

Fairness In Taxes

Meeting Minutes 06-07-17

Board Attendance: Leo Burke, Bill & Sheila Hartranft, Don Kerns, Vic Staniec & Jim Tweed

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 P.M. with welcome by Jim Tweed.

Treasurer – Bill Hartranft

- \$6,175.00 in dues has been collected so far for 2017. Though the amount is slightly higher than the same time last year, it represents less than 40% of our membership.
- Savings account balance is approximately \$16,000.00 and CD's are at approximately \$13,000.00.
- I propose we make a contribution in memory of Phil Brunone to the Education Fund for his grandchild. Seconded by Sheila Hartranft. It was carried at the end of our meeting when we determined that we had a quorum in attendance.

Education – Vic Staniec

- High School graduation will take place on June 22, 2017, also the last day of school. Scholarship Gala is scheduled for June 15, 2017. The scholarships are in the names of many local businesses and organizations.
- Corey Terry, science teacher has resigned.
- Kelsey Mitchell is the new field hockey coach and middle school teacher. He was the Assistant Coach at Eastern and Cedar Creek high schools in NJ.
- Craig Mensinger, high school baseball coach is retiring after 32 years. Under his coaching the team had 360 wins and 335 losses. Over the last seven years they had 154 wins and 77 losses.

Public Comments at Council Meetings

- It was noted that at the opening of the meetings public comment is only agenda items. At the end the public may comment on any topic.
- Leo Burke asked if the Press attended. Vic responded that he was not sure with regard to council meetings, but two from the press attend school board meetings.

Questions submitted to City Council – Jim Tweed

- Responses were received from city council to the 2nd round of questions submitted. The responses were distributed to all in attendance. Jim asked if these responses generated any additional questions, they be brought to the next meeting for discussion as to whether we would take a position on any issue.
- He will send an e-mail to Jim Mallon to thank him for the responses.
- There have been no responses as yet on the search for a new president to succeed Jim. One question is do we attempt to go to the general public by placing an ad in the local press with the qualifications that were drafted by Phil Brunone and distributed to the FIT membership, or go back to the board for a candidate (s). Leo Burke asked if there were a list of qualifications for candidates. Answer—yes. Asked if Ed Price was interested. Answer—cannot take on the responsibility at this time; too much on his plate. Vic Staniec recommended that Jim remain as president until we have a candidate. Jim proposed that we create an ad to throw out a net to the general public in July. If that does not generate responses, we go to Plan B and search within the current board. Seconded by Vic Staniec and unanimously approved.

General Comments – Donna Moore

- Donna asked if there was any dissent from the public on the city budget at the council meeting. Bill Hartranft attended and stated that Frank Donato gave the presentation but it lacked details.
- Donna also expressed concern on over development and zoning issues.

Adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 5, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by
Sheila Hartranft
Secretary