

VILLAGE OF SWANTON

Joint Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Representatives from Village of Swanton, Fulton Township and Swancreek Township met in a joint meeting to discuss overlapping jurisdictional taxation in regards to the Fire Levy.

Trustee Kazmierczak opened the meeting at 5:04 pm. Each entity performed roll call for respective entities. Village of Swanton roll call answered by Councilman Rose, Councilman Rochelle, Councilwoman Kreuz, Councilman Pilliod, Councilman Dzyak and Councilwoman Westhoven. Also in attendance were Mayor Toeppe, Chief Schaffer, Administrator Hoelzle and Mrs. Harkey.

Discussion included eliminating the Village of Swanton 2 mil levy and the townships picking up the percentage of levy income generated in their respective townships.

The following information was presented to all elected officials present.

- 1.) Village of Swanton 2 mil Fire Levy
 - a. Generates \$124,901
 - i. Fulton Township Resident portion \$59,665 (47.77%)
 1. .7 mil generates \$64,637.76
 2. This is in addition to current 1.75 mil levy
 3. Confirmed amount with Mr. Kolb. Increase due to pipeline. However, litigation currently underway.
 - ii. Swancreek Township resident portion \$56,430 (45.15%)
 1. .3 mil generates \$63,605.73
 2. This is in addition to current 2.0 mil levy
 - iii. Lucas County (previous boundaries within Swanton Township) \$8,806
 1. Absorbed by Village
 - b. Average annual increase in operating over five (5) years - \$25,000
 - i. Fulton Township portion \$11,942 (47.77%)
 1. .1 mil generates \$9,234
 - ii. Swancreek Township portion \$11,288 (45.15%)
 1. .1 mil generates \$21,202
 - iii. Annual increase would have to be determined through contract language

- c. Recommendation to place on ballot May 2021 (depending on economy/COVID) for first collection 2022
- d. 1 mil cost property owners \$35 per \$100,000 valuation
 - i. Current 2.0 mil Village levy costs \$70
 - ii. Swancreek Township .3 mil would cost property owner \$10.50
 - iii. Fulton Township .7 would cost \$24.50
 - iv. Not tremendous saving monetarily, but in principle

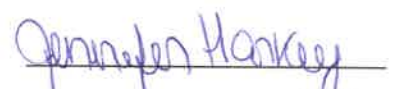
Mayor Toeppe presented his concerns on what happens if the levy fails and elected officials change. Trustee Kazmierczak recommending putting in a hefty termination clause that would include multiple years.

Representatives from Fulton Township and Swancreek Township will proceed with legislation to place respective additional fire levies on the ballot May of 2022. Once passed in both townships, the Village will rescind collection of the Fire Levy.

Councilman Rose made motion to adjourn at 5:54, seconded by Councilman Dzyak. Roll Call. Motion passed 6-0.


Neil Toeppe, Mayor

Attest:


Jennifer Harkey, Fiscal Officer