

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Special session on Monday, January 19, 2026 at 7:30 a.m. with the following members in attendance Mr. Arnie Clebone, Mr. Gregory Cizmar, presiding. Mr. Devon Stanley absent.

26-33 Motion to adopt a Resolution to Proceed with an Additional Police Levy (Additional Levy 2.5 mills) RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH AN ADDITIONAL LEVY 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 of Liberty Township, which is located exclusively in Trumbull County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, 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, at an emergency meeting on January 16, 2026, the Board of Trustees passed and adopted Resolution 26-32 declaring the necessity, for the purposes set forth in RC §5705.19(J), of levying an Additional tax upon the electors of Liberty Township in its entirety, in excess of the ten-mill limitation, under Ohio Revised Code §505.50, §5705.19(J) and 5705.191, to support the Police Department, at the rate of 2.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, for a five-year period, first levied in tax year 2026, collected commencing in 2027; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2026, the Trumbull County Auditor certified to the Board of Trustees that:

- (1) The dollar amount of revenue to be generated by the tax levy at the stated millage, assuming tax valuation of the subdivision remains constant throughout the life of the levy, is calculated to be \$823,492;
- (2) The total tax value of the township is \$329,396,660; and
- (3) The millage is 2.5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$88.00 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, that the Board desires to proceed with the submission of the question of an Additional levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation 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 of this Board of Trustees of Liberty

Township be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Trumbull County Board of Elections, not less than ninety days prior to the election and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the form of ballot to be used for submitting the question of such Additional tax levy to the electors of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, and cast at the election, shall be in conformity with all provisions of law and/or as follows:

"An Additional tax for the benefit of Liberty Township, Trumbull County Ohio, for the purpose of 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, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$823,492 annually, at a rate not exceeding 2.5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$88.00 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for a continuing period of time, first levied in 2026 and collected in 2027.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second. Mr. Clebone.

Roll Call: Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:16 a.m.

Motion: Mr. Clebone. Second. Mr. Cizmar.

Roll Call: Mr. Clebone, Yes. Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Motion carried.

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MATTHEW CONNELLY  
FISCAL OFFICER

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GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON

Next meeting January 22, 2026 @ 8:00 a.m.