

Fairness In Taxes

Meeting Minutes 12-07-16

Board Attendance: Bill & Sheila Hartranft, Pete Guinosso, Marie & Dave Hayes, Don Kerns, & Jim Tweed

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

Jim Tweed welcomed everyone and requested feedback from those in attendance regarding the change in day & time for FIT meetings. Split about 50/50, so far. Some didn't have any preference.

November minutes approved as is.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Hartranft

- Received dues from two more members (new) bringing the annual total to \$6,780.00. A bit less than half of our total membership have paid dues.
- Currently we have CD's valued at \$10,688.00 and savings account of approximately \$14,000.00.
- Shared a very positive and complimentary note from a member.

OC Flooding Committee – Bill Hartranft for Suzanne Hornick

- So far Mr. Mallon has been unresponsive to questions regarding the city's plans.
- Pete Guinoss asked for the status of the city's plans to put together a committee on flooding that would include residents. Previously Mr. Mallon had stated he would provide get the answer. Suzanne had asked that OC Flooding be included on that committee.

Guest Speakers Committee – Marie Hayes

- Waiting to hear from those speakers who were approached for available and cost, if any. A list of local lawyers was also included.
- Jim Tweed asked if anyone in attendance had a favorite topic they would like to see discussed. One member suggested having someone who could explain how to appeal taxes. Pete Guinosso asked if they knew anyone who could speak on this issue.

Web Communication Committee – Dave Hayes

- Working on a web site prototype, then will contact Jim Rudolph to transition from the current web site.
- Pete Guinosso asked how many members can be e-mailed with updates, etc. Bill Hartranft responded about ½ of our members.

Secretary' Report – Sheila Hartranft

- Sheila stated that we should plan on the winter newsletter being published and mailed by mid-January. Asked that all articles be submitted by December 21. Also to be included would be the list of questions Jim Tweed put together for city council and request feedback from the members.
- It was also recommended that we look into having a table at the city's Spring Fest, as a way to introduce/re-introduce ourselves to the residents. Sheila will contact the Chamber of Commerce for cost, placing, etc. We would need about 8 (4pairs) to volunteer to man the tables; not more than two hours for each pair. It was also determined that a cost of \$200.00 would be acceptable. Bill Hartranft made a motion to move forward with this, seconded by Marie Hayes and carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous

- Dredging – A public meeting is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Saturday 10th on the South Harbor. One question Pete Guinosso proposed we ask is how many cubic yards have been moved.

Miscellaneous Cont'd

- Jim Tweed thanked Phil Brunore for attending the Search Committee meeting and for his valuable input. Jim also stated that they do not yet have a serious candidate. It was recommended that a letter be sent (e-mailed) to the members as well as to the media to generate interest. It is felt that generating interest from outside FIT could energize the organization.
- An audience member asked how residents would get to a meeting during the week. One other attendee stated that if it is on a "hot" issue, they will attend. Sheila Hartranft also stated that one reason we are trying the change our meeting day and time is so residents who work during the day are able to attend. Still in the trial stage and will continue to look at this as we move forward.
- Marjorie Brooks commented that she heard on the radio about artificial turf not meeting expectations. It was recommended that the city be asked who the contractor and the manufacturer are and if there are specs. available.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Adjourned 8:30 P.M.

The next meeting (s) is scheduled for Wednesday, January 4, 2017, 7:00 P.M. All meetings through June 2017 will now be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Sheila Hartranft, Secretary