

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH LEBANON
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21, 2011
6:30 P.M.**

1. Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Randall Atkins - Absent Glenn Holloway – Absent
 Sherri Carbo – Present Bill Madison – Present
 Dean Evans – Absent Jeff Sturtevant – Present

3. Mayor Smith stated we do not have a quorum for the meeting. He said we will just use this as an informational meeting since we have residents present. He explained that Hamilton Township requested an opinion from the Attorney General concerning their police levy and South Lebanon residents paying it. He reviewed a copy of a letter some residents received from the Warren County Auditor. Mayor Smith said it is referring to a type 2 annexation. He stated that the bulk of Stonebrook was not a type 2 annexation. He also stated that a portion of Stonebrook purchased by Drees could possibly be a type 2. Mayor Smith said we believe the township is seeking levy money from residents that have not voted on the levy. He said his recommendation is to go forward and hire Plank & Brahm to assist us to stop this unjust charge of taxes based on an opinion. Mayor Smith said it could possibly affect Wynstead, Fredricks and Grants. Mayor Smith stated that there are a lot of issues trying to impose a tax on you that you did not have an opportunity to vote on. He explained that Hamilton Township's attorney, Mr. Ritchey, sent a letter to the Attorney General and sent the response to Warren County and the auditor's office sent a letter to the residents.

Sturtevant asked how much the levy passed by and was told we do not have that information. He stated that if enough of our residents had been able to vote on it then it could have made a difference in the outcome. In that case someone has a problem.

Someone asked if the type 2 annexation was the question and Mayor Smith said yes. He said the opinion given by the Attorney General was based on that.

Sturtevant said if the Attorney General rendered an "opinion" who interpreted it in the auditor's letter as a "decision", Warren County? Mayor Smith said we do not have a quorum so we can't vote tonight but I will call another special so we can vote and get this addressed. We wanted to get this addressed and not waste any time because this will kick in for January.

Mayor Smith said it would enhance their levy by \$108.00 per \$100,000. The Audience discussed the fact they get no services from Hamilton Township and they want them to pay. Someone stated that Mr. Ritchey said they plan on providing the police services to these residents. Mayor Smiths stated they can't, it is a statutory animal.

Carbo stated that she would assume if this were to go through that they would be provided the services immediately. An audience member said if he is paying 1% to the Village of South Lebanon and if I am paying for the services over there then I am not paying here. Mayor Smith stated it is crystal clear, it is our corporation limits, not the township's, we are in charge of the community and we decide as a whole what we do. I believe we need to fight this on behalf of our residents.

Mayor Smith said we will attempt to have another special tomorrow night to get this addressed.

4. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:45 p.m. by Carbo, seconded by Sturtevant, all yeas.

Sharon Louallen, Fiscal Officer

James D. Smith, Mayor