

The regular meeting of the Charlestown Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mr. Tim Patrick on Monday, June 12, 2023.

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

Mr. Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes from May 22, 2023; it was seconded by Mr. Lange and passed.

Financial reports presented by Ms. Forgacs; accepted by the board.

REPORTS

Zoning

Mr. Grund reports receiving phone calls regarding zoning and swimming pools. Will be investigating a junk car reported on Newton Falls Road.

Roads

No report.

Cemetery

No report.

Park

No report.

Fire Department

Chief Randy Porter reports 132 Fire/EMS calls year-to-date; up 24 calls from last year. Several members attended live burn training in Paris township and an engine company class at Kent Fire last week.

Will be sending trucks for annual pump testing this week.

Planning retirement party for Don Hanna.

Mr. Patrick made a motion to spend up to \$200 for retirement plaque / gift for Don Hanna; it was seconded by Mr. Lange and passed.

Fiscal Officer

Ms. Forgacs reports County Auditor, Mr. Matt Kelly, has certified the current tax valuation of Charlestown, provided revenue that would be generated by renewing the 1.5 and 0.7 mill levies, and the estimate of annual collection if the renewal levies are approved by the electors.

#10-2023 Mr. Patrick made a motion to approve the Resolution to Proceed with a Renewal Levy for the Purpose of a Tax Increase in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation for the current 1.5 mill Levy; it was seconded by Mr. Lange; roll was called; all votes were yes; motion passed.

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Ms. Forgacs to submit required documentation to the Board of Election.

Trustees

Mr. Eskridge asked for clarification for the check issued to Mr. Kreg Hudson; Ms. Forgacs reports the payment was for hauling several loads of unneeded equipment to the Edinburg Auction.

States the parade was a success; thanked the Fire Department for their help and participation. Thanked Mr. Brock Kertoy for his participation; did a fabulous job. States Colonel Robinson had a nice presentation. Has numerous photos to place on the website.

Asked if there was any new information from the county regarding the large wind and solar farms; Mr. Lange replied has not heard anything since the board sent a letter stating not interested in having these in the township.

Continued discussion regarding township electric supplier. The switch from NOPEC (which was not selected as the township provider by the board) to Energy Harbor has been finalized. The 44266 zip code has been guaranteed a low rate (4.88) until March 2024 and there is no cancellation fee if provider is changed earlier. County Commissioner, Mr. Mike Tinlin, has been asked to send a copy of the county's NOPEC contract to the board.

Mr. Lange reports the empty Amerigas propane tank has been picked up.

Reports receiving compliments on the cemetery appearance.

Thanked the Activity Committee for all their work throughout the year.

Mr. Patrick asked the trustees to review the draft policies; would like to have them approved by the end of July.

Mr. Patrick reviewed the NOPEC grant application. Charlestown Township would be eligible for \$3000 Energized Community Grant; discussion held regarding whether the township should accept this grant. Mr. Patrick feels NOPEC should be passing on savings to residents instead of giving townships the money. There are no specific projects planned that would be eligible. Decision was made to not pursue the NOPEC NEC grant.

#12-2023 Mr. Patrick made a motion accept an Emergency Resolution for the South Knapp Road Paving Project; it was seconded by Mr. Lange. Roll was called; all votes were yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Forgacs to place advertisement for sealed bids in the Record Courier on June 16 and June 23, 2023. Sealed bids to be opened at the beginning of the regular business meeting on July 10, 2023.

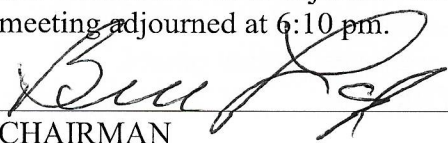
Mr. Patrick asked if Mr. Lange and Chief Porter would attend the Crisis Communication Class being offered by the county on June 20.

Mr. Patrick asked Ms. Forgacs to send a letter to Mr. James Root, expressing the township's interest in purchasing property adjacent to the cemetery.

The company has been contacted to schedule the annual guard rail spraying.

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

Mr. Patrick moved to adjourn. Mr. Lange seconded. All votes were yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.


CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CHARLESTOWN TOWNSHIP, PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO
Resolution #10-2023**

**RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH A RENEWAL LEVY
FOR THE PURPOSE OF A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION**

The Board of Trustees of the Township of Charlestown, Portage County, Ohio met at a regular session on the 12th day of June, 2023 at Charlestown Townhall with the following members present:

Mr. Tim Patrick
Mr. Bruce Lange
Mr. Adam Eskridge

Mr. Tim Patrick moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on the 22nd day of May, 2023, the board of trustees passed a resolution declaring the necessity, for the purpose described in RC 5705.19(A), to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation at a rate of 1.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation.

WHEREAS, the Portage County Auditor has certified to the board of trustees that the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the 1.5 mill renewal tax levy per one dollar (\$1) taxable value, which amounts to eighteen dollars (\$18) for each one hundred thousand dollars of valuation (\$100,000) of the county auditor's appraised value, will be \$17,000 annually, assuming the taxable value of the subdivision remains constant throughout the life of the levy.

RESOLVED, by the board of trustees, with at least two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that the board desires to proceed with the submission of the question of a renewal tax levy on the entire territory of Township of Charlestown, Portage County, Ohio at the rate of 1.5 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.15 (15 cents) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, to the electors of the Charlestown Township in its entirety; be it further,

RESOLVED, that the tax levy will be for 5 years and will include a levy on the tax list commencing in the tax year 2023, and then for 2024, 2025, 2026, & 2027, first due in calendar year 2024, if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

RESOLVED, the question of such renewal tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the Charlestown Township in its entirety at the election to be held therein on November 7, 2023.

RESOLVED, that the Township Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to certify, not less than 90 days prior the general election, to the Board of Elections, Portage County, Ohio, a copy of the resolution of necessity dated May 22, 2023 along with a copy of this resolution to proceed, together with the certification on the Portage County Auditor, and notify the board of elections to cause notice of the election on the question of levying the tax to be given as required by law.

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

Tim Patrick:	Yea
Bruce Lange:	Yea
Adam Eskridge:	Yea

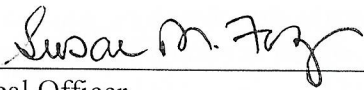
Adopted June 12, 2023

CERTIFICATE

State of Ohio, Portage County

I, the undersigned Fiscal Officer of the Township of Charlestown, Portage County, Ohio, certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 10-2023 is taken and copied from the record of proceedings of the Charlestown Township Board of Trustees, and that it has been compared by me with the resolution on the record and is a true copy.

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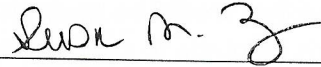
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