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Douglas Barry, Trustee President

  
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Robert Matthews Jr., Trustee Vice President

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Andrew Papanek, Trustee

  
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Aaron Newell, Fiscal Officer

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