

The Chester Township Board of Trustees met in special session **Monday, August 7, 2023** in the Town Hall Meeting Room at 7:10 A.M. Chairman Craig Richter presided.

**Roll Call:** All Trustees and the Fiscal Officer were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

The Board led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Leading Motion #: 2023-298**

**RESOLUTION 2023-298.** Mr. Richter moved to approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Chester Township, Geauga County, Ohio has determined 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 the Chester Township and it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for the purpose of O.R.C. 5705.19(J); in Chester Township as provided and authorized in O.R.C. 5705.19(J); and WHEREAS, the levy is at a rate of 1.5 mills for each one dollar of taxable value, for a Continuing Period of Time and is an additional, and WHEREAS, the ballot measure shall be submitted to the Entire Territory and the tax shall be levied on the Entire Territory and within Geauga County; WHEREAS, the levy is to be placed on the ballot at the election held on November 7, 2023, and shall first be levied in tax year 2023 and begin collection in 2024. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Chester Township, Geauga County, Ohio, that based on the foregoing and pursuant to O.R.C. 5705.03(B), said board hereby certifies this Resolution to the Geauga County Auditor, and requests that the County Auditor certify back to the Board of Trustees the amounts described in O.R.C. 5705.03(B)(2) that would be generated by the levy proposed herein.

Mr. Mazzurco seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Richter, yes; Mr. Mazzurco, yes; Mr. Radtke, yes. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2023-299.** Mr. Richter moved to approve the following Resolution:

Declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation. WHEREAS, the Board has received the certification from the County Auditor pursuant to O.R.C. 5705.03(B)(2), and the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Chester Township, Geauga County, Ohio therefore BE IT which amounts to 53.00 dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of the County Auditor's appraised value, for a Continuing Period of Time and is an additional, and WHEREAS, the ballot measure shall be submitted to the Entire Territory and the tax shall be levied on the Entire Territory and within Geauga County; WHEREAS, the levy is to be placed on the ballot at the election held on November 7, 2023, and shall first be levied in tax year 2023 and begin collection in 2024. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE Fiscal Officer of the Chester Township be and she is hereby directed to certify of the Resolution, along with Resolution 2023-298 and the certification from the County Auditor received pursuant to O.R.C. 5705.03(B)(2) to the Board of Elections, Geauga County, Ohio on or before August 9, 2023 by 4:00 P.M. local time and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying and said tax to be given as required by law.

Mr. Mazzurco seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Richter, yes; Mr. Mazzurco, yes; Mr. Radtke, yes. Motion passed.

Regarding the indigent burial, Trustee Richter shared the facts and circumstances around the individual who recently died in the Township. Patricia Jarrett, Fiscal Officer shared that to be eligible for an indigent burial, one must pass here in the Township according to the Indigent Burial Policy. The individual in question did pass in Chester Township. Craig Richter added that the Assistant Prosecutor said it is the Township's responsibility.

**2023-300.** Mr. Richter moved to approve the indigent burial/cremation with ashes being returned to his sister for Anthony Wise. Mr. Mazzurco seconded. Vote unanimous.; motion passed.

**2023-301.** Mr. Richter moved to approve to enter into executive session at 7:22 A.M. pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G) (1) To consider the appointment and compensation of a public employee. Mr. Mazzurco seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Richter, yes; Mr. Mazzurco, yes; Mr. Radtke, yes. Motion passed.

Invited into the executive session is Patricia Jarrett, Fiscal Officer, John Onyshko, Road Superintendent and Mark Purchase, Township Administrator. The Board reentered public session at 7:40 A.M.

**2023-302.** Mr. Richter moved to approve the written job offer to Steve Voigt for the position of Township Road Mechanic II. Conditions of Employment will include a wage rate of \$36.72 per hour, carryover of 560 hours of sick time, three (3) weeks vacation prorated from time of hire for the 2023 calendar year and will require a 30 day written advance notice of intent to leave the employment of Chester Township. The mechanic will also part time snow plow on an as needed basis. Note employee must pass a background check and drug test. Start date to be determined by the Chester Township Road Superintendent. Mr. Mazzurco seconded. Vote unanimous.; motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Richter adjourned the meeting at 7:42 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patricia Jarrett, Fiscal Officer

August 10, 2023      Motion # 304  
Approval Date

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Craig Richter, Chairman

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Joseph C. Mazzurco, Vice-Chairman

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Ken Radtke, Jr., Trustee