

TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES OF MEETING OF May 9, 2022
MEETING LOCATION: 11474 KERAN ST., BOURNEVILLE, OHIO

President Michael Whitt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Officials present at roll call were: President Michael Whitt, Vice-President Michael Darbyshire, and Fiscal Officer William Jones. Trustee Bryan Bethel was absent. Also present was Fire Chief Marty Johnson, Melissa and Adam Ball and Nathan Cutler.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived.

RESOLUTION 2022-05-09-01: *Motion* was made by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire to approve the minutes as presented and also the agenda as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

none

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION

Mr. Darbyshire reported that the Ross County Engineer was donating their milling machine to Twin Township.

RESOLUTION 2022-05-09-02: *Motion* was made by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire to accept the donation. All voted yes. Motion passed.

The Trustees discussed spraying the grounds around the road garage to control weeds. *Motion* to do so by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Whitt. All voted yes. Motion passed.

The Trustees discussed advertising the township road grader, which is no longer used, for sale at a price of \$4,000.

FINANCIAL

RESOLUTION 2022-04-11-02:

Motion by Mr. Whitt and second by Mr. Darbyshire to approve:

- a) payment of bills as presented
- b) Purchase Orders and blanket certificates as presented
- c) supplemental appropriations and fund reallocations as presented

All voted yes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Whitt and second by Mr. Darbyshire to accept the quote from “Joe’s Home Improvement” to replace the back door on the road garage building at an estimated cost of \$1,350. All voted yes. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2022-05-09-03: *Motion* was made by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire to approve purchase of radio for road department tractor. All voted yes. Motion passed.

The Trustees reviewed the “on schedule/on station” compensation program currently in use for the EMS and Fire Department. Due to a low percentage of EMS runs occurring during the “on station/on schedule” times being reported, the following motion was made. **RESOLUTION 2022-05-09-02:** *Motion* was made by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Whitt to cancel the “on schedule/on station” compensation program and revert back to the pay-per-run program for EMS and Fire runs. All voted yes. Motion passed.

The Fire Department’s current 2 mill, 5-year levy for operations is due to expire at the end of 2023. This fall’s general election is the earliest time to consider placing the levy on the ballot for renewal. The Trustees also discussed placing the 3 mill levy that was defeated by 9 votes in the May 3, 2022 primary election on the ballot again at the same time. The new 3 mill levy was designed to provide funds for having a full-time EMS crew on station for part of the time.

The following resolutions were introduced and adopted to place the renewal levy only on the ballot for the fall.

RESOLUTION 2022-05-09-05:

RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION

(REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.19)

The Twin Township Trustees met in regular session on the 9th of May, 2022, at the offices of the Board, with the following members present:

Michael Whitt

Michael Darbyshire

Mr. Whitt moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of Twin Township, Ross County, Ohio, and it is necessary to levy a renewal tax in excess of such limitation, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, by The Board of Trustees of Twin Township, Ross County, Ohio, two-thirds of the members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy a renewal tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of Twin Township, Ross County, Ohio, for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings or sites thereof, or sources of water supply and materials thereof, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time or volunteer fire fighters or fire fighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of the fireman employer's contribution required under Section 742.34 of the Revised Code, or to purchase ambulance equipment, or to provide ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a fire department or fire fighting company, at a rate not exceeding two (2.0) mills for each one dollar (\$1.00) of valuation, which amounts to twenty cents (\$0.20) for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation, for a period of five (5) years commencing in January of tax year 2023, and extending for 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the question of levying such tax in excess of such limitation be submitted to the electors of Twin Township at the election held at the usual places in said township, on the 8th day of November 2022, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said levy be placed upon the tax lists and duplicate for the year 2023, to be collected commencing with the year 2024, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Officer of this Board of Trustees of Twin Township, Ross County, Ohio, William Jones, be and is directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Board of Elections, Ross County, Ohio, immediately after its passage, and to notify the Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

Mr. Darbyshire seconded the resolution, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Whitt - yea

Mr. Darbyshire – yea

RESOLUTION 2022-05-09-06:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY AUDITOR

(REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.03[B])

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Whereas, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of Twin Township, Ross County, Ohio, and it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation, now therefore be it

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees of Twin Township, Ross County, Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy a 2.0 mill renewal tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of Twin Township, Ross County, Ohio, for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time or volunteer fire fighters or fire fighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of the fireman employer's contribution under Section

742.34 of the Revised Code, or to purchase ambulance equipment, or to provide ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a fire department or fire fighting company,

Resolved, that the Fiscal Officer of this Board of Trustees of Twin Township, be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Ross County Auditor; and be it further

Resolved, that the Ross County Auditor certify to the Board of Trustees of Twin Township the current tax valuation and the dollar amount of revenue that will be generated by 2.0 mills.

Section 5705.19 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the submission of this tax to the electors.

Mr. Darbyshire seconded the resolution, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Darbyshire: Yea

Mr. Whitt: Yea

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Marty Johnson gave the report.

Request for:

1. new tires for 2 fire trucks at an estimated cost of \$7,414. This approval is contingent upon contact with Mr. Bethel to see if they can be acquired at a lesser cost from a different vendor.
2. Maintenance on the department's "jaws of life" at an estimated cost of \$1,000.
3. clutch repair for fire truck at an estimated cost of \$450.
4. The hose and ladder test was conducted on 5/9/22. Four sections of hose need replaced.

Motion to approve items above by Mr. Whitt and second by Mr. Darbyshire. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Whitt to adjourn the current meeting. All voted yes. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MEETING:

Michael Whitt, President

Michael Darbyshire, Vice-President

Bryan Bethel, Trustee