

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of **MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** Meeting

OPS Center, 400 W Johnstown Rd, Gahanna OH 43230

Held **July 24,** **2025**

Chair Cavener called the Special Meeting of the Mifflin Township Board of Trustees to order at 1:00 p.m. with Vice Chair Jamie Leeseberg, Trustee Richard Angelou, Assistant Fiscal Officer Cynthia Lampkins, Police Chief David Briggs, and HR Director Mindy Owens present. Fiscal Officer Kelly Cararo was absent.

TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

None.

VISITORS' COMMENTS:

None.

POLICE:

Chief Briggs requested a discussion and resolution for the County Auditor to provide certification of the total current tax valuations for a 4.87, 5.22, or 5.57 mills levy for police-related purposes in 2026.

Chair Cavener said the township does not want to put a levy on the ballot, but the number of police runs that the officers respond to for the safety of both citizens and police officers makes it necessary. If the levy does not pass, we would have to consider dissolving the Police Department, as having fewer than two officers on a shift endangers their safety. In that case, the Sheriff will assume responsibility for covering the unincorporated portion of the township, and they will not be required to respond to non-emergencies or non-priority runs.

Res. 114-25 Adopt a 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) (Additional).

Chair Cavener moved to adopt a 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) (Additional). Mr. Angelou seconded the motion. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Chair Cavener moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Leeseberg seconded the motion. All voted yea. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Kevin J. Cavener, Chairperson

Jamie D. Leeseberg, Vice Chairperson

Richard J. Angelou, Trustee

Kelly Cararo, Fiscal Officer (Absent)



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SPECIAL TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, July 24, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

OPS Center

400 W Johnstown Rd

2nd Floor, EOC Conference Room B

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Prayer and Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Trustees' Comments
5. Visitors' Comments
6. POLICE
 - Discussion and resolution to request the County Auditor to provide certification of the total current tax valuations for a 4.87, 5.22, or 5.57 mills levy for police-related purposes in 2026.
7. Adjourn

RESOLUTION NO. 114-25

**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)**

(ADDITIONAL)

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Mifflin Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the "Board") created a police district pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.48 which consists of the unincorporated area of the Township (the "Police District"); and

WHEREAS, the Police District provides police services to the unincorporated portions of Mifflin Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the "Township"); and

WHEREAS, the Board is the taxing authority for the Police District; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes it is in the best interests of Township residents to levy an additional tax for the provision of police services for the Police District to Township residents, the submission of such tax is authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(J); 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 Mifflin Township and its Police District and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of that limitation 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 under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, 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(J) of the Ohio Revised Code, this Board must certify to the Franklin County Auditor a resolution requesting that the County Auditor certify (i) the total current tax valuation of the Police District (unincorporated areas only) and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the proposed levy; 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(J) 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 Police District in Mifflin Township (unincorporated area only), 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 an additional levy, the levy's 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,
- (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
- (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 Mifflin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, two-thirds of all of the members elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. 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 Mifflin Township and its Police District.

Section 2. The Board determines that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of Mifflin Township and its Police District (unincorporated areas only) 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 under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs; and, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(J). The sections of the Ohio Revised Code authorizing submission of the question of the tax are Sections 505.51, 5705.03, 5705.19(J), 5705.191, and 5705.25.

Section 3. The Franklin County Auditor is hereby requested, pursuant to Section 5705.03(B)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code, to certify to the Mifflin Township Board of Trustees, the following:

- (i) the total current tax valuation of the Mifflin Township Police District (unincorporated areas), Franklin County, Ohio,
- (ii) each levy's 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,
- (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 for each levy:
 - a) an additional **4.87 mills** levy for a continuing period of time (permanent)
 - b) an additional **5.22 mills** levy for a continuing period of time (permanent)
 - c) an additional **5.57 mills** levy for a continuing period of time (permanent)
- (iv) an estimate of each 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 4. The above-referenced proposed levy would be a new and additional levy (unincorporated areas only) for a continuing period of time, to be placed upon the ballot of the primary election to be held on November 4, 2025, and submitted to the Police District in Mifflin Township, Franklin County, Ohio. The proposed levy shall be placed upon the tax list and duplicate of 2025 for collection in 2026, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.

Section 5. The Police District and Mifflin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, only has territory in Franklin County, Ohio.


Section 6. The Fiscal Officer of this Board of Trustees be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor and the Board of Elections of Franklin County, Ohio.

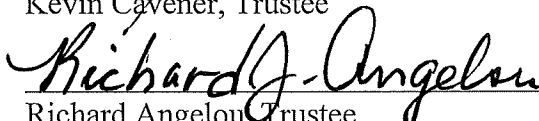
Section 7. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Trustees, and that all deliberations of this Board of Trustees and of any of its committees that resulted 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.

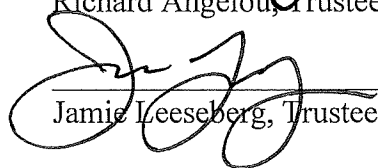
This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time provided by law.

Adopted: July 24, 2025

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP,
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**


Kevin Cavener, Trustee


Richard Angelou, Trustee


Jamie Leeseberg, Trustee

Attest and Certified:


Kelly Cararo, Township Fiscal Officer

FISCAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

The State of Ohio, Franklin County,

I, Kelly Cararo, Fiscal Officer of Mifflin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the Record of the Proceedings of said Mifflin Township; that the same has been compared by me with the Resolution on said Record and that it is a true and correct copy thereof and further that I am duly authorized to make this certification.

Witness my signature, this 24 day of July, 2025.


Kelly Cararo, Township Fiscal Officer