

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 29, 2018

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday January 29, 2018, at Town Hall, 82 Ohltown Rd, Austintown, OH.

The meeting opened at 9:00 A.M. with a salute to the flag led by Chairperson James Davis. Roll Call was as follows: Mr. Davis, present; Mr. Carano, present; and Mr. Stauffer, present.

Mr. Davis introduced the Board Members.

Discussion was held to consider a resolution determining to proceed with the submission to the electors of the question of levying a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation as to one or more of the following levies:

RESOLUTION #18-01-29-01: Motion by Mr. Carano to place a replacement levy of 0.8 mills for the purpose of providing and maintain motor vehicles, communications, and other equipment used directly in the operation of a police department or the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel.

Motion was not seconded. Motion was withdrawn; did not pass.

RESOLUTION #18-01-29-02: Mr. Davis opened to receive a motion to place a replacement levy of 2.4 mills for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, and other equipment used directly in the operation of a police department, or the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel, including the payment of the policemen employer's contributions required.

No motion was made; did not pass.

RESOLUTION #18-01-29-03: Motion by Mr. Stauffer to place a replacement of 2.4 mills of an existing levy and an increase of 0.8 mills for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, and other equipment used directly in the operation of a police department, or the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel, including the payment of the policemen employer's contributions required.

Mr. Carano seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Stauffer, yes; Mr. Davis, yes; and Mr. Carano, yes.

RESOLUTION #18-01-29-04: Mr. Davis opened to receive a motion to place an additional levy of 1.0 mills for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel.

No motion was made; did not pass.

REMARKS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEE KEN CARANO:

- Have tried to maintain services while utilizing declining funds
- Since 2010 the Township has lost \$6.2 million
- Roads that once cost \$10,000 - \$15,000/mile now cost \$110,000/mile

TRUSTEE RICK STAUFFER:

- Appreciation for Austintown 'spends' well
- Creative with grant funding \$200,000 worth of Police payroll

FISCAL OFFICER LAURIE WOLFE:

- Advised that additional money will need to be transferred to Police Dept to close out 2017

POLICE CHIEF GAVALIER:

- Stated there are 5 officers on Grants - \$200,000
- Equipment grants of \$50,000

ADMINISTRATOR, MIKE DOCKRY:

- Didn't replace the Road Superintendent in 2004
- Didn't replace the Accountant in 2016
- State the need to get the Police Dept out of the General Fund
- Stated the Racino money is in the Roads – designated for infrastructure

TRUSTEE JIM DAVIS:

- Commented that Boardman has 60 Police officers whereas Austintown has 41 Police officers
- Also, Boardman has 30 employees in their Road Dept; Austintown only has 14 Road personnel
- Have always done our best to be creative; have joined forces with other communities to defray costs

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RESOLUTION #18-01-29-05: Motion by Mr. Stauffer to adjourn meeting at 9:30 AM.

Mr. Carano seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Davis, yes; Mr. Carano, yes; and Mr. Stauffer, yes.

This is to certify that the foregoing is an accurate record of the proceedings of the board of township trustees at its meeting held on the date listed above.

Date: 02-21-18



Fiscal Officer

Approved:



Chairperson Board of Trustees