

Washington Township Board of Trustees Record of Proceedings

ENTITY NAME: Washington Township / Logan County

MINUTES TITLE: Minutes from the Special Meeting held on January 25, 2022

BOARD NAME: Washington Township Board of Trustees

TYPE OF MEETING: Special

VOTING SESSION: Yes

DATE: 1/25/2022

START TIME: 9:00 AM

END TIME: 10:18 AM

MEETING LOCATION: Washington Township Hall, Lewistown, OH

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS: Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller

CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chairman, Trustee Faulder

BOARD MEMBERS / FISCAL OFFICER

NAME	PRESENT
Trustee Faulder	Present
Trustee Berg	Present
Trustee Lewis	Present
Fiscal Officer Miller	Present
Chief Rick Core	Present

Trustee Faulder Announced: Purpose of this Special Meeting: Discuss Police Dept. Levy and Budget

POLICE DEPARTMENT LEVY	
REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME	Police Chief Rick Core – Discusses Need for the New Continuous 3.5 mill Tax Levy
	<p>Police Chief Rick Core advised Trustees and County Auditor, Jack Reser, that due to the increase in criminal activity, hours in court, need for additional hours for part-time nuisance officer and eventually another full-time officer the current budget does not allow this Police Department to grow in the way it needs to in order to continue to be an effective and integral part of Washington Township. Chief Core is asking for a 3.5 mill new and continuous levy.</p> <p>It would be used for salaries, OPERS, Equipment, Training and additional benefits we cannot afford now. Our Officers have been offered positions that pay \$22/hr. and we pay \$17.50/hr. they also offer better benefits. When they need equipment they just purchase it, we have to find a grant or save enough funds. Fiscal Officer Miller has advised that our salaries and OPERS have increased 18-20% over the past three years. That is due to more criminal activity, more time in the courtroom, drug task force, etc. so very difficult to cut back on hours when we're doing the best we can to answer the calls we are dispatched to with the resources that we currently have. The expense of upkeep for services such as MARCS radios, WatchGuard Cameras, laptops for cruisers, etc....is required equipment and services for us and we don't have a say as to how much they will charge but I can tell you it just seems to be getting higher and higher without regard for smaller government entities that don't have the budgets of larger municipalities and cities.</p> <p>The current renewal levy will be collected through 2023 so there will be a one year overlap with the new continuous 3.5 mill levy. Upon passage of the new levy Chief Core has made a request of the Trustees and Fiscal Officer that the current renewal levy which generates approximately \$179,000 per year be non-renewed once it expires in 2023.</p>

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LEGISLATION – Logan County Auditor, Jack Reser

NUMBER	Resolution 2022-002
TITLE	Requesting County Auditor to Certify Certain Tax Valuation Information due to Trustees finding it necessary to levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation for the Police Department.
STATUS	Passage
MOTION TO	Approve
DISCUSSION Logan County Auditor, Jack Reser	<p>I have received specific needs from Washington Township Police Chief Rick Core for how the additional funds from this new continuous levy will be spent if approved on May 3, 2022 so that is the first step. The request and how the Police Chief wants to use those monies do agree with what the Trustees have already stated and approved and therefore, requested my help in getting the proper resolutions and certification in place so that the levy can be placed on the May 3, 2022 ballot.</p> <p>This resolution gives Trustees the necessary financial information certified by County Auditor, Jack Reser:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This additional tax is for the Washington Township Police Department in Logan County, Ohio - It is a new and continuing tax levied upon the entire Township, except for Russell’s Point; never rolls off. - This resolution is requesting certification from me of the tax valuations to give the Township Trustees information on amount of revenue it will generate. - Total Valuation is \$83,115,560.00 - A 3.50 mill levy will generate the following amount of revenue annually: \$295,000.00 - If Fiscal Officer Miller gets both approved resolutions and the certification from me to the Election Board by 2/2/22 it will be on the May 3, 2022 ballot. - Approved in 2022, collected in 2023 - Auditor, Jack Reser, read Resolution 2022-002 to all in attendance
VOTING ROLL CALL	Trustee Lewis made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-002 and Trustee Berg seconded. A vote was taken and the results were:
Trustee Lewis	Yes
Trustee Faulder	Yes
Trustee Berg	Yes
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0 Resolution 2022-02 Passed

