

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford Special Council Meeting
Held December 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Neil Mackinnon III.

ROLL CALL: Staczek, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Ruse, Scott, and Duricek all present.

Introduction of Resolutions

#2011-16 – A RESOLUTION TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION THE ISSUE OF WHETHER THE CITY OF ROSSFORD SHOULD WITHDRAW AS A MEMBER OF THE TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to amend the resolution by changing the word general to primary both in the title and the last whereas paragraph. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Scott said a couple of things have changed since the resolution was introduced last week. We had originally looked at moving in step with Perrysburg which is looking at putting on the ballot at the next primary election a resolution to withdraw from TARTA. If that vote was to withdraw they would then put in place of action and hire a consulting firm to go out and get cost estimates from various firms, including probably TARTA, for providing transportation service. A couple of things different from Rossford are that citizens in Perrysburg are 60% against the levy and that they are pretty sure they are overpaying (about \$800,000) based on services provided and used. In Rossford he believes the citizens supported the last TARTA levy and we are not sure we are overpaying for services. He is hesitant in going to the citizens and asking to leave TARTA and not having some transportation plan and cost in place. It also appears that this does not need to be approved by December 7th and that we have another full year to do this. This gives us time to get a plan together and go ahead and look at consulting groups, get a RFP together, find out what our cost are, and then go to the citizens and let them make a decision on whether to stay or leave TARTA.

Mr. Marquette questioned what the vote was on the last TARTA levy. Mr. Ciecka said that in 2010 the TARTA levy was defeated 57% to 43% in Rossford.

Mrs. Eckel thinks when we look at cost a good indicator is the Call-A-Ride service and that in the future our plan will probably be something like that. Mr. Scott agreed that Call-A-Ride and TARPS are two features we need to have. He also said that Perrysburg is willing to add us to their study at some cost. Mrs. Eckel asked why we know think we have a year. Mr. Ciecka said that in reading the language of ORC 306.55 it states we have until November 5, 2013.

Mayor Mackinnon said this gives us time to perform due diligence and come up with an alternative plan.

Mr. Scott said Perrysburg is fast tracking this is because they have a lot more money at stake, He also noted that if Perrysburg and Sylvania Township both pull out of TARTA that the cost structure may change.

Mr. Ruse questioned Perrysburg's cost of \$800,000. Mr. Scott that Perrysburg sent out 29 RFP's and had only one response.

Mr. Duricek said that TIF money in the Crossroads would change if we had our own transportation system.

Tony Szilayge, our TARTA representative said that TARTA claims Rossford ridership is up 59% from last year. He also said based on the ridership and cost numbers it appears that Rossford's cost is \$6 a ride.

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to postpone indefinitely Resolution #2011-16. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

Neil Mackinnon III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council