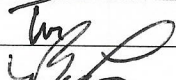



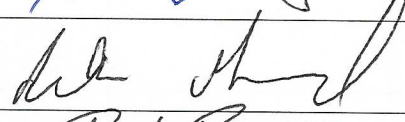
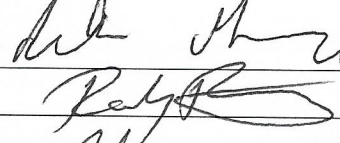
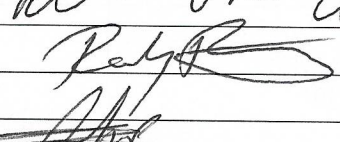
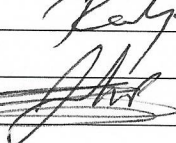



Township Board of Trustees Meeting Sign-In

Date: July 8, 2024

Township Employees		
Name	Role/Department	Signature
Tim Patrick	Trustee	
Bruce Lange	Trustee	
Adam Eskridge	Trustee	
Susan Forgacs	Fiscal Officer	
Rick Grund	Road, Cemetery, Park, Zoning	
Randy Porter	Fire Chief	
Paul Jalbert	Asst. Fire Chief	
John Kennedy	Treasurer	

Guests		
Name	Address	Signature
Don Hanna		
John Kennedy	515 E. Acorn	

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The Regular Business meeting of the Charlestown Township Board of Trustees was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Bruce Lange at 5:30 pm on Monday, July 8, 2024.

Trustees –Chair Bruce Lange, Vice-Chair Adam Eskridge, Tim Patrick – present; Fiscal Officer-Susan Forgacs - present.

Mr. Lange made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Business Meeting held on June 24, 2024; it was seconded by Mr. Patrick and passed.

GUESTS

Mr. John Kennedy, Portage County Treasurer, present to introduce himself. Discussed achievements since starting in the office in November 2023. Discussed the increase in property valuations next year. Described the Portage GrowLink program – low interest loans for homeowners, farmers and small businesses.

Ms. Janeen Webb invited residents and elected officials to the Church Community Sunday on July 14 and will be hosting an ice cream social on August 11, 2024/

REPORTS

Zoning

Mr. Grund reported the International Racetrack held a practice session on 6/30/24. There were several events documented in fall of 2023 – 9/3, 9/17, 10/11, and 11/19.

Roads

No report.

Cemetery

No report.

Park

No report.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Randy Porter reports 135 Fire/EMS calls this year; down 10 calls from last year. 1313 is still at the garage; hopefully will be ready this week.

Fire department personnel participated in the bike parade at the West Branch campgrounds last Saturday.

Fiscal Officer

Ms. Susan Forgacs present information regarding the upcoming levies. Chief Porter also presented several levy options for the fire department. The 1.5 mill levy was originally passed in 1989 is due to be renewed this November. Collects \$17,000 per year. Discussion was held. Will place 1.5 mill renewal levy on the ballot with an additional 5 mill fire levy. The intent is to let the 1.5 mill levy expire at the end of 2024 if the new 5 mill levy passes.

#9-2024 Mr. Lange made a motion to accept the resolution to certify the necessity of the 1.5 mill renewal levy. It was seconded by Mr. Patrick. Roll was called; all votes yes; motion passed.

#10-2024 Mr. Lange made a motion to accept the resolution to certify the necessity of an additional 5 mill levy. It was seconded by Mr. Patrick. Roll was called; all votes yes; motion passed.

Ms. Forgacs reports that all employees and elected officials need to complete fraud training in the next 3 months per the Ohio Auditor's Office.

Reports receiving phone call from Portage Reporter regarding any resolutions on dispensaries for an article.

Trustees

Mr. Patrick continues to meet with Ravenna City Mayor, Mr. Frank Seman, to discuss EMS contract. Has also reached out to surrounding communities to see if they were interested in providing EMS service.

Mr. Eskridge received phone call from resident next to the cemetery asking about the property lines along the east drive. He is placing signs to prevent parking off the drive on his property. Received another call regarding potential damage to display at a headstone. He inspected and found plastic angels placed there sustained some damage from the weed trimmer. Discussion was held regarding cemetery rules about displays.

Reports that the baseball field looks great, but asked about the top part of the backstop that looks older than the rest. It was not replaced with the other fencing because it was still in good shape.

Mr. Lange reports attending the 2024 OTARMA Overview meeting in Columbus. Dispensaries were a common topic. Proposed house bill 315 which includes several township issues is being backed by the OTA.

Mr. Lange moved to pay bills. Mr. Patrick seconded. All votes were yes, motion carried.

Mr. Lange moved to adjourn. Mr. Patrick seconded. All votes were yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.


CHAIRMAN


FISCAL OFFICER

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CHARLESTOWN TOWNSHIP, PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO**

Resolution #10-2024

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX
EXCEEDING THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING
FIRE EQUIPMENT AND STAFF**

The Board of Trustees of Charlestown Township, Portage County, Ohio met at a regular session on the 8th day of July, 2024, at the Charlestown Townhall with the following members present:

Bruce Lange – Chairman
Tim Patrick – Vice-Chairman
Adam Eskridge

Mt. Lange moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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 the Township of Charlestown, Portage County, Ohio;

WHEREAS, a resolution declaring the necessity of levying a tax under 505.39, and R.C.5705.19(I) outside the ten-mill limitation as per 5705.03(B) must be passed and certified to the county auditor of Portage County in order to permit the Board of Trustees to consider the levy of such a tax and must request the county auditor certify to the Board of Trustees the total current tax valuation of the Township of Charlestown, and the dollar amount of revenue rounded to the nearest dollar that would be generated by a 5 mill additional tax levy for each one hundred thousand dollars of the county auditor's appraised value; and an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars.

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy 5 mills, to constitute a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation levied upon the entire territory of the Township of Charlestown and for the benefit of the Township of Charlestown under R.C. 5705.19(I) for the following purpose:

For providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for 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 staff under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance,

paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs;

As provided by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I) at a rate not to exceed 5 mills for each one dollar of taxable value, for the tax years 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028.

RESOLVED, that the additional tax levy be placed upon the tax list commencing in 2024 and first due in calendar year 2025 in compliance with Ohio Revised Code section 5705.34, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof and,

RESOLVED, that the question of such additional tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the Township of Charlestown in its entirety, at the election to be held therein on November 5, 2024 and,

RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to certify a copy of the resolution to the county auditor and that the county auditor certify to this board of trustees the following:

- (i) the total current tax valuation of the Township of Charlestown
- (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by an additional levy of 5 mills if approved by the electors and
- (iii) the additional tax levy's rate expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, that would be generated by 5 mills for each \$1 dollar of taxable value, for each one hundred thousand dollars of the county auditor's appraised value;
- (iv) an estimate of the additional tax levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and related to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Patrick seconded the motion and the roll was called on the question of its adoption. The vote was as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Bruce Lange	Yes
Adam Eskridge	Yes
Tim Patrick	Yes

Adopted July 8, 2024

The State of Ohio, Portage County,

I, Susan Forgacs, Fiscal Officer of the Township of Charlestown, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the Record of Proceedings of the Charlestown Township Board of Trustees, and that the same has been compared by me with the Resolution on said Record and that it is a true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my signature, this 8th day of July, 2024



Susan Forgacs, Fiscal Officer
Township of Charlestown
Portage County, Ohio

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CHARLESTOWN TOWNSHIP, PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO**

Resolution #9-2024

**RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR LEVYING
A RENEWAL TAX EXCEEDING THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSES
LAID OUT IN 5705.19(I)**

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Bruce Lange, Chairman
Tim Patrick, Vice-Chairman
Adam Eskridge

Mr. Lange moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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 the Township of Charlestown, Portage County, Ohio;

WHEREAS, a resolution declaring the necessity of levying a tax under RC 505.39 and RC 5705.19 (I) outside the ten-mill limitation as per O.R.C. 5705.03(B) must be passed and certified to the county auditor of Portage County in order to permit the Board of Trustees to consider the levy of such a renewal tax and must request the county auditor certify to the Board of Trustees the total current tax valuation of the Township of Charlestown, and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a **1.5** mill renewal levy for each one hundred thousand dollars of the county auditor's appraised value; and an estimate of the levy's annual collections rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars.

WHEREAS, currently there is a 1.5 mill levy in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of Charlestown Township for the purpose of "fire and EMS" services as set forth more fully in R.C. 5705.19(I), which was a levy placed before the electorate in 2019, and a renewal thereof requires a vote of the people pursuant to R.C. 5705.19(I), R.C. 5705.191, and R.C. 5705.25.

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy a renewal of **1.5 mill**, to constitute a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation levied upon the entire territory of the Township of Charlestown, and for the benefit of the Township of Charlestown under R.C. 5705.19(I) for the following purpose:

For providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for 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 staff under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs;

As provided by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I) at a rate not to exceed 1.5 mill for each one dollar of taxable value, for the tax years 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028

RESOLVED, that the renewal levy be placed upon the tax list commencing in 2024 and first due in calendar year 2025 in compliance with Ohio Revised Code section 5705.34, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof and,

RESOLVED, that the question of such renewal tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the Township of Charlestown in its entirety, at the election to be held therein on November 5, 2024 and,

RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to certify a copy of the resolution to the county auditor and that the county auditor certify to this board of trustees the following:

- (i) total current tax valuation of the Township of Charlestown
- (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a renewal levy of 1.5 mill if approved by the electors and;
- (iii) The renewal levy's rate expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, that would be generated by 1.5 mills for each one dollar of taxable value, for each one hundred thousand dollars of the county auditor's appraised value;
- (iv) An estimate of the renewal levy's annual collections rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and related to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Patrick seconded the motion and the roll was called on the question of its adoption. The vote was as follows:

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Township of Charlestown
Portage County, Ohio

