

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Jerome Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS &amp; SUPPLIES 844-224-3335 FORM NO. 10148

Held

December 10, 2018

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The Jerome Township Board of Trustees met in special session on December 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting the second of two public hearings pursuant to ORC 4504.18 to consider whether to adopt an additional township license tax. Board Vice Chairman Joe Craft called the meeting to order. Joe Craft and C.J. Lovejoy answered the roll call, Ron Rhodes was absent. Also in attendance were Robert Caldwell (Fiscal Officer) and members of the public.

Mr. Caldwell reviewed the public notice.

The notice indicated that any such tax would be levied at the rate of five dollars (\$5.00) per motor vehicle on all motor vehicle the owner of which reside in the unincorporated area of the township. The earliest effective date would be January 1, 2020. If adopted, the tax would remain in effect until repealed.

The first of two required public hearings was held on December 3, 2018 and the second being held on December 10, 2018.

Public Participation

Barry Adler questioned the need of additional tax revenue as a result of growth and fund reserves. He added that the burden of this tax would be on the residents of the unincorporated area when it should be on new developments. He also felt that requesting more tax revenue illustrated a failure to adequately plan.

Joe Craft reminded Mr. Adler that the tax would not go into effect until 2020 and as such the Board was proactively planning. He indicate that the license tax, estimated to generate approximately \$35,000 of tax revenue, would cost each taxpayer five dollars per vehicle. He compared this to the cost of passing an operating levy to raise revenue which would cost tax payers much more and was not something the Board wanted to do at this time. He outlined the desired uses of this revenue for road maintenance allowing other tax revenue to be used for staffing needs. He concluded by saying given the choice of adopting a license tax verses asking for an operating levy, he would choose the license tax.

Mr. Craft read the resolution to enact an additional permissive township license tax under ORC 4504.18 as prepared by the Union County Prosecutor's Office. It was moved by Joe Craft and seconded by C.J. Lovejoy that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

**The Jerome Township Board of Trustees approve A Resolution to Enact an Additional Permissive Township License Tax Under R.C. 4504.18.**

The vote resulted as follows:

Ronald Rhodes, absent  
Lonnie (Joe) Craft, yes  
Charles (C.J.) Lovejoy, yes

**The resolution carried. (Res. 18-139)**

At 7:57 p.m. it was moved by Joe Craft and seconded by C.J. Lovejoy that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adjourn. The motion carried.

  
Lonnie (Joe) Craft, Vice Chairman

  
Robert Caldwell, Fiscal Officer

