



Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

June 2, 2020

- 1. Opening of Meeting**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance 6:00 PM**
- 3. Meditation (Moment of Silence)**
- 4. Citizens Address**
- 5. Old Business**
 - a. Resolution Of Necessity For Levying A Tax Exceeding Ten-Mill Limitation For The Fire Department Of The Township
- 6. Executive Session – if needed**
- 7. Adjournment**
- 8. New Business**

OLD BUSINESS

Department: Administration

Department Head: Geoff Milz, Administrator

Resolution Of Necessity For Levying A Tax Exceeding Ten-Mill Limitation For The Fire Department Of The Township

Recommend approval of a resolution directing the Township Administrator to request the County Auditor to certify rates for a levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation at a millage to be determined by the Trustees.

Rationale:

At the April 14, 2020 meeting of the Board of Trustees, Chief Cook gave a presentation on the needs assessment conducted by his department. At the April 28, 2020 meeting of the Board of Trustees, Chief Cook and Assistant Township Administrator Jeff Weckbach gave a presentation on several financial scenarios for funding the Department of Fire and EMS through various property tax levy scenarios or various service level decreases. At the May 12 meeting of the Board of Trustees the board deliberated and then voted to table the matter to the May 26th meeting. At the May 26th meeting, the Board voted 2-1 to adopt a resolution certifying a 3.0 mil fire levy but also wanted to hold a special meeting to discuss the matter further.

An additional resolution has been drafted in case the Board wishes to certify a different amount.

The Board of Trustees of Colerain Township, County of Hamilton, State of Ohio, met in Special session at 6:00 p.m., on the 2nd day of June, 2020, at the Colerain Township Administration Building, 4200 Springdale Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45251, with the following members present:

Raj Rajagopal, Dan Unger and Matthew Wahlert

Mr. _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. _____-20

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR LEVYING AN ADDITIONAL TAX EXCEEDING TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP

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 Colerain Township, Hamilton County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, a resolution declaring the necessity of levying a tax under Ohio Revised Code 5705.19 outside the ten-mill limitation must be passed and certified to the county auditor of Hamilton County in order to permit the Board of Trustees to consider the levy of such a tax and must request that the county auditor certify to the Board of Trustees the total current tax valuation of Colerain Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the tax; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 5705.19(I) provides that a taxing authority may levy a continuing tax for the purpose of providing for the fire services of the township and its residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Colerain Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, as follows:

1. The Board specifically finds and hereby determines that it is necessary to levy an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of Colerain Township for the purpose of providing for the Fire Department of the township, pursuant to section 5705.19(I) of the Revised Code, at a rate of ____ mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to _____ (\$.____) for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation; and
2. The Colerain Township Board of Trustees hereby orders that the levy be placed upon the tax lists, in compliance with Ohio Revised Code section 5705.34, for a continuing period pursuant to Revised Code Section 5705.19(3)(a), if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof; and
3. The proposed tax is an additional levy. The additional tax levy is authorized by the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I) and would be levied upon the entire territory (both incorporated and unincorporated areas) of Colerain Township, Hamilton County, Ohio; and

4. The Colerain Township Board of Trustees hereby orders that the question of such tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of Colerain Township at the general election to be held therein on November 3, 2020; and

5. The proposed additional tax levy shall be placed upon the tax list and duplicate of 2020 for collection in 2021, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof; and

6. That the Clerk is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Hamilton county auditor and Board of Elections, Hamilton County, Ohio. The Board of Trustees hereby requests that the county auditor certify to this Board of Trustees the total current tax valuation of Colerain Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the tax levy if approved by the electors.

7. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

8. That the Board by a majority vote hereby dispenses with the requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days and hereby authorizes the adoption of the Resolution upon its first reading.

9. That this Resolution shall be effective at the earliest date allowed by law.

Mr. _____ seconded the Resolution, and the roll being called upon the question of its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Vote Record: Mr. Rajagopal_____, Mr. Unger_____, Mr. Wahlert_____

ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2020.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Raj Rajagopal, Trustee

Dan Unger, Trustee

Matthew Wahlert, Trustee

ATTEST:

Jeff Baker,
Fiscal Officer

Resolution prepared by and approved as to form:

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AUTHENTICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was duly passed and filed with the Colerain Township Fiscal Officer this 2nd day of June, 2020.

Jeff Baker
Colerain Township Fiscal Officer