Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County Ohio

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The minutes of the special meeting on August 1, 2020.

PRESENT WERE JON HOFSTETTER, TOM GREGORY, SCOTT WIDMER; AND FISCAL OFFICER ANITA FISHER AND WAYNE COUNTY AUDITOR JARRA UNDERWOOD (via Cell Phone).

- Jon Hofstetter called the special meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
- The Wayne County Board of Elections has questioned whether the Ohio State Board of Elections would agree with the ballot language since there is already a fire district in the Village of Dalton and you cannot place another district (Northern Sugar Creek Fire District) on top of an existing district (East Wayne Fire District). We can either continue as is and the State will probably turn it down, or we can remove the Village of Dalton and only include the unincorporated portion of the Northern District. Scott Widmer mentioned how removing the Village of Dalton changed his view on the 2.9 millage amount now and feels that the number of calls to the unincorporated portion doesn't support the 2.9 and it would average out to about \$1,200 per call. Jon Hofstetter feels that East Wayne Fire District has equipment that is needed only for the unincorporated portion and not the Village and so the 2.9 is not overstated. Tom Gregory feels that we are still raising the same amount, just in a different way and feels like this could be opening up some old wounds. He is concerned about one area passing their levy and the other one not, since there will be separate levies in the Northern Sugar Creek Fire District. Discussion was had on how to proceed at this point.
- Given the new information, we need to rescind the previous Northern Sugar Creek Township Fire District resolutions. The resolutions to be rescinded consist of the resolution for the original creation of the Northern Sugar Creek Township Fire District, the resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax for fire protection purposes, and the resolution declaring it necessary to proceed with the levy of the tax for fire protection purposes. Jon Hofstetter moved to approve Resolution 2020-08-01-01 to rescind Resolution Nos. 2020-07-08-02, 2020-07-20-01, and 2020-07-20-02 in their entirety, in order to move forward with new resolutions. Tom Gregory seconded.

 A roll call vote was taken:

Jon Hofstetter - Yes

Scott Widmer - Yes

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Tom Gregory – Yes Motion carried.

A new resolution is needed for the creation of the Northern Sugar Creek Fire District, excluding the Village of Dalton. Jon Hofstetter moved to approve Resolution 2020-08-01-02 to create a township fire district to be known as the "Northern Sugar Creek Township Fire District" to provide fire protection services to the northern part of the township. Scott Widmer seconded.

A roll call vote was taken:

Jon Hofstetter - Yes

Scott Widmer - Yes

Tom Gregory – Yes Motion carried.

Jon Hofstetter moved to approve Resolution 2020-08-01-03, A resolution declaring the necessity of levying a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of the Northern Sugar Creek Township Fire District. Tom Gregory seconded.

A roll call vote was taken:

Jon Hofstetter - Yes

Scott Widmer - Yes

Tom Gregory - Yes

Motion carried.

Jon Hofstetter moved to approve Resolution 2020-08-01-04, A resolution declaring it necessary to proceed with the levy of a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of the Northern Sugar Creek Township Fire District. Tom Gregory seconded.

A roll call vote was taken:

Jon Hofstetter - Yes

Scott Widmer - No

Tom Gregory - Yes

Motion carried.

- Jon Hofstetter made a motion to send a letter to the Wayne County Board of Elections that the trustees wish to rescind the previously filed levy. Tom Gregory seconded. Motion carried.
- Jon Hofstetter made a motion to adjourn at 10:32 a.m. Scott Widmer seconded. Motion carried.

Jon Hofstetter, President

Anita Fisher, Fiscal Officer