NUMBER	Resolution 2022-003
TITLE	Resolution to Proceed with the Submission of the Question of Levying a Tax in Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation
STATUS	Passage
MOTION TO	Approve
DISCUSSION	This resolution allows the Washington Twp. Trustees to proceed with the submission of the question of the tax to the electors. The rate of the tax is 3.50 mill for each dollar of valuation. This rate is .35 for each hundred dollars of tax valuation. It is a new and continuing tax levied on the entire Washington Township, excluding Russells Point for the purpose of the Washington Township Police Department. The date of the election is May 3, 2022 and the tax will be collected in 2023.
VOTING ROLL CALL	Trustee Berg made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-003 and Trustee Lewis seconded. A vote was taken and the results were:
Trustee Lewis	Yes
Trustee Faulder	Yes
Trustee Berg	Yes
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0 Resolution 2022-003 Passed

NUMBER	Resolution 2022-004
TITLE	In the Matter of Adoption of the Permanent Appropriations for FY2022
STATUS	Passage
MOTION TO	Approve
DISCUSSION Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller	<p>For the budget there are two items that Logan County Auditor, Jack Reser requests from all Fiscal Officers and we need to have in place in order to encumber funds for purchase orders and then to pay invoices, so very important. Both are living documents meaning that changes and updates may be made to them by resolution with Trustees approval and then submitting them to the County Auditor.</p> <p>The first document is the Certificate of Estimated Resources is created by the Fiscal Officer and is an estimate of all fund resources (including carryover and expected revenue from each fund) which can be used during the fiscal year for that entity’s expenses. The County Auditor will look at the certificate and compare to his numbers to confirm whether he approves and if so, sends an amended certificate of estimated resources. If not, he will call and suggest changes based on information he may have that we don’t or vice versa. Those are due on January 31st of each year.</p> <p>The second document is the Annual Permanent Appropriations ready for approval today so that I can drop them off to County Auditor, Jack Reser. The appropriations are multiple fund line items for expenditures (salaries, electricity, gasoline, etc.). We may not appropriate more than the Certificate of Estimated Resources has been approved for. I have appropriated 62% based on a State of Ohio Auditor’s suggestion since some of our funds run lower than others.</p>

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	<p>BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Washington Township, Logan County, Ohio that the Trustees of said Township have moved to adopt the Permanent Appropriations for FY2022.</p> <p>FURTHER RESOLVED, that these appropriations will only be in effect upon the approval of the Logan County Auditor and Budget Commission.</p>
VOTING ROLL CALL	Trustee Berg made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-004 and Trustee Lewis seconded. A vote was taken and the results were:
Trustee Lewis	Yes
Trustee Faulder	Yes
Trustee Berg	Yes
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0 Resolution 2022-004 Passed

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

TYPE OF MEETING	<u>Regular</u>
DATE	<u>2/14/2022</u>
TIME	6:30 PM
LOCATION	Washington Township Hall

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY	Trustee Lewis
MOTION SECONDED BY	Trustee Berg
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE
Trustee Lewis	Yes
Trustee Faulder	Yes
Trustee Berg	Yes
VOTING RESULTS – Motion Passed	YES: 3 NO: 0

MINUTES PREPARED BY

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
	Fiscal Officer	2/14/2022

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEE CERTIFIED

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
Trustee Faulder -	Trustee and Chairman of the Board	2/14/2022
Trustee Berg -	Trustee and Co-Chairman of the Board	2/14/2022
Trustee Lewis -	Trustee and Member of the Board	2/14/2022