

CONCORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO
PUBLIC HEARING

Held via YouTube Live Streaming

Concord Town Hall
7229 Ravenna Road
Concord, Ohio 44077

June 7, 2023
7:15 p.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Present on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Morgan McIntosh, Chairman
Carl Dondorfer, Vice Chairman
Amy Lucci, Trustee

Also Present:

James Teknipp, Fiscal Officer
Andy Rose, Administrator
Michael Lucas, Esq., Legal Counsel

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1 7:15 p.m.

2 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: Good evening. I would like to
3 call to order the public hearing. Today is Tues -- Wednesday,
4 June 7, 2023, 7:15. We have a public hearing for the tax
5 budget for the year 2024. So this is the public hearing to
6 that effect and I will have our Fiscal Officer, Mr. Jim
7 Teknipp, take us through the tax budget. I think this is the
8 tax budget for 2023. The agenda says '24. Is that --

9 MR. ROSE: It's the '24 tax budget.

10 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: '24.

11 MR. ROSE: That's a scrivener's error.

12 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: Okay. So this resolution says
13 '23.

14 MR. ROSE: Yes, this is the 2024 tax budget. That's
15 a, that's a typo and we apologize.

16 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: Right, but this is incorrect.

17 MS. LUCCI: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: It says '23, so one of these is
19 wrong, got it all straightened out. Okay.

20 Jim.

21 MR. TEKNIPP: Thank you, Mr. McIntosh.

22 First of all, this meeting has been approved by a
23 legal notice that was advertised for this evening's public
24 hearing. This evening's public hearing is required annually
25 by the Ohio statute regarding next year's 2024 tax budget.
26 Upon the Trustees' approval of the 2024 tax budget, I will
27 forward a resolution, which is Number 2023-09 and it's for the
28 2024 tax budget, to the Lake County Auditor. The Lake County
29 Auditor and the Lake County Budget Commission will hold a
30 second public hearing regarding our 2024 tax budget in August.

1 Upon the approval of the tax budget, the Lake County Auditor
2 will forward the tax budget to the State of Ohio for their
3 approval.

4 The tax budget is required to report only on the
5 inside and outside millage funds which are voted on by our
6 residents. This comprises 6 of our 21 funds. The General
7 Fund and the Road and Bridge Funds receive inside millage.
8 Outside millage is received by the Fire Levy, Road Levy and
9 Safety Services Levy. Also in that is the bonds, too. We
10 have a bond indebtedness levy for our fire construct, our Fire
11 Station Construction Bond Fund.

12 The tax budget worksheets comprise of revenues and
13 expenditures for the years, the actual years 2021, actual year
14 2022, the current year 2023, and the beginning and ending cash
15 balances of each of those years.

16 The amounts we are requesting in the budget -- And I
17 can go through an example of that. I don't know how, if you
18 want to go through each one of the funds? There is, like I
19 said, six of them. I usually don't do that but if --

20 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: We haven't traditionally done
21 that.

22 MR. DONDORFER: Yeah, we haven't done that
23 traditionally.

24 MS. LUCCI: Yeah.

25 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: I mean, unless one of the
26 trustees or anyone has a question, I think we can just go
27 ahead with your executive level description.

28 MR. TEKNIPP: All right. And what we're requesting,
29 I can show you what pages that shows the request. Let me look
30 at this one. After we, after I prepare the worksheet and send

1 it to the Trustees here, it is the format that the Lake County
2 Auditor's Office requests. It funnels it, all the amounts,
3 from one column. It shows the history.

4 I should go back. I am sorry. I'm kind of like
5 flannering here. But it will show the actuals, like I
6 mentioned, revenues, expenses for the year 2021, actuals for
7 2022, the 2023 current year estimate, where we are right now
8 and where we expect to end, and the 2024, 2024 tax budget year
9 estimate.

10 The first two lines on each of the schedules for
11 each fund in the column 2024 Budget Year Estimate are added
12 together and they appear on the page that I signed (showing),
13 so if anybody can see that. And the amounts, I'll read off.
14 The General Fund, but we are -- The amounts we are requesting
15 from the Budget Commission for the year 2024 tax budget is the
16 General Fund, which would be requesting \$1,155,000; the Road
17 and Bridge Fund, we are asking \$1,350,000; the Fire Levy,
18 we're requesting \$1,815,000; the Road Levy, we are requesting
19 \$1,410,000; Safety Services Levy Fund, we are requesting
20 \$2,685,000; and the Bond Levy Fund, which is our indebtedness
21 for the fire station construction, is \$498,000 -- \$498,500.
22 The total of all those funds that we are requesting from the
23 Auditor for the inside and outside millage is \$8,913,500.

24 I would ask that this be approved at tonight's
25 meeting.

26 MR. DONDORFER: Thank you.

27 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: Any questions?

28 MR. TEKNIPP: Any questions?

29 (No response.)

30 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: Okay. And then as this is a

1 public hearing, we would invite any comments or questions from
2 the public.

3 MR. MASSIE: Brian Massie, 8196 Rainbow Drive. I
4 just wanted to share my experience with the Budget Commission.
5 As you well know, this is, the Budget Commission is just a
6 rubber stamp. So whatever numbers you have on here are going
7 to be approved automatically by the Budget Commission. And
8 the reason for that is that Prosecutor Coulson has determined
9 that, once the people have voted on it, the Ohio Revised Code
10 does not let the Budget Commission change anything. Now, that
11 is different than many other county prosecutors.

12 But I am just telling you -- you probably already
13 know it -- but I want to also tell the people that are
14 watching this that it's a joke, the Budget Commission. It's
15 automatically approved because of Prosecutor Coulson.

16 Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: Okay. Any other conversations?

18 MS. LUCCI: No.

19 CHAIRMAN McINTOSH: All right. I'd just like to
20 make a -- I am aware, Mr. Massie, of your pleas with the
21 Budget Commission and certain levy collections throughout the
22 county, that there are some concerns. I would hope that or
23 respectfully request, if you have questions with anything that
24 we're doing here, please be assured that Concord is in a
25 position of need to collect 100 percent of what we have on our
26 tax rolls. As far as that, we are not carrying surpluses and
27 such that some of the other levies in the county are to which
28 you've expressed concern. And, at this point, I will stay out
29 of those matters but just wanted to state for the record that
30 Concord is not one of those entities.

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If there is nothing else, we will adjourn the tax hearing and pick up the trustee meeting at 7:30.

(Whereupon, the public hearing was concluded at 7:23 p.m.)

1 STATE OF OHIO)
2 COUNTY OF LAKE)

CERTIFICATE

3 I, Melinda A. Melton, Registered Professional
4 Reporter, a notary public within and for the State of Ohio,
5 duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that, to
6 the best of my ability, the foregoing proceeding was
7 reduced by me to stenotype shorthand, subsequently
8 transcribed into typewritten manuscript; and that the
9 foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of said
10 proceedings so taken as aforesaid.

11 I do further certify that this proceeding took
12 place at the time and place as specified in the foregoing
13 caption and was completed without adjournment.

14 I do further certify that I am not a friend,
15 relative, or counsel for any party or otherwise interested
16 in the outcome of these proceedings.

17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
18 and affixed my seal of office this 22nd day of June 2023.

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Melinda A. Melton
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Registered Professional Reporter

Notary Public within and for the
State of Ohio

My Commission Expires:
February 4, 2028

