

Montville Township Trustees

November 21, 2023

Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Community Center 9755 Madison Rd.

Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Randy Peterson, Chairman, at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Patricia Combs, Jim Marsic and Randy Peterson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a welcome given.

Mr. Peterson asked if there were any comments, additions, or corrections to the November 7, 2023 minutes. Mr. Peterson made a correction to Hall Rentals to be K. Wurm, Ms. Combs corrected the word "rake" under Cemetery. Mr. Peterson moved Ms. Combs seconded the November 7th minutes with corrections. Upon call of the roll, the vote was as follows: Ms. Combs AYE, Mr. Peterson AYE, Mr. Marsic AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

One (1) job posting was posted.

Items were passed between each other.

The following items were passed to Mr. Peterson: Property value letters for Township owned property, Governmental Solutions, and an ad from Murphy Tractor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Yambor (Whitney Rd.) expressed concern over the property tax increase.

D. Pierce (GAR Hwy.) expressed concern over the property tax increases and asked the Trustees to consider looking into relief for the property owners. Ms. Pierce also asked about the Montville Post Office parking lot. Mr. Peterson explained the ownership of the land where the Post Office rents.

FISCAL OFFICER:

The following bills need approval:

 Illuminating Co. \$640.03

 Loveland Enterprises \$2,175.00

Ms. Combs moved Mr. Peterson seconded the above bills. Upon call of the roll the vote was as follows: Mr. Marsic AYE, Ms. Combs AYE, Mr. Peterson AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 2023-46 was read to correct **RESOLUTION 2023-45**. Mr. Marsic moved Ms. Combs seconded. Upon call of the roll, the vote was as follows: Mr. Marsic AYE, Ms. Combs AYE, Mr. Peterson AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Hawkins explained that she will request to receive 2024 Real Estate advances as the Township has in the past. A letter will be sent to the Auditor.

Mrs. Hawkins explained that she is working with Title Professionals to clear up the account balance they have sent for title work for 17229 GAR Hwy. They have cleared the account and the Township does not owe for any work.

Discussion ensued regarding the 2024 Real Estate property increases. **RESOLUTION 2023-42** was read to reduce the Road and Bridge levy. Mr. Marsic moved Ms. Combs seconded **RESOLUTION 2023-42**. Upon call of the roll, the vote was as follows: Ms. Combs AYE, Mr. Peterson AYE, Mr. Marsic AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion ensued regarding Inside Millage change. **RESOLUTION 2023-43** was read to change inside millage from the General Fund to the Road & Bridge Fund. Ms. Combs moved Mr. Peterson seconded **RESOLUTION 2023-43**. Upon call of the roll, the vote was as follows: Mr. Peterson NAY, Mr. Marsic NAY, Ms. Combs NAY. MOTION DENIED.

Mrs. Hawkins asked if the Loveland Enterprise invoice should be submitted to NOPEC for the Energy Grant. The Board agreed it should be submitted.

ZONING DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Benesh reported that 17785 Leggett Rd. has been issued a build permit for a home.

The home at 15270 Hart Rd. has been taken down.

No changes are happening at 10493 Madison Rd.

Mr. DiFranco is to bring his deed to Mrs. Abrams.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

The water line to the road garage should be worked on next week.

Arms Trucking has been set up as a vendor and can deliver the road grit.

The F550 needs to be taken to Countryside for maintenance.

Mr. Benesh stated that he has put the plow on the F550 and it is working.

Mr. Marsic stated that the International needs to be brought up to operating temperature and moved around the parking lot. The truck needs to stay in operating order in case of emergency need.

Mr. Marsic alerted the Board of a concern regarding the ditch moving at 15820 Hart Rd. The work was done before the authorization was received from Rick Weikart. Mr. Marsic is concerned about the utility pole located only 4 feet from the ditch.

It was mentioned that the road grit material will be placed on Hart Rd. A-D by the Township but it will be plowed by the County. Woodhill/Woodcreek will be plowed and material applied by the Township.

No response has been received on work to Sun Rd.

The Montana ad has been placed into the newspaper and on the website. The auction can begin December 1, 2023.

CEMETERY:

The last footer has been poured and all are ready for the headstone placement.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Jonovich reported 316 calls YTD, 17 November

Shepp Electric has come to repair the generator. It is not running a cycle weekly. They replaced the internal clock.

November 30 a parade will be held for Mrs. Karnosh. Other departments have been called including: Hambden, Thompson, Geauga Co. Sheriff, State Police, Interstate Towing, and our road department to attend.

