

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION
Finance Committee
Issue Briefing

Topic: Settlement of Business Tax Matter

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I. Action To Be Considered By The Board:

The Board is being asked to consider a settlement of a business tax matter.

II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:

The Board of Commissioners must authorize a settlement of this type when it exceeds the settlement authority granted to the Township Manager.

III. Current Policy Or Practice (If Applicable):

There is no specific policy addressing whether the Commissioners should enter into a settlement agreement. This is a case by case determination based on the facts of each case.

IV. Other Relevant Background Information:

This case involves a matter between the Township and a local business for the proper payment of business taxes to the Township. The Township has been in discussions with the business regarding the appropriate methodology and has recently reached a settlement agreement for the payment of prior and current business taxes.

The details of the settlement have been provided to the Board of Commissioners in Executive Session, but business tax matters must remain confidential in accordance with state law so the name of the business and the details of the settlement cannot be included in this memo.

V. Impact On Township Finances:

The settlement will require a negotiated payment of relevant business taxes to the Township and this revenue will be included in future revenue reports provided by the Finance Director.

VI. Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Board of Commissioners approve the proposed settlement agreement.