

The Board of Township Trustees of Symmes Township (Hamilton County), Ohio, met in regular session at the Township Administration Building, 9323 Union Cemetery Road, Symmes Township, Ohio, at 7:00 p.m. on December 10, 2019, with the following members present:

Trustee _____ moved for adoption of the following resolution and
Trustee _____ seconded the motion.

RESOLUTION NO. G2019-68

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP THE QUESTION OF RENEWING AN EXISTING 1.5-MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING FIRE APPARATUS, APPLIANCES, BUILDINGS, OR SITES THEREOF, OR SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY AND MATERIALS THEREFORE, OR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LINES OF FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH, OR THE PAYMENT OF PERMANENT, PART-TIME, FULL-TIME, VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OR FIRE-FIGHTING COMPANIES TO OPERATE THE SAME, INCLUDING THE PAYMENTS OF THE FIREFIGHTERS EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 742.34 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, OR TO PURCHASE AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT, OR TO PROVIDE AMBULANCE, PARAMEDIC, OR OTHER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATED BY A DEPARTMENT OR FIREFIGHTING COMPANY AND PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING MOTOR VEHICLES, COMMUNICATIONS, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT USED DIRECTLY IN THE OPERATION OF A POLICE DEPARTMENT, OR THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES OF PERMANENT POLICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF THE POLICE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 742.33 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE OR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS INCURRED BY TOWNSHIPS AS A RESULT OF CONTRACTS MADE WITH OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN POLICE PROTECTION, OR TO PROVIDE AMBULANCE OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATED BY A POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND INCREASING THAT TAX LEVY BY 2.6 MILLS, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.03 AND 5705.19(JJ) OF THE REVISED CODE.

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2019, this Board adopted Resolution No. G2019-64 pursuant to Sections 5705.03 and 5705.19(JJ) of the Revised Code declaring it necessary to renew an existing 1.5-mill tax levy for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites thereof, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, full-time, volunteer firefighters or fire-fighting companies to operate the same, including the payments of the firefighters employer's contribution required under section 742.34 of the Ohio revised code, or to purchase ambulance equipment, or to provide ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a department or firefighting company and providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, and other equipment used directly in the operation of a police department, or the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel, including the payment of the police employer's contribution required under section 742.33 of the Ohio revised code or the payment of the costs incurred by townships as result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, or to provide ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department and to increase that tax levy by 2.6 mills to constitute a 4.1-mill tax levy for that purpose, for five (5) years, and requesting the Hamilton County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that 4.1-mill renewal with an increase tax levy; and

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2019, the Hamilton County Auditor certified that the total current tax valuation of the Township is \$655,005,000 and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that 4.1-mill renewal with an increase tax levy would be \$2,614,702 annually during the life of the tax levy, assuming that the total current tax valuation remains the same throughout the life of the tax levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees of Symmes Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. Declaration of Necessity of Tax