

SPECIAL MEETING

OPENING: The regular meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by President Giavasis, who led the staff and audience in the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

Pamela Bossart, Louis Giavasis, Albert Leno, II, Claude W. Shriver, II, Eric Williams, Lisa Sabina-Campbell.
Media present: Ed Pritchard, the Repository.

POLICE LEVY:

Mr. Giavasis discussed phone calls that he had received from several residents concerning both arguments of the Police Levy issue. He believes that asking for additional money at this time may be too much of a gamble because the taxpayers have shown in the past that they are not interested in paying higher taxes for the police service. Mr. Giavasis suggested only asking for a renewal and making minimum budget cuts in conjunction with the Sheriff if necessary. Mrs. Bossart pointed out that although the replacement would be great, it is a large gamble and we could not afford for the entire levy to be voted down. Mr. Leno agreed with the other board members, stating that if the levy were voted down, we would lose our police protection at the end of December, 2007. The Board of Trustees **agreed that Plain Township’s current situation with the Stark County Sheriff Department is to get the best service we can for the most affordable price.** The vote to use the 2.25 Renewal passed and that ballot has been sent on to the Board of Elections.

#07-478

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MIL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE PLAIN TOWNSHIP POLICE DISTRICT, PLAIN TOWNSHIP, STARK COUNTY, OHIO, AS A RESULT OF CONTRACTS MADE WITH OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN POLICE PROTECTION FOR THE PLAIN TOWNSHIP POLICE DISTRICT, PLAIN TOWNSHIP, STARK COUNTY, OHIO.

Motion by Mr. Giavasis,
WHEREAS, upon due investigation and consideration, the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio, has determined that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation in and for the Plain Township Police District, Plain Township, Stark County, Ohio for the next five years will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements for said Plain Township Police District for the purpose of the payment of the costs incurred by the Plain Township Police District, Plain Township, Stark County, Ohio, as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection for the Plain Township Police District, Plain Township, Stark County, Ohio; and

POLICE LEVY CONTINUED:

WHEREAS, by reason thereof, this Board has determined that it will be necessary to levy a renewal of the existing tax levy of 2.25 mills, which is in excess of such limitation, for a continuing period of time for the purpose of providing for payment of the costs incurred by the Plain Township Police District, Plain Township, Stark County, Ohio, as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection for the Plain Township Police District, Plain Township, Stark County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2007, this Board adopted a Resolution declaring it necessary to submit to the electors of the District the question of the renewal of a tax in excess of the ten (10) mill limitation as described below, a copy of which Resolution was certified to the Auditor of the County of Stark; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor of the County of Stark has certified to this Board that the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the rate of 2.25 mills for each one dollar of tax valuation is \$1,425,801.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Plain Township, County of Stark, State of Ohio that:

SECTION 1. This Board hereby determines to proceed with the submission to the electors of the District at an election to be held on November 6, 2007, the question of the renewal of the tax, in excess of the ten-mil limitation at the rate of 2.25 mills for each \$1.00 of tax valuation, which amounts to 22.5 cents for each \$100 of tax valuation, for a period of 5 years, tax years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011. It is currently estimated by the Stark County Auditor that the rate of 2.25 mills for each one dollar of valuation will generate \$1,425,801.00.

SECTION 2. The Fiscal Officer is authorized and directed to certify to the Stark County Board of Elections copies of this Resolution and the Resolution of this Board and the Certificate of the County Auditor referred to in the preambles hereto on or before August 23, 2007. This Board hereby requests that the Board of Elections prepare the ballot forms and make the other necessary arrangements for the submission of this question to the electors of the District, all in accordance with the law.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the form of the ballot cast at such election shall be:

(A Majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary for Passage)

“A renewal of 2.25 mills of an existing levy, to constitute a tax for the benefit of the Plain Township Police District, Plain Township, Stark County, Ohio, for the purpose of the payment of the costs incurred by the Plain Township Police District, Plain Township, Stark County, Ohio, as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection for the Plain Township Police District, Plain Township, Stark County, Ohio, at a rate not exceeding 2.25 mills for each One Dollar (\$1.00) of valuation, which amounts to twenty-two and one-half (22.5) cents for each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of valuation for five (5) years, tax years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

† FOR THE LEVY

† AGAINST THE LEVY

POLICE LEVY CONTINUED:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fiscal Officer of this Board be, and he hereby is, directed and authorized to proceed forthwith with the certification hereof to the Board of Elections of Stark County, Ohio pursuant to the provisions of Sections 5705.19, 5705.192 and 5705.25 and other related statutes, and to proceed with all things necessary to be done in order to accomplish the purpose of this resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code;

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Seconded by Mrs. Bossart

Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mrs. Bossart, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

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Motion by Mrs. Bossart

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to adjourn at 5:38 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Leno

Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mrs. Bossart, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.

Pamela S. Bossart
Trustee

Louis P. Giavasis
Trustee

Albert P. Leno, II
Trustee

ATTEST: _____
Claude W. Shriver, II
Fiscal Officer