

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Special session on Friday, January 16, 2026 at 7:30 a.m. with the following members in attendance Mr. Arnie Clebone, Mr. Gregory Cizmar and Mr. Devon Stanley presiding.

26-32 Motion to adopt a Resolution of Necessity for an Additional Police Levy (Additional Levy 2.5 Mills) RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR POLICE PURPOSES:

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements for Liberty Township Trumbull County, Ohio and it is necessary to levy an additional 2.5 mill tax in order to provide for the needs of the Liberty Township Police department; and

WHEREAS, a Resolution declaring the necessity of levying a tax outside the ten-mill limitation must be passed and certified to the County Auditor under R.C. §505.50, R.C. §5705.03, R.C. §5705.19(J) and R.C. §5705.191 in order to permit the Board to consider the levy of such a tax and the Board must request that the County Auditor certify to the Board of Trustees the information required under R.C. §5705.03.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, that it is necessary to levy an Additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of Liberty Township for Police purposes. As provided in R.C. 5705.03(B)(1) the Board states as follows:

- (a) The proposed rate of the tax shall be 2.5 mills for each one dollar of taxable value.
- (b) The purpose of the tax shall be:

For providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs;
- (c) The tax is an Additional levy.
- (d) The sections of the Revised Code authorizing submission of the question of the tax are: R.C. §505.50, R.C. §5705.19(J) and R.C. §5705.191.
- (e) The tax is for a continuing period of time.
- (f) The tax is to be levied upon the entire territory of Liberty Township.
- (g) The date of the election at which the question of the tax shall appear on the ballot is May 5, 2026.
- (h) The ballot measure shall be submitted to the entire territory of Liberty Township.
- (i) The tax year in which the tax will first be levied is 2026 and the calendar year in which the tax will first be collected is 2027.
- (j) Liberty Township is wholly located in Trumbull County, Ohio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fiscal Officer shall certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor with the request that said County Auditor certify to this Board of Trustees the information required pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §5705.03(B)(2).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of the certification from the County Auditor and adoption of a Resolution to Proceed by the Board of Trustees that said tax levy be submitted under the authority of Ohio Revised Code §505.50, §5705.03, §5705.19(J) and §5705.191 to the electors of the entire territory of said Liberty Township, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §5705.25, in the Primary/Special election to be held on May 5, 2026.

Motion: Mr. Clebone. Second. Mr. Stanley.

Roll Call: Mr. Clebone, Yes. Mr. Stanley, originally Abstained; then changed to Yes. Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:00 a.m.
Motion: Mr. Clebone. Second. Mr. Cizmar.
Roll Call: Mr. Clebone, Yes. Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Stanley, Yes. Motion carried.

MATTHEW CONNELLY
FISCAL OFFICER

GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON

Next meeting, Special Meeting, January 19, 2026 @ 7:30 a.m.