

Minutes of the Board of Licking Township Trustees, Regular Meeting held at the Fire Co., Station 3, Jacksontown, OH at 7:30 p.m., on July 6, 2015.

Mr. Hart called the meeting to order with the following members present: Joseph Hart, John Holman, Dave Miller, and Andrea Lynch.

Others Present: Forrest Cooperrider, Mike Wilson, Charlie Prince, Kyle Weekly, Max Tharp, Jeff Baucher, Tanner Wells, Steve Patterson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the previous meeting were presented, approved, and signed by the Trustees.

Mr. Holman made a motion to approve the expenditures totaling \$38,964.15

Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Hart, yes; Holman, yes; Miller, yes

There are funds on hand or in the process of collection to pay the attached listed bills. _____, Fiscal Officer.

The Fiscal Officer presented CD paperwork from First Federal Savings for signatures and information from AG Mike Dewine concerning the recent Rock Salt Settlement. Mrs. Lynch distributed a completed claim form outlining tonnage, price per ton, and total rock salt expenditures for LTWP for 2008-2010. The Board authorized the Fiscal Officer to certify and submit the claim form as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email from AOS regarding IPA extension with Wilson, Shannon, & Snow.
2. Letter from AG Mike Dewine regarding LTWP and LTFC not necessary to file for tax exemption as a 501(c)3.
3. Email from OPEC HC regarding recent marriage law & impact on healthcare

Mr. Hart discussed a letter that he received from Alan Haynes regarding the Jacksontown Sewer Project and timeline for hook-ups. Mr. Hart suggested that should the Board receive any calls regarding the matter, to refer the resident to Kevin Eby. Mr. Hart also referenced an email from the Licking County Prosecutor's Officer concerning the River Oaks Condo request to be removed from LTWP taxes. There are no new updates.

Chief Wilson gave the Fire Company Report. There were 96 runs in June which consisted of 72 EMS and 24 Fire bringing the YTD total to 557 runs. Chief Wilson congratulated Austin Bragg for his recent completion of medic school.

A discussion took place regarding the Fire Levy information presented

at a previous meeting. Chief Wilson indicated that a 3 mill levy is necessary to provide for a continuous 24/7/365 part-time fire department, including future wage increases, aging equipment, operations, etc. Mr. Hart provided calculations for Fire/EMS billing and said that should the Board opt to place a levy on the ballot, he would not recommend pursuing billing at this time. Mr. Holman complimented Chief Wilson on managing the department's budget and considering the fact the ticket surcharge was not an option and the net gain for Fire/EMS billing was not sufficient, he supports Chief Wilson's recommendation. Mr. Hart concurred with Mr. Holman and also shared his personal feelings about the men and women who serve on the LTFC. Mr. Miller said that he too supports LTFC and Chief Wilson's recommendation.

Mr. Hart made a motion authorizing the Fiscal Officer to prepare the necessary paperwork to place a 3 mill continuous Fire/EMS levy on the ballot for November 3, 2015.

Mr. Holman seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Holman, yes; Miller, yes; Hart, yes.

Mr. Hart moved the adoption of the following resolution:

*RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT
THE COUNTY AUDITOR CERTIFY VALUATION
AND REVENUE INFORMATION PURSUANT TO R.C. 5705.03(B)*

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX OUTSIDE THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND REQUESTING THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF LICKING TOWNSHIP AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY A THREE MILLS ADDITIONAL LEVY.

WHEREAS, this Board finds that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of Licking Township and it is necessary to levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Division (B) of Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, this Board must request certified information from the Licking County Auditor before submitting the question of a tax to the electors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Licking Township:

Section 1. This Board declares that it is necessary to levy a fire and emergency services property tax outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefor, or sources of water

supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, as authorized by Section 5705.19(I) of the Ohio Revised Code, and that it intends to submit the question of the addition of that levy to the electors at an election on November 3, 2015.

Section 2. This Board requests the Licking County Auditor to certify to it both (i) the total current tax valuation of Licking Township and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a three mills (3 mills) additional levy.

Section 3. The Township Fiscal Officer is authorized and directed to deliver promptly to the Licking County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution.

Section 4. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Mr. Holman seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Hart, yes; Holman, yes; Miller, yes.

Chief Wilson thanked Kyle Weekly and Andrea Lynch for their assistance in compiling the levy information and thanked the Board for their support of the levy.

Forrest Cooperrider gave the Zoning Report. There were 4 permits issued in June which included:

<i>Dawes Arboretum</i>	<i>\$435.00</i>	<i>new maintenance building</i>
<i>Susan Campbell</i>	<i>\$ 50.00</i>	<i>deck Zanesville Avenue</i>
<i>Phillip & Jennifer Jones</i>	<i>\$125.00</i>	<i>addition Lakeshore Drive</i>

Mr. Cooperrider provided an update on Crossroads and the trailer at Edgewater Beach.

Mr. Miller presented a list of roads for consideration for re-pavement. A discussion took place.

Mr. Miller made a motion that the 2015 LTWP Road Resurfacing/Chip & Seal list be put out for bids with the bid packets to include the necessary language as in previous bid instructions.

Mr. Holman seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Miller, yes; Holman, yes; Hart, yes.

The Board agreed to run the road resurfacing ads in the Beacon and Advocate during the weeks of 7/13/15 & 7/20/15 with bids due by 4:00 p.m. on 7/31/15 and bid opening to occur on 8/3/15.

Jeff Baucher stated that he appreciates the Board's discussions regarding the fire levy and all the work that goes into placing a levy on the ballot. Mr. Baucher stated that as a 35 year firefighter, he has been through several levy campaigns and will devote his time to educating the public regarding this levy.

Union Township Trustee Charlie Prince said that despite the veto of the force account provision in the budget, he appreciates the support of the LTWP Board of Trustees regarding the matter.

Mr. Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.
Mr. Holman seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Hart, aye; Holman, aye; Miller, aye.

Attest

July 6, 2015 Minutes