

Minutes

December 3, 2019

1. **Opening of Meeting**

Mr. Rajagopal called the meeting to order at 7PM with all Board members present.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance 7:00 PM**

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Meditation (Moment of Silence)**

Mr. Rajagopal asked everyone to join in a moment of silence.

4. **Public Hearing**

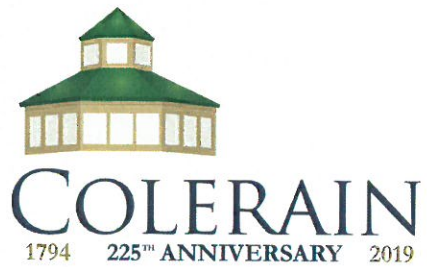
- a. For a Public Hearing to consider \$5 Permissive License Fee per ORC 4504.181

Mr. Rajagopal said the purpose of the meeting is hold a public hearing to consider a \$5 Permissive License Fee per ORC 4504.181.

Mr. Milz gave a summary of the issue. This past summer, the state of Ohio adopted HB 62, which was effective on July 3, 2019. This statute was a part of the state biannual budget and amended the ORC as it relates to a Township's authority for an additional permissive auto license fee. Under this bill, ORC 4504.18 was created which permits all Townships to raise an additional five-dollar permissive auto license fee. This is paid by all Township residents annual basis when they renew their tags for their vehicles. The procedure for this additional fee, is outlined in the ORC and is the same as all previously adopted permissive license fees. A resolution must be adopted by the Trustees after two separate public hearings, the first of which is tonight. The next hearing is Tuesday, December 10, 2019. Prior memorandums to the Board outlined the Township's overall need for road funding. In general, these documents focused on pavement repairs only and did not include other items, such as the need for stormwater infrastructure improvements to address flooding in problem areas of the Township. These pressures will continue to exist and will likely grow overtime, if we are unable to secure additional funding. It is possible that our existing road program could be diminished in future years to address some of the stormwater needs throughout the Township.

High level takeaways from these documents include:

- Our current average Pavement Condition Index (PCI) score is 59.5



- If we want our PCI to be the same (or close at 55.46) in 30 years we would need to spend \$4M per year on resurfacing.
- In 30 years, our current rate of expenditure (\$1.25M) will result in an average road condition of "serious" or an average PCI score of 18.75 with many roads in the category of "failed."

In 2018, the Township had a total of 65,169 registered vehicles. An additional \$5 license fee would generate roughly \$325,845. Given the time lag associated with implementing this fee, the earliest that this revenue could be collected by the Township is 2021 (paid by motorists in 2020). Roughly speaking, this revenue would allow the Township to pave an additional 0.4-0.5 miles of road each year. From conversations with other local Township Administrators, it appears that most of our peer Townships are looking at implementing this fee.

Mr. Sollmann swore in those who wished to speak.

Dan Unger made a motion to open the public hearing and Raj Rajagopal offered the second. No discussion and the roll was called:

Yes - Greg Insko, Raj Rajagopal, Dan Unger

No - None

Mike Flamm of West Kemper Road spoke regarding the repaving of roadways. He said he recognizes the need, but we taxed too much as it is. The fee is going to raise about \$300,000, paving another 1/2 mile of roadway. He said he doesn't see how this will save the roadways or how it will benefit anyone. He said people have trouble affording the license plate renewals as it is and the extra \$5 will make a difference for some people.

Kathy Mohr of Waldon Drive said she is against the tax. She said we are already paying an extra \$25 and don't need to pay another \$5. She confirmed this is for roadways and the ORC says nothing about sidewalks. She doesn't think we should take money away from the roads to do sidewalks.

Stephanie Wright of Blue Rock Road opposes the fee. She said some trustees, as candidates, said no new taxes and this is a new tax. She asked about the \$25 fee and if it's been spent appropriately. She said the fee adds up if have boat, motorcycle, trailer, etc.

Lori McMullin of Menominee Drive spoke in favor of the tax. She said this money

could free-up money to be used for other projects. She asked for the Board's support as building strong neighborhoods builds strong communities.

Ms. Mohr asked when this was originally started and when the last time it was raised. Mr. Unger said Hamilton County put \$5 on a few years ago.

Christine Freiberg of Thompson Road also wished to speak.

Mr. Sollmann swore in Ms. Freiberg.

Ms. Freiberg said she also opposes this fee. She said we just passed a levy and have high property taxes. She said there is no value in this tax and she sees a lot of spending, which needs to be reined in.

Dan Unger made a motion to close the public hearing and Greg Insko offered the second. No discussion and the roll was called:

Yes - Greg Insko, Raj Rajagopal, Dan Unger

No - None

5. Adjournment

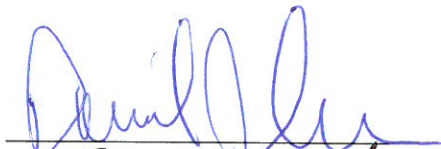
With no further business to come before the Board, Dan Unger made a motion to adjourn and Raj Rajagopal offered the second. The roll was called:

Yes - Greg Insko, Raj Rajagopal, Dan Unger

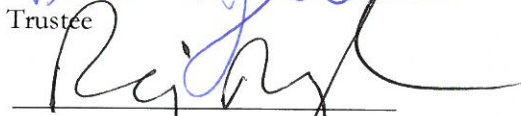
No - None



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