

CONCORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO
PUBLIC HEARING

Held via Facebook Live
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Concord Town Hall
7229 Ravenna Road
Concord, Ohio 44077

June 2, 2021
7:20 p.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Present on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Morgan McIntosh, Chair
Amy Lucci, Vice Chair
Carl Dondorfer, Trustee
Amy Dawson, Fiscal Officer

Also Present:

Andy Rose, Administrator
Michael Lucas, Esq., Legal Counsel
Ron Terriaco, Deputy Fire Chief
Tim Brown, Service Director
Heather Freeman, Zoning Director
Susie Cobb, Recreation Department
Sergeant Jerrold Infalvi, Sheriff's Department

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1 7:22 p.m.

2 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: Okay. Good evening. I would
3 like to call to order the Concord Township 2022 Tax Budget
4 meeting. This is an annual meeting as required by Ohio
5 Revised Code. And as it is the Fiscal Officer's meeting, I
6 will turn it over to Fiscal Officer Amy Dawson.

7 MS. DAWSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So this is
8 really the first step annually in certifying our tax budget.
9 And what we're basically doing is, well, first of all, we made
10 appropriate notice and two copies of the tax budget have been
11 on file at the Fiscal Office for the last ten days.

12 What we're doing is, tonight, the goal of this is to
13 discuss the funds that receive tax levy funding and to send
14 this information off to the Lake County Auditor so that he
15 certifies it. Okay? So we are required by law to hold a
16 public hearing and to vote on this information that we're
17 going to be submitting to the Lake County Auditor, and you
18 need to do that before July 15th every year. And then we need
19 to send this and a certified copy to the Lake County Auditor
20 by July 20th.

21 The Lake County Auditor then holds a public hearing,
22 usually in August. And at that public hearing -- It's
23 actually the Budget Commission. It's the Lake County Auditor,
24 Lake County Treasurer, and the Prosecutor which make up the
25 Budget Commission. At that meeting, then they certify the tax
26 docket and they get it back to us.

27 At that point, then you look at it, see if they've
28 made any changes, and then you accept that. So that's
29 accepting the amounts and rates and that will come later.

30 So the information that I am asking you to send to

1 be certified, we have inside millage in the General Fund and
2 the Road and Bridge Fund. We have a fire levy right now that
3 was a five year fire levy that was voted on November 7, 2017,
4 that's 2.7 mills. We have a safety services levy that was
5 voted on November 3, 2015, that's 4 mills. Road levy is 2
6 mills and that was voted on 11/8/2011. And then we have a
7 bond levy that was just voted on 11/3/2020 and that's .6
8 mills.

9 Those funds that I just talked about, those levies,
10 that is outside millage. So our inside millage is split
11 between the General Fund and the Road and Bridge Fund.

12 And, basically, what we have to do is we have to
13 send actual information for 2019, our actual figures; our
14 actual figures for 2020; the estimate for 2021, and it's based
15 on the permanent appropriations you've already approved and
16 the amended certificates of the estimated resources, and then
17 it's an estimate for 2022 what the budget is going to be. We
18 only have to do it for those two, four, six funds.

19 We also have to declare our schedule of indebtedness
20 to the Auditor's Office. We have no debt inside the 10 mill
21 limit. Right now, effective tomorrow, we'll have outside the
22 10 mill limit fire stations construction, it's .6 mills
23 outside, it's a 26-year bond. The ordinance or resolution was
24 passed in February of 2021 -- or January, sorry, this is
25 02-2021 -- and the amount of debt that we'll have going into
26 2022, the principal debt will be \$7,725,000.

27 So I don't know if you have any questions about
28 that. It's pretty straightforward. It's the same exercise
29 I've been doing for 16 years. So --

30 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: This is the, so we did the

1 estimated resources earlier and this is kind of the first step
2 of that. We're now looking at '22.

3 MS. DAWSON: For next year, yes. This is declaring
4 that we would like our tax funds certified for next year and
5 that's the first step of that.

6 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: And if I am hearing you
7 correctly, then we do the -- you list the actuals for the
8 previous years and that's what we use to build our projections
9 and our estimates going forward.

10 MS. DAWSON: Yeah.

11 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: Then the Auditor will go through
12 their business and make sure they concur. They'll do their --

13 MS. DAWSON: That's correct.

14 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: -- property valuations and all
15 of their accounting. And then so we really just need to
16 review this information, agree upon it to be sent to the
17 Auditor for their step in the process.

