

The Special Meeting of the Hamilton Township Board Of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 a.m., by Chairman Chris Hann. The purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss the placement of a fire levy on the November ballot.

Members Present: Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea    Hann yea

Visitor Present: None

(2023-176) RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR LEVYING A TAX EXCEEDING THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.03(B)

C. Hann offered a motion to adopt the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of Hamilton Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the “Board”) provides Fire services through the Hamilton Township Fire Department, which services the unincorporated and incorporated portions of Hamilton Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the “Township”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is the taxing authority for the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, at the general election held on November 6 2018, Township voters approved a 3-mill renewal levy for a five-year period for the purposes contained in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of Hamilton Township and its Fire Department and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of that limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a tax levy outside the ten-mill limitation pursuant to Section 5705.19(I) of the Ohio Revised Code, this Board must certify to the Franklin County Auditor a resolution requesting that the County Auditor certify, as applicable to this levy:

- (i) the total current tax valuation of the entire territory of Hamilton Township (both incorporated and unincorporated areas), Franklin County, Ohio,
- (ii) the number of mills for each one dollar of taxable value that is required to generate a specified amount of revenue,
- (iii) in the case of a levy to renew, the levy’s estimated effective rate, calculated using the rate described in R.C. 5705.03(B)(2)(b) or (d), expressed in dollars, rounded

- to the nearest dollar, for each one hundred thousand dollars of the county auditor's appraised value,
- (iv) the dollar amount of revenue, rounded to the nearest dollar, that would be generated by a specified number of mills for each one dollar of taxable value, and

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- (v) for any levy or portion of a levy except a levy or portion of a levy to pay debt charges, an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of this Board declaring the necessity of the tax; stating the proposed rate of the tax, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value, or the dollar amount of revenue to be generated by the proposed tax; stating its purpose; whether it is an additional levy, a renewal or a replacement of an existing tax, a renewal or replacement of an existing tax with an increase or a decrease, a reduction or decrease of an existing tax, or an extension of an existing tax to additional territory; the Section of the Ohio Revised Code authorizing its submission to the electors; stating the term of years of the tax or if the tax is for a continuing period of time; that the tax is to be levied upon the entire territory of the subdivision or, if authorized by the Revised Code, a description of the portion of the territory of the subdivision in which the tax is to be levied; the date of the election at which the question of the tax shall appear on the ballot; that the ballot measure shall be submitted to the entire territory of the subdivision or, if authorized by the Revised Code, a description of the portion of the territory of the subdivision to which the ballot measure shall be submitted; the tax year in which the tax will first be levied and the calendar year in which the tax will first be collected; and each such county in which the subdivision has territory, and requesting such certification, the County Auditor is to certify the information under and in accordance with R.C. 5705.03(B)(2)(a-e), as applicable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Hamilton Township, Franklin County, Ohio, two-thirds of all of the members elected thereto concurring, that:

**Section 1.** The Board determines that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of Hamilton Township for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I).

**Section 2.** The Franklin County Auditor is hereby requested, pursuant to Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, to certify to the Hamilton Township Board of Trustees the following:

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- (i) the total current tax valuation of the entire territory of Hamilton Township (both incorporated and unincorporated areas), Franklin County, Ohio,
- (ii) the dollar amount of revenue (rounded to the nearest dollar) that would be generated by 3.0 mills for each one dollar of taxable value,
- (iii) the levy's estimated effective rate, calculated using the rate described in R.C. 5705.03(B)(2)(d), expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, for each one hundred thousand dollars of the county auditor's appraised value, and
- (iv) an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission.

**Section 3.** The above-referenced proposed levy would be a **renewal and would be for a period of five (5) consecutive years** to be placed upon the ballot of the general election to be held on November 7, 2023, and submitted to the entire territory of Hamilton Township (both incorporated and unincorporated areas), Franklin County, Ohio.

**Section 4.** The above-referenced proposed renewal levy would be for the same purposes as the existing 3-mill levy first approved by voters in 2018, authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I). The proposed renewal levy shall be levied upon the entire territory of Hamilton Township (both incorporated and unincorporated areas), and placed (continued) upon the tax list and duplicate of 2023 for collection in 2024, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.

**Section 5.** Hamilton Township, Franklin County, Ohio only has territory in Franklin County, Ohio.

**Section 6.** The Hamilton Township Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Franklin County Auditor and, if necessary, the Board of Elections of Franklin County, Ohio.

**Section 7.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Trustees, and that all deliberations of this Board of Trustees and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 8.** This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time provided by law.

G. Armstrong seconded the motion and the vote resulted.

M/C

Blackstone yea

Armstrong yea

Hann yea

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**WHEREAS**, the Board is the taxing authority for the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, at the general election held on November 6, 2018, Township voters approved a 3-mill renewal levy with an increase of 4 mills to constitute a tax of 7 mills for a five-year period for the purposes contained in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of Hamilton Township and its Fire Department and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of that limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a tax levy outside the ten-mill limitation pursuant to Section 5705.19(I) of the Ohio Revised Code, this Board must certify to the Franklin County Auditor a resolution requesting that the County Auditor certify, as applicable to this levy:

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list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission; and

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- (iii) the dollar amount of revenue (rounded to the nearest dollar) that would be generated by the following specified numbers of mills for each one dollar of taxable value:
  - a) 7.0 mill renewal levy with a 1.5 mill increase to constitute a tax of 8.5 mills
  - b) 7.0 mill renewal levy with a 2 mill increase to constitute a tax of 9 mills
  
- (iv) an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission.

**Section 3.** Any of the above-referenced proposed levies would **be a renewal with an increase and would be for a period of five (5) consecutive years** to be placed upon the ballot of the general election to be held on November 7, 2023, and submitted to the entire territory of Hamilton Township (both incorporated and unincorporated areas), Franklin County, Ohio.

**Section 4.** Any of the above-referenced proposed renewal levies would be for the same purposes as the existing 7-mill levy approved by voters in November of 2018, authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I). Any of the proposed renewal levies shall be levied upon the entire territory of Hamilton Township (both incorporated and unincorporated areas), and placed (continued) upon the tax list and duplicate of 2023 for collection in 2024, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.

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G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted.

M/C

Blackstone yea

Armstrong yea

Hann yea

(2023-178) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn at 7:22 a.m. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea

Armstrong yea

Hann yea

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fiscal Officer