

## The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Special Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm at 3820 Cleveland Ave. Present were Trustees Jane Cera, Carl Reardon, and Aliena Sword, and Fire Chief Fraley,

### FIRE

Chief Fraley presented a letter to the Board of Trustees that reviewed the many losses in projected revenue to the Fire Department over the last several years due to reductions in levy revenue, property taxes and the fact it has been so many years since a fire levy. The letter read as follows;

*Over the last few years I have projected the need for a levy in 2020. These projections were distributed in our quarterly budget committee meetings. The requested millage has continued to rise as tax revenue has been reduced. These reductions have substantially impacted our budgets long-term capability. The first reduction was the elimination of the CAT tax which was approximately \$70K for the fire department. In 2016 the Township revenue was reduced through delinquent tax issues which was another \$130K for the fire department. In 2019 due to an economic development agreement the revenue was reduced an additional \$250K.*

*The fire department has used carryover funds, EMS funds, and CEDA for operating cost these last few years. The carryover funds from Fire-2111 and EMS-2281 have diminished and on their own will not cover first quarter expenses in the near future. The reliance on EMS revenue for operating expenses is becoming less likely as more ALS transport vehicles are slated to be placed in-service in the area. A reduction in EMS revenue is projected. The \$600K in CEDA assistance from 2018 and 2019 is what makes the fire department carryover look deceptively healthy.*

*The last new levy placed on the ballot for the fire department was in 2005 for 2 mills. A replacement levy was successful in 2008 but did not generate the anticipated revenue. It has been almost 15 years since a new levy was requested. Prior to 2005 the previous levy was in 1985.*

*With these factors in mind and the fact that operating expenses have doubled since the last new levy, I am requesting a minimum of 7.5-mills be placed on the ballot in March 2020. With this levy, assistance from CEDA will still be required for the purchase of a new fire engine and medics.*

*Per the Auditor 1 mill in Clinton Township generates \$106K annually. A 7.5-mill levy will generate \$795K annually. This will increase the tax revenue to \$1,775,000 annually for the fire department. The cost to the resident will be \$35.00 per mill per \$100K valuation. This is an additional \$262.56 per year, \$21.88 per month, or .71 cents a day. A 9-mill levy would generate \$954K annually and increase the department tax revenue to \$1,934,000. For the resident this would be an additional \$315.00 annually, \$26.52 monthly, or .85 cents a day.*

The Board took a brief recess from 5pm till 5:06pm for Chief Fraley to run a budget projection for the Board.

**Res. No. 19-12-010** Motion by Trustee Reardon 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). 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Sword, Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon –Yes

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Reardon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Sword

Meeting ended at 5:28pm

**ATTEST:**

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Carl Reardon, Chair

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Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer