
MINUTES OF SYMMES TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING

JUNE 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Elected officials present were: Ms. Jodie Leis, Mr. Kenneth Bryant, Mr. Phil Beck and Ms. Carol Sims.

Also present: Kim Lapensee, Administrator.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Leis made a motion to approve the Agenda, Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. Motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Beck made a motion to open the public hearing and Ms. Leis seconded the motion. Ms. Leis asked Ms. Lapensee to read the staff report. Ms. Lapensee stated that this is a hearing to discuss the adoption of an additional \$5.00 license plate fee for all motor vehicles licensed and registered in Symmes Township. She stated that this is the second public hearing to discuss the adoption of these fees as the first public hearing was held on June 6th. Ms. Lapensee stated that there are approximately 6,411 households in Symmes Township and an additional \$5.00 per plate could generate around \$96,000 (factoring in 3 vehicles per household). She stated that the township already levies an additional \$15.00 which is shared with the county. This additional \$5.00 would all go to the township. She stated that local governments are permitted to levy up to an additional \$20.00 per plate.

Ms. Leis asked what the additional money could be spent on. Ms. Lapensee stated that all monies collected from the Motor Vehicle License Tax Fees can only be spent on capital items such as salt, road paving, road maintenance, buildings to house road related equipment, equipment for road maintenance, etc. She stated that we currently take money from the general fund to pay for needed equipment. The general fund has been declining over the last 7 years due to state budget cuts and is not in a position to take on expenses from any of the other departments. She stated that enacting this additional motor vehicle license tax will help tremendously.

Ms. Leis asked if anyone else would like to speak in favor of this additional fee. No one stepped forward.

Ms. Leis asked if anyone would like to speak against this additional fee. Mr. Fernando Ceccopieri stepped forward and stated that he just had questions and all his questions had been answered.

There was no discussion.

Ms. Leis made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Beck seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Leis made a motion to Approve Resolution G2017-41 which is a resolution authorizing the levy of a Township Motor Vehicle License Tax pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4504.18. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis – ‘aye’, Mr. Bryant – ‘aye’ and Mr. Beck – ‘aye’.

ADJOURNMENT

MS. LEIS made motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Mr. Beck seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis - ‘aye’, Mr. Bryant – ‘aye’, and Mr. Beck - ‘aye’.

No further action was taken and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Approved:

Jodie Leis, Board President

Carol Sims, Fiscal Officer