

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

PUBLIC HEARING JUNE 10, 2025

The Fairfield Township Trustees held a Public Hearing Meeting Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at the Administration Building, 6032 Morris Road, Fairfield Township, OH 45011, for conducting Township business. Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, Trustee Vice-Chairperson at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL: Fiscal Officer, Shelly Schultz

Trustee Chairperson, Michael Berding	Absent
Trustee Vice Chairperson, Shannon Hartkemeyer	Present
Trustee, Joe McAbee	Present

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. McAbee to open Public Hearing. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax Hearing

Potential Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax – We have proposed a \$5.00 per vehicle Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax. This would be added during your vehicle registration. Just for Fairfield Township it would be \$9.50 if we enacted it. Every dollar would stay in the Township.

We would replace our aging infrastructure. We would be reducing long term repair costs. And a better quality of life and property values. This does not include paving. We do not have a dedicated funding source for paving. This is strictly salaries and benefits for the Public Works Department and all the costs associated with the Public Works Department.

If the Board decides to enact this \$5.00 fee it would start in January. It would be added during your annual vehicle registration. Every dollar would stay in Fairfield Township.

- B. Community Benefits – Safe and smoother roads. Faster stormwater response.** We would replace our aging infrastructure. We would be reducing long term repair costs. And a better quality of life and property values. This does not include paving. We do not have a dedicated funding source for paving. This is strictly salaries and benefits for the Public Works Department and all the costs associated with the Public Works Department.

COMMUNICATION

Kathy Lail
Melody Fields
Deb Meyer
Barb Holland
Adam Freydas

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Mary Alcorn

Mrs. Hartkemeyer – We've been very proactive with our paving. We're scheduled for about \$800,000 in paving. Ten years ago, we weren't paving as much as we should have. So, we did a number of years where we increased our paving, and we put more into that. We have escalated our paving projects, and I think the public would like to see that. Right now I think we have 3 options: The \$5.00, the road levy or use the money that we have and pave accordingly.

Mr. McAbee – We could put a small levy on the ballot and let you decide if you want us to maintain the roads. Cut back on the roads or move forward on the roads. I've always been in favor of the people voting. A mil today would raise about \$700,000. If we did ½ mil it would be around \$300,000. We maintain the right of way on all the streets. We have some cement work going on in some of the neighborhoods and that's extremely expensive. Right now we know we have a deficit.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - Reach out to our State Rep Diane Mullins or our State Senator George Lang and ask them if they could put more money in the budget for paving for townships. This can help. We are in the process of applying for a grant from OKI and that would be dedicated to Princeton Road. We need to take a look at what we want our paving plan to be. It is not my intent to put a financial hardship on our residents.

Ms. Schultz –

Mr. Berding is out of town, and he is watching online and would like me to read this on his behalf: "I appreciate everyone's comments tonight and last week. We will weigh all these comments when acting on this matter. We don't take this or any resolution lightly. We welcome our residents to reach out to us via email or cell which are posted on our website for any questions or comments please contact us."

Mrs. Hartkemeyer – Thank you all for coming out tonight we really appreciate it.

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. McAbee to close the public hearing.

All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fairfield Township Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 7 PM at the administration building.
- Tax Budget Public Hearing – Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 7:10 PM at the administration building.
- Juneteenth Holiday – Thursday, June 19, 2025. All Township buildings will be closed.

Ms. Schultz – The tax budget is available in my office if anyone would like to review it.

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Mr. McAbee – Next Tuesday we anticipate voting for or against this \$5 or \$10 added to your vehicle registration. We're also going to talk about a fire levy and a police levy. If your concerned about this \$5 or \$10 I think you need to be here. We are in a crisis mode here in Fairfield Township.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - Financially we are fine in 2025. In 2026 we have money in our general fund to cover this year. The last thing I want to do is put something out to the voters. Financially we are fine in 2025 and 2026 in 2027 it might get a little rough. In 2028 we might have a problem. We have some economic development that's going to be coming in. We're projected to start getting money on this in 2028. Ten years ago we put a safety service levy on the ballot. This was intended to be for 5 years. I'm looking forward to looking at the numbers!

Mr. McAbee - The longer we wait the bigger the ask is going to be. If we wait 2 years its going to be a whole lot different ask.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adjourn at 8:01 PM.
All in favor.

Minutes submitted by:

Shelly Schultz, Fiscal Officer

Michael Berding, Trustee Chairperson

Shannon Hartkemeyer, Trustee Vice-Chairperson

Joe McAbee, Trustee