

**Perry Township Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
July 31, 2018 5:00 pm**

This meeting was announced to the press on 07/30/18

Call to Order

Trustee Haines indicated that the date was July 31, 2018 and the Board of Township Trustees have called a Special Meeting. In addition, Trustee Haines stated that there was a press release yesterday announcing this Special Meeting. Trustee Haines relayed that there were no excused absences this evening and no additions or deletions to the Agenda.

Excused absence:

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Consider Township Levy Options:

Trustee Haines stated that there was one thing on the Agenda this evening to discuss and indicated that this was also discussed at our last public meeting. Trustee Haines stated that this is in regard to possibilities and options we have before us in putting together a road levy. Trustee Haines indicated that we would start with what Road Superintendent Masalko previously gave the Board.

Road Superintendent Masalko referenced the spreadsheet before the Board and stated that he reworked the proposed revised 3 mill levy; Mr. Masalko read aloud the referenced revised categories under Operations and gave a brief explanation to each.

Trustee Haines referenced the levy discussion at the July 17, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting and again gave comparison of costs for salt and asphalt from past years to what is now current; indicated that the number of road department employees have gone from 15 to currently 10; and listed the monies utilized from the road budget for recent and past drainage projects, box culverts and drainage ditches.

Trustee Chessler briefly indicated that monies generated from past road levies were not for the purpose to pay salaries and personnel costs but were to be utilized for road paving materials. Trustee Chessler indicated that we have kept that promise but relayed that the road department budget has been continually short and our goal for this proposed levy is to be specific in asking for the funds needed for not only paving materials, but paving equipment, vehicles and building maintenance.

Trustee DeChiara referenced the spreadsheet before the Board and had several questions regarding the road department operation costs as well as the listed drainage fund for 2023 and why it dropped so much. Road Superintendent Masalko gave a brief explanation.

Trustee Haines indicated that they would take comments regarding this matter at this time since there was no Public Speaks portion during a Special Meeting.

Tim Blythe, 2956 Bridgeton St. NW, Massillon 44646 – Regarding salaries, Mr. Blythe inquired if it would be beneficial to move extended money in the General Fund to help take care of the parks and take that burden off of the road department. More discussion took place regarding this matter.

Chris Noggle – Ms. Noggle indicated that she heard there was going to be a special meeting and wanted to attend tonight but relayed that she was not aware of all of the operation/budget details being discussed tonight, she just knows that there are roads that need paved. Ms. Noggle indicated that there are so many people out there that just don't know all of this information. Trustee Haines stated that this is one of the reasons for tonight's meeting and the need to get the correct information out there.

Steve Toohey, 642 Summerdale – Mr. Toohey indicated that in regard to the last Board meeting, there was talk about proposed levies for both road and police and inquired if the police levy would be moved to a different time. Trustee Haines indicated that there was discussion regarding this but relayed that to run them at the same time would be overwhelming. Trustee DeChiara also relayed that though there was a huge need for both departments, felt it would be better to concentrate on one levy at a time and try to educate the public regarding each one.

Mr. Toohey made a comment regarding the Perry Schools and their funding; Trustee Haines agreed and gave a brief explanation regarding discussion he has previously had with Superintendent Beatty concerning this matter; Trustee Haines also relayed that he had an upcoming meeting scheduled with Superintendent Beatty to discuss additional police presence in the schools.

Trustee DeChiara inquired of Fiscal Officer Schlegel if he would give detail regarding this proposed road levy; Fiscal Officer Schlegel gave a brief explanation.

Mike Vaughn – Mr. Vaughn inquired if it was possible to consolidate all of the levies together. Trustee Chessler stated that we have done that in the past with our police levies and indicated that it is confusing; Trustee Hall also relayed that in regard to the ballot language for a proposed levy, by statute, it must be very specific in the language.

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board request the Stark County Auditor to certify the dollar amounts generated by a renewal of a 1-mil renewal with a 3-mil additional levy for the general reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads and bridges in Perry Township, Stark County, Ohio; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Haines, yes. Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes.

Fiscal Officer Schlegel, motion to adjourn; Trustee Haines, so moved. Adjournment at 5:45 pm.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Haines, yes. Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes.

Doug Haines, President

Joe Schlegel, Fiscal Officer