A donation of \$2,000 was received from the Eagles. Chief Jonovich requested to purchase portable lights and electric pressure washers for the Fire Department. Ms. Combs moved Mr. Peterson seconded to purchase the items. Upon call of the roll, the vote was as follows: Mr. Peterson AYE, Mr. Marsic AYE, Ms. Combs AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

The ladder inspection is complete.

Chief Jonovich stated he would like to purchase a ladder for the tanker. The lead time for delivery is 1-year and cost is \$1,881. He is going to check with other Chiefs if they have any ladders not in use that the department can purchase.

Merit pay will be distributed on December 11, 2023.

Chief Jonovich requested to withdrawal the 2025 station duty pay increase. No discussion ensued.

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS and PARKS:

The Christmas lights have been hung around the building. Mr. Peterson stated he will have them turn on after Thanksgiving.

The new recessed lighting has been installed by Loveland Enterprises in the front room.

Mr. Peterson stated that he has begun to paint the front room.

HALL RENTALS:

No new rentals.

FEES COLLECTED:

M. Benesh contract

J. Giddings 12/23 \$100 deposit and contract

J. Giddings 1/6 \$50 deposit and contract

H. Byler \$50 deposit, \$100 rental and contract

PERSONNEL:

None.

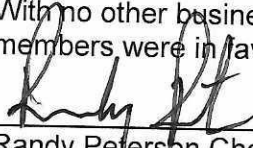
OTHER:

Clean-up day 2024 was discussed. The date that would be preferred is May 11, 2024. The Board would like to contract Jim Doherty, to haul tires directly and to use dumpsters instead of rear-load trucks. Mrs. Hawkins will call Jim Doherty to see if the date is available and pricing. Mr. Peterson, Ms. Combs and the Benesh family are planning to decorate the main hall and social room this Tuesday at 6:00p.m.
The County prosecutor has not made available a resolution regarding Marijuana.

Purchase orders were signed.

Bills were submitted. (attached)

With no other business, Mr. Marsic moved Ms. Combs seconded to close the meeting. All members were in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting closed at 10:35 p.m.



Randy Peterson Chairman



Karen Hawkins, Fiscal Officer

12/5/23 Date

Montville Township
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Montville, Oh 44064
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Road Garage 440-968-3111

Procedures And Agenda Format

Meetings of the Montville Township Trustees shall be presided over by the Chairperson, or in his/her absence, the Vice Chairperson. On questions of parliamentary procedure, Roberts Rules of Order shall govern.

Individuals wishing to address the Board shall sign in and request time on the agenda. Unless time is requested before the meeting, a limit of 5 minutes will be allowed. If more time is necessary, a specific time may be scheduled at a future meeting.

Executive Session may be entered into for the purpose of discussion of personnel matters or legal issues. This portion of the meeting is closed to the public.

It shall be recognized that the standard meeting agenda format will be as follows:

November 21st, 2023

Call to Order
Pledge to the Flag
Welcome, Introductions
Minutes
Correspondence
Public Comments & Questions
Fiscal Officer Report
Department Reports
Zoning
Road Department
Cemetery
Fire Department
Buildings, Grounds & Parks- Christmas Lights/ Road Garage/ Front Room
New Hall Rentals- None
Hall Rental Money- Byler SR 11/12 \$50 Dep & \$100 Rental Fee Giddings MH/K 12/23
\$100 Deposit Giddings SR 1/6 \$50 Dep
Personnel
Other Clean-up Day 2024
Bills Presented For Payment
Adjourn

**A RESOLUTION TO REDUCE COLLECTION OF MONTVILLE
TOWNSHIP'S 1.50 MILL ROAD & BRIDGE LEVY
TO 0.53 MILL FOR 2024 ONLY**

Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Montville Township ("the Township"), in a regular meeting on this 21st day of November, 2023 at the Montville Community Center, 9755 Madison Rd., Montville, Ohio, with the following members present:

Patricia Combs
James Marsic
Randal Peterson

M. Marsic moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Ohio Constitution provides for real property to be taxed without a vote of the people up to 10 mills which is commonly referred to as inside millage and effects every property owner in Geauga County, and within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the mandated 2023 re-valuation, as approved by the Ohio Tax Commissioner, has specifically resulted in an unprecedented average increase in Residential real estate valuation in Montville Township of 34.7 percent and 35.2 percent for Agricultural property which will cause inside millage tax to increase proportionately; and

WHEREAS, this will create an unvoted windfall of tax revenue to the political subdivisions that collect inside millage tax; and

