

## **Fairness In Taxes**

### **Meeting Minutes 8-5-16**

**Board Attendance:** Leo Burke, Bill & Sheila Hartranft, Don Kerns, Michael Hinchman, Dale Nicholas & Joe Somerville

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 3:00 P.M.

#### **Education – Vic Staniec**

- Prosecution of Christine Lentz is on hold. A new attorney needs more time to familiarize himself with the case and it is tentatively set for October 2016.
- There is a state mandate that high school students must pass the PARK test to graduate. Eight states give the PARCS test but only New Jersey requires passing the test in order to graduate. In Ohio a high enough score will get you tuition from the state for a state college.
- School Board elections will be November 8, 2016. There are 3 seats each for a 3-year term. The following are the candidates: Greg Whelan, Tiffany Prettiman, Dale Brown, Paul Jenkins and a 5<sup>th</sup> yet to be determined.
- New funding for ABBOT schools will be higher than for other districts.
- Ocean City teachers are now the sixth highest paid in New Jersey.

#### **FIT Ad Plans – Michael Hinchman**

- Michael presented a rough outline of a possible Ad for the media covering and grading capital expenses by project. The projects discussed were:
  - **Board walk, “A” grade.** Question the use of pine as it only has a life of about 10 years.
  - **Dredging, “D” grade.** No criteria for spoil site and site they have is not managed. Also, the road they are building at 34<sup>th</sup> Street is beginning to sink. No comprehensive plan. Ed Price commented that when the Rte. 52 causeway was built the city had paid for a spoil site and transport of spoils. Why is not being used?
  - **Flooding, “D” grade.** Received a \$5m grant but have no comprehensive plan.
  - **Visitor Center, “F” Grade.** The installation of the elevator and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor construction work should have been part of the original plan.
  - **Roads, “B+” Grade.** Seem to be making good progress.

#### **Miscellaneous**

- Bob Barr, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman will be invited to speak at the next meeting. This meeting will also be the annual meeting and election of board members.

Adjourned 4:45 P.M.

The next meeting (s) is scheduled for Friday, September 9, 2016, 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Sheila Hartranft, Secretary