Charlestown Township Portage County, Ohio

7352 Newton Falls Road, Ravenna, Ohio 44266 Phone: (330) 607-7824 Susan M. Forgacs, Fiscal Officer

Township Board of Trustees Meeting Sign-In

Date: 8/2/2024

Township Employees		
Name	Role/Department	Signature
Tim Patrick	Trustee	the a
Bruce Lange	Trustee	
Adam Eskridge	Trustee	(h) 82
Susan Forgacs	Fiscal Officer	
Rick Grund	Road, Cemetery, Park,	Part II 1
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Randy Porter	Fire Chief	Ruly With
Paul Jalbert	Asst. Fire Chief	SIGHT

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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, August 12, 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 July 22, 2024; it was seconded by Mr. Patrick and passed.

GUESTS

Mr. Dennis Kelly, Hanna Road, present to discuss the process of building a second home for his daughter and caregiver on his property. Was given advice to obtain plot maps from auditor and to contact health department for septic needs evaluation; then get property surveyed to meet the township's zoning requirements.

REPORTS

Zoning

Mr. Grund reported receiving phone call from an appraiser asking about zoning status for 5720 Knapp Road.

Answered questions regarding residences being allowed in the residential district on State Route 5, between Rock Spring and Esworthy,

County Side Estates are looking into expanding the lots in their surrounding R1 property. Will submit survey results from Mr. Ken Swift's property on Newton Falls Road; the property was commercial but reverted back to R1 due to lack of business activity for more than 2 years. Will probably need to hold a zoning commission meeting.

Roads

No report.

Cemetery

No report.

Park

No report.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Randy Porter reports 166 Fire / EMS calls year-to-date; down 16 calls from last year. Reports interactions from residents at the Festival regarding upcoming fire levy was positive. Received \$1000 donation from VFW.

Need to replace the auto-ejector on 1314.

Mr. Patrick made a motion to spend up to \$370 to replace the auto-ejector; it was seconded by Mr. Lange and passed.

Reports the cardiac Lifepak monitor needs maintenance. Presented 3-year maintenance contract. Mr. Patrick made a motion to spend up to \$6612 for 3 year contract (\$2204 per year); it was seconded by Mr. Lange and passed.

1314 is back in service. Making a noise when moving and turning left. Will take to Mr. Patrick's garage for evaluation.

Fiscal Officer

Ms. Forgacs reports receiving the Official Amended Certificate from the county auditor; highlighted the decreased amounts the current levies are worth.

Also received the notice of the Local Government Fund distribution amounts for 2025 as approved by the county budget commission.

#13-2024 Mr. Lange made a motion to accept the Local Government Fund Distribution from the County Budget Commission. It was seconded by Mr. Patrick. Roll was called; all votes yes; motion passed.

Levy paperwork delivered to the Board of Elections. A levy committee PAC will be established. Reminded trustees to complete fraud training from State Auditor's Office. All township employees to complete.

Reminded trustees of the request from the Prosecutor's office regarding wording of wind and solar farms resolution.

Trustees

Mr. Patrick reports waiting on follow-up communication with Ravenna City Mayor, Mr. Frank Seman, regarding the EMS contract. 8/11/2024.

Report the motorcycle race track held an event on

Mr. Eskridge reports sharing levy information with residents at the Festival with positive comments. The article in Record-Courier was not accurate; the article in the Portage was better. Discussion held regarding the flags placed on the electric poles; decided to put up around a week before Memorial Day and remove mid-July. Fire department personnel and Mr. Grund coordinate this.

Mr. Lange reports the Portage County Township Association meeting will be 8/17 at Randolph at 6 pm.

There are still time slots available to staff the township booth at the fair.

The yard hydrant at the park needs replaced; Mr. Patrick to assist Mr. Grund to repair.

Mr. Benzce is moving forward with the racetrack lawsuit; depositions scheduled 8/30.

TM Landscaping states mowing and trimming around planters and flags is time-consuming; asked Mr. Grund to make sure the flags are upright and throw away any planters with dead plants.

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

Mr. Eskridge moved to adjourn. Mr. Patrick seconded. All votes were yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

FISCAL OFFICER

BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARLESTOWN TOWNSHIP, PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO

Resolution #13-2024

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

The Board of Trustees of Charlestown Township, Portage County, Ohio met during a regular meeting on August 12, 2024 at the Charlestown Town hall with the following Members present:

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

Mr. Bruce Lange moved for the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of Charlestown Township, Portage County, Ohio, in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding year commencing January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Portage County Ohio has certified its action thereon to the Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill tax limitation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Charlestown Township, Portage County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said township, the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

SCHEDULE A

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S

ESTIMATED TAX RATES

	Amount Approved by Budget Commission	Amount to Be Derived from Levies Outside	County Audito	or's Estimate of Tax
Fund	Inside 10 Mill Limit	10 Mill Limit	Rate to be Levied	
			Inside 10 Mill	Outside 10 Mill
			Limit	Limit
	\$52,958	\$25,199	1.90	2.20
General Fund				
		\$63,738		4.00
Fire Protection				
TOTAL	\$52,958	\$88,937	1.90	6.20
\$141,182				

SCHEDULE B

LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION

	Date of Vote & Duration of	Maximum Rate Authorized to be	County Auditor's Estimate of Yield of
Levy Purpose	Levy	Levied	Levy
General	11/07/2023;	0.70	\$7,952
	5 years		
General	11/07/2023;	1.50	\$17,247
	5 years		
Fire Protection	11/05/2019;	1.50	\$17,821
	5 years		
Fire Protection	11/03/2020	2.5	\$45,917

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

Mr. Lange seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Lange: yea

Mr. Patrick: yea

Mr. Eskridge: yea

Adopted the 12th day of August, 2024

Clerk of the Board of Township Trustees

Charlestown Township
Portage County, Ohio

CERTIFICATE OF COPY ORIGINAL ON FILE

The State of Ohio, Portage County.

I, Susan M. Forgacs, Clerk of the Board of Township Trustees of Charlestown Township, in said County, and in whose custody the Files and Records of said Board are required by the laws of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the original meeting minutes, Emergency Resolution #6-22 now on file with said Board, that the foregoing has been compared by me with said original document, and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof.

WITNESS my signature, this 12th day of August, 2024

Clerk of the Board of Township Trustees

Charlestown Township

Portage County, Ohio

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

(Board of Township Trustees)

Filed	,
	County Auditor