WHEREAS, when it comes to inside millage taxes collected within Geauga County, schools receive 45% of inside millage, townships and municipalities receive 30% of inside millage, and the county receives 25%; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to mitigate this significant unvoted tax increase and provide property tax relief to property owners within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Budget Commission has recommended that townships can consider offsetting the unexpected inside millage tax increase and provide tax relief to taxpayers by reducing collection of existing, voter approved township levies (preferably nonqualifying);

WHEREAS, townships may choose to use the inside millage increase to supplement funding for any affected township department(s) out of the general fund where necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Township currently collects a 1.50 mill Road and Bridge tax levy most recently approved by voters during the general election held on November 6, 2019; and

WHEREAS, said levy provides funding for the operation of the Township's Road Department for the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads and bridges in townships; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to reduce collection by 0.97 mill of this 2021 1.50 mill Road & Bridge levy for collection of 2023 taxes which are

payable in 2024 for said levy, which would therefore reduce the stated rate to 0.53 mill; and

WHEREAS, one year of reduced collection of the 1.50 mill tax levy for Road & Bridge, last approved at the general election in 2019, will provide Township property owners with \$53,290.53 in property tax relief and serve to approximately offset the Township's increased inside millage; and

WHEREAS, the Township only seeks to reduce the collection of this levy during collection year 2024; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Montville Township, Geauga County, Ohio hereby authorizes the reduction of the collection of the 1.50 mill for Road & Bridge levy by 0.97 mill, therefore reducing the collection rate to 0.53 mill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Township only seeks to reduce the collection of this levy during collection year 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Fiscal Officer is authorized and instructed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Geauga County Auditor's Office to ensure the accuracy of relevant tax rates and values for the 2024 tax collection period.

Ms. Combs seconded the motion. Upon call of the question, the vote was as follows:

Voting thereon:

Vote:

[Signature] Yea
Trustee Randal Peterson

[Signature] Yea
Trustee James Marsic

[Signature] Yea
Trustee Patricia Combs

Adopted the 21ST day of November, 2023

Karen Hawkins, Fiscal Officer
Fiscal Officer: Karen Hawkins
Montville, Geauga County, Ohio

The State of Ohio, Geauga County, ss.

I, Fiscal Officer of Montville Township

Karen Hawkins, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the Record of the Proceedings of said ; that the same has been compared by me with the Resolution on said Record and that it is a true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my signature, this 21 day of November, 2023

Karen Hawkins
Fiscal Officer

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE IN INSIDE MILLAGE

WHEREAS Montville Township, Geauga County, Ohio is a political subdivision subject to constitution, laws, and regulations of the State of Ohio; and

The Board of Trustees of Montville Township, Geauga County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 21 day of November, 2023 at the office of the Montville Trustees within the Montville Community Center with the following members present:

Patricia Combs, James Marsic, Randal Peterson

Ms. Combs moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following be authorized by the Board of Trustees of Montville Township, Geauga County, Ohio: that effective calendar year beginning January 1, 2024, going forward authorize the redirection of inside millage funds as follows:

0.56 Mills inside from the General Fund to the Road & Bridge

This Resolution shall be effective upon passage.

Mr. Peterson seconded the Resolution and the roll being call upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Voting thereon:

[Signature]
Randal Peterson, Trustee NAY
Vote

[Signature]
James Marsic, Trustee NAY
Vote

[Signature]
Patricia Combs, Trustee NAY
Vote

Adopted November 21, 2023

I, Karen Hawkins, Fiscal Officer for the Montville Township Board of Trustees, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened Board meeting held on the 21 day of November, 2023.

Karen Hawkins Fiscal officer
Karen Hawkins, Fiscal Officer

Resolution # 2023-46

CORRECTION TO RESOLUTION 2023-45 RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS

BE IS RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Montville Township, Geauga County, Ohio, that Montville Township has received revenue by way of a loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC); and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it in the best interest to certify the revenue for the OPWC; and

WHEREAS, Resolution # 2023-45 directed the appropriation in error to the Road and Bridge Fund (#2031); and

THEREFORE, the OPWC revenue will be a certification and be an appropriation to the Governmental Funds: Capital Projects (#4401) for the year of 2023.

- The money received (\$40,000) to be certified and appropriated into the Governmental Funds: Capital Projects (#4401)

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Montville Township Board of Trustees that the total of \$40,000.00 to be appropriated into the Governmental Funds: Capital Projects (#4401).

Mr. Marsie moved for the adoption of the foregoing and Ms. Combs seconded the motion. Upon the call of the question, the vote was as follows:

TRUSTEES

YEA or NAY

Mr. Peterson

yea

Mr. Marsie

YEA

Ms. Combs

yea

Passed: NOV. 21, 2023

Montville Township, Geauga County, OHIO

Attest:

Karen Hawkins

Fiscal Officer, Montville Township

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened Board meeting held on the 21 day of November, 2023, of the Board of Trustees of Montville Township, Geauga County, Ohio.

Karen Hawkins, Fiscal Officer

Karen Hawkins, Fiscal Officer
Montville Township

Payment Listing

11/21/2023 to 11/30/2023

Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount	Status
369-2023	11/28/2023	11/13/2023	EW	Ohio Public Employees Retirement System	\$1,698.88	O
370-2023	11/22/2023	11/14/2023	EP	Bryan A Briskey	\$503.86	O
371-2023	11/22/2023	11/14/2023	EP	Jeffrey M Cvelbar	\$175.48	O
372-2023	11/22/2023	11/14/2023	EP	Joshua D Grigus	\$375.46	O
373-2023	11/22/2023	11/14/2023	EP	Joan S. Jerke	\$114.91	O
374-2023	11/22/2023	11/14/2023	EP	Lori Reckart	\$64.10	O
375-2023	11/22/2023	11/14/2023	EP	Jacqueline M Welch	\$487.92	O
376-2023	11/22/2023	11/14/2023	EP	Matthew J Welch	\$211.95	O
378-2023	11/24/2023	11/22/2023	EP	Clinton Sestak	\$55.49	O
25985	11/21/2023	11/10/2023	RW	Clinton Sestak	\$50.00	O
25986	11/21/2023	11/10/2023	RW	Marcella Parke	\$50.00	V
25986	11/22/2023	11/22/2023	RW	Marcella Parke	-50.00	V
25987	11/21/2023	11/10/2023	RW	Juli Stone	\$100.00	O
25988	11/21/2023	11/20/2023	AW	Verizon	\$76.17	O
25989	11/21/2023	11/20/2023	AW	Geauga County Engineer	\$12,147.59	O
25990	11/21/2023	11/20/2023	AW	Illuminating Company	\$1,227.20	O
25991	11/21/2023	11/20/2023	AW	Patricia A. Combs	\$32.00	O
25992	11/21/2023	11/20/2023	AW	Life Force Management, Inc.	\$86.54	O
25993	11/21/2023	11/20/2023	AW	Visa	\$528.60	O
25994	11/21/2023	11/20/2023	AW	Windstream Western Reserve	\$321.89	O
25995	11/21/2023	11/20/2023	AW	Geauga County Maple Leaf	\$54.90	O
25996	11/21/2023	11/20/2023	AW	North Eastern Ohio Fire Prevention Assoc.	\$200.00	O
25997	11/21/2023	11/20/2023	AW	Pierpont Fire Department	\$150.00	O
25998	11/21/2023	11/20/2023	AW	Loveland Enterprises, Inc.	\$2,175.00	O
25999	11/21/2023	11/20/2023	AW	Home DePot	\$371.72	O
26000	11/21/2023	11/20/2023	AW	Sherman Williams, Co.	\$77.10	O
26001	11/21/2023	11/20/2023	AW	Staples	\$372.79	O
26002	11/22/2023	11/22/2023	RW	Marcella Parke	\$100.00	O
Total Payments:					\$21,759.55	
Total Conversion Vouchers:					\$0.00	
Total Less Conversion Vouchers:					\$21,759.55	

Type: AM - Accounting Manual Warrant, AW - Accounting Warrant, IM - Investment Manual Warrant, IW - Investment Warrant, PM - Payroll Manual Warrant, PR - Payroll Warrant, RW - Reduction of Receipt Warrant, SW - Skipped Warrant, WH - Withholding Warrant, WM - Withholding Manual, WS - Special Warrant, CH - Electronic Payment Advice, IL - Investment Loss, EP - Payroll EFT Voucher, CV - Payroll Conversion Voucher, SV - Payroll Special Voucher, EW - Withholding Voucher, POS ADJ - Positive Adjustment, NEG ADJ - Negative Adjustment, POS REAL - Positive Reallocation, NEG REAL - Negative Reallocation

Status: O - Outstanding, C - Cleared, V - Voided, B - Batch

* Asterisked amounts are not included in report totals. These transactions occurred outside the reported date range but are listed for reference.