18 MS. DAWSON: Right. The only one I didn't do actual
19 for 2019 and 2020 was the Bond Retirement Fund. We didn't
20 receive any funding. So I am estimating this year how much
21 we're going to get. I did that based upon what we've received
22 already. We should have received half of it. We will get
23 another half in the fall.

24 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: And you said the ordinance date
25 on the fire station construction levy.

26 MS. DAWSON: I don't know what the date was. The
27 resolution was 2021-02.

28 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: Gotcha. I just want to make
29 sure that was correct.

30 MS. DAWSON: That was an error by me. Yes, it

1 absolutely was.

2 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: That is referenced properly.

3 MR. DONDORFER: Just a quick question, Amy. The
4 only two funds that involve outside millage is the General
5 Fund and the Road and Bridge?

6 MS. DAWSON: No, inside millage.

7 MR. DONDORFER: I mean inside, right.

8 MS. DAWSON: Yes. And that was a choice. I don't
9 know how the trustees, way back when, decided that. I know
10 other entities do general fund and fire. Ours has always been
11 Road and Bridge and General Fund, primarily, because we are,
12 by law, we are responsible for taking care of the roads. If
13 we have no outside millage, we still have to take care of the
14 roads. So --

15 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: Do we need a vote?

16 MS. DAWSON: We can take comments from the audience
17 unless you have other questions for me.

18 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: Okay. We do have audience this
19 evening, so I would entertain if anyone from the audience has
20 questions for the Trustees of the Fiscal Officer. And would
21 you just please state your name and address for the record?

22 MR. MASSIE: Yes. Brian Massie, 8196 Rainbow Drive.

23 Ms. Dawson, I received a Schedule A from the
24 Auditor's Office and I was trying to follow what you were
25 saying on the outside millage.

26 MS. DAWSON: Okay.

27 MR. MASSIE: They're saying that there is a 2012
28 fire levy for 2.7 mills.

29 MS. DAWSON: Correct.

30 MR. MASSIE: The effective millage is 2.39, it looks

1 like. There is a road and bridge for outside millage, 2012,
2 for 1.7 mills, effective 1.5; road and bridge, 2017 for .3,
3 and that effective millage is .277; and then the safety force,
4 2015, 4.0, that is effective millage of 3.55.

5 Are those correct?

6 MS. DAWSON: I don't have a Schedule A in front of
7 me, Brian, so I have --

8 MR. MASSIE: You had mentioned some number. You had
9 mentioned --

10 MS. DAWSON: Oh, I said 2.0. I combined the 1.7
11 with the .3, which I have done over the years. They will
12 break it out because the 1.7 was the renewal and the .3 was
13 the increase.

14 MR. MASSIE: Good, okay. I was just trying follow
15 you with the schedule.

16 MS. DAWSON: So is that -- I don't know what you are
17 looking at. Is that for this year or is that --

18 MR. MASSIE: Yes. Well, it's tax year 2020,
19 collection year 2021.

20 MS. DAWSON: Okay. so the .6 won't be on that.
21 When you get a Schedule A for next year, that's the
22 information that will be contained in here.

23 MR. MASSIE: It does have the debt levy on here for
24 .6.

25 MS. DAWSON: Okay. The copy that I have didn't.

26 MR. MASSIE: So we are in agreement then on the
27 years; is that correct? You had mentioned 2011.

28 MS. DAWSON: Oh, that's when it was voted on. It's
29 effective the following year.

30 MR. MASSIE: I see.

1 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: And just to tag off of
2 Mr. Massie's question then, is it correct that, on Schedule B,
3 the dates that are listed, is that every time, like, say the
4 2.7 is renewed, that's the last time it was renewed, correct?

5 MS. DAWSON: So, well, no, okay. So safety
6 services, it's continuous years, fire levy was five years,
7 road levy was continuous years, and bond levy is 26 years.

8 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: And the '17 is the date that it
9 passed last time?

10 MS. DAWSON: That is correct.

11 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: For the 2.7?

12 MS. DAWSON: That is correct.

13 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: That was the last renewal, so
14 you can project five years.

15 MS. DAWSON: Correct, yes.

16 MR. MASSIE: Thank you very much.

17 MS. DAWSON: You are very welcome.

18 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: Any other residents wish to
19 speak?

20 (No response.)

21 Okay. Hearing none, we will move on and --

22 MS. DAWSON: Close the public hearing.

23 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: -- close the public hearing. Do
24 we need to vote on this or just -- No, okay.

25 MS. DAWSON: It's 7:31.

26 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: Okay.

27 MR. ROSE: I am going to start Facebook Live for the
28 regular trustees meeting, if you just give me a half a sec.

29 (Whereupon, the public hearing was concluded at
30 7:31 p.m.)

