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**Jim Barker**  
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To: The Honorable Findlay City Council  
From: Mayor Pete Sehnert, Chairman  
Re: September 24, 2008, Income Tax Board meeting

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Members Present: Mayor Pete Sehnert, David Hackenberg, Robert Cole Sprague, and Deborah Preston.

Attending: Andrew Thomas and Kathy Launder.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 25, 2008, meeting were distributed. Motion to approve minutes as presented, by Sprague, second by Hackenberg. Motion approved 4-0.

2008 Year-To-Date Collections: Thomas reported that YTD collections are down by approximately 20%. This is due to business collections being down as a result of business profits being down.

2008 Budget: Water/Sewer Billing has purchased new software for their customer base. City Income Tax Department utilizes the Water/Sewer Billing customer base to find taxpayers. Thomas is requesting to purchase the licensing required to access this database. Each initial purchase of a license is \$500 and \$86 per year after that. This was not budgeted for in the 2008 budget. Motion to leave at Andrew Thomas's discretion for purchase of licensing up to four at \$500.00 to access Water/Sewer Billing customer base by Sprague, second by Hack. Motion approved 4-0.

Lottery Winnings: Thomas reported that the current ordinance states that winnings of \$600 or more have to report winnings to the Income Tax Department which equates to \$5.00 in tax. Thomas proposes that the ordinance be amended to eliminate the \$600 floor and to eliminate the ability to reduce the amount of taxable income by the purchase price of the lottery tickets purchased. Most winners of the lottery win at least \$1,000.

House Resolution 3359 Update: Thomas reported that the House Resolution proposes that an out-of-town company doing business in a city needs to be working in that city for 60 days prior to having to pay any city income tax.

1/2% Income Tax Credit Ordinance: Due to budget constraints, Sprague suggested eliminating the 1/2% income tax credit that residents that work in other communities are eligible for. Motion to eliminate 1/2% income tax credit for those residents working outside of the City, by Sprague, second by Hackenberg. Motion passed 4-0.

Next Meeting: Meeting schedule for 2008: November 5. All meetings will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathy K. Launder, City Clerk