

CITY OF GROVEPORT  
REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

May 27, 2014

**ADMINISTRATION – Marsha Hall**

- Status of on-going projects
  - Town Center project – *In progress*
  - Port Rd. reconstruction – *In progress*
  - Water Treatment Plant – *notice of award provided to contractor*
  - Police Building/MB Improvements – *Police building completed/MB 99% complete*
  
- State Budget Amendment

An amendment inserted into the state’s budget (HB483) includes language that will require all municipalities to submit a breakdown to the state annually of resident versus non-resident income tax revenue. The City of Columbus, who collects our income tax, does not currently collect our information in this manner. There will obviously be an additional cost to do this. This would also require that the City of Groveport go to mandatory filing requirements so that this information can be reviewed. The actual language, other than the summary, is currently not available for review.

A quote in The Dispatch by Sen. President Keith Faber , the author of the amendment, seems to explain the future intent of collecting this information. “They don’t want to point out that a disproportionately large percentage of their revenue comes from people who don’t get to vote on their tax issues. That is a burning issue in Ohio. It doesn’t get resolved by cities burying their heads in the sand.”

The amendment passed the Ohio Senate on May 21. It is thought that the Ohio House, who forwarded the original budget bill on to the Senate, will not approve all of the amendments inserted by the Senate. It will then go to conference committee, with final action by the House sometime the week of May 26 or the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June.

As a side to this, SB282 has just been introduced by Sen. Kris Jordan which would make sole proprietorships with a net profit exempt from paying municipal income tax. Added to the continued committee discussions regarding the HB5 Municipal Income Tax Reforms, it appears that the State of Ohio is pushing hard to dismantle municipal income tax as we know it today.

Continued discussions with our legislators will be held.

Meetings Attended

May 19            Historic Preservation Committee

Upcoming Meetings

June 12            MORPC