

MINUTES OF THE WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD MAY 26, 2020

This meeting was held remotely by teleconferencing, through ZOOM, to comply with Governor Mike DeWine's Stay at Home order, due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Mr. Foley read the following concerning the Open Meeting Act Changes Specific to the COVID-19 Outbreak.

The General Assembly recently made changes to Ohio's Open Meeting Act in response to the COVID-19 outbreak (HB-197). It is important to note that these changes are temporary, in effect until the end of the Governor's declared state of emergency or December 1, 2020 (whichever comes first).

Generally, the bill allows public bodies to conduct meetings and hearings electronically during the state of emergency, provided certain stipulations are met:

1. Public notice: This notice was placed on our website and on the front door of the Administration Building.
2. Public Access: Public was given access via dial-in number with meeting ID code and password. Also, a link to view and hear meeting electronically using the "Zoom" platform.

We Thank You for your patience and consideration during these different and trying times!

Mr. Foley called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Roll call: Mr. Foley – present; Mr. Patrick – present; Mr. Coffman – present.

The following staff were connected online: Administrator, Donald Edwards; Roads Supervisor, Scott Camery; Fire Chief, Paul Scherer; and Fiscal Officer, Darrell Coffman.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Foley opened Public Hearing #1 to consider an additional \$5 Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax (PMVLT).

Mr. Edwards gave a presentation with the following information concerning an additional \$5 Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax.

Notices:

The Public Hearings were advertised in the Pulse Journal on Sunday, May 3rd and Sunday, May 10th to take place tonight at 7:00 pm. and Tuesday, June 2nd at 7:00 pm.

Frequently asked questions:

Who gave Wayne Township the authority to enact this tax?

The \$5 Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax Fee is authorized by House Bill 62, the 2020-2021 transportation budget, gave townships the ability to levy an additional \$5 PMVLT. In order for this to take effect in 2021 we must have a certified resolution to the state by July 1, 2020.

What is a vehicle registration vehicle tax?

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This is a vehicle registration permissive tax, an optional tax, that can be levied by counties, municipalities and/or townships on vehicle registrations. It is defined in the Ohio Revised Code chapter 4504 and it is a local motor vehicle license tax.

What is the Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax (PMVLT) to be used for?

It is to be used for planning, constructing, improving, maintaining, and repairing public roads, highways, streets and for maintaining bridges and viaducts and other items that are directly related to roadways. In Wayne Township we almost always use ours for contracts to repave or chip seal our roadways.

How is the levy enacted?

Counties, Municipalities and/or Townships must pass a resolution or ordinance per the Ohio Revised Code. Once the resolution or ordinance is passed a certified copy must be sent to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles tax distribution section. This must be done by July 1st to be effective the following registration year.

Who can enact a Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax (PMVLT)?

Counties have four (4) that are available to them at five (5) dollars each, Municipalities have five (5) that are available to them at five (5) dollars each, and Townships have two (2) that are available to them at five (5) dollars each.

Portions of some of Warren County's Permissive Motor Vehicle License Taxes, levied by the County, are distributed to the townships.

The Township receives one hundred (100) percent of the Permissive Motor Vehicle License Taxes that are levied by the Township.

When was the last Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax increase?

The last five (5) dollars Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax approved by Wayne Township was in 2005.

A chart was presented showing which Warren County entities had or had not levied a Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax.

Another chart was shown showing the township-maintained roadway mileage for surrounding townships in Warren county.

Another chart was shown showing the number vehicle registrations for the surrounding townships in Warren county.

Mr. Edwards told about what the levied tax would take in and the current costs of paving and chip sealing roadways.

How are Wayne Township roads funded?

The **Road and Bridge Fund** which is the primary resource for funding, with a current inside millage of 1.84 mills generates approximately \$350,000.00 per year.

The **Motor Vehicle License Tax** Fund generates approximately \$17,000.00 per year.

The **Gasoline Tax** as of 2019, before passage of Ohio House Bill 61, generated approximately \$90,000.00 per year.

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The **Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax** currently generates approximately \$60,000.00. If this additional tax is levied it would take in approximately \$40,000.00 per year bringing it up to approximately \$100,000.00 per year.

With the end of the presentation and no questions Mr. Foley closed the Public Hearing at 7:24 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business, Mr. Coffman motioned to adjourn at 7:24 pm. Mr. Patrick seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

President, Board of Trustees

Fiscal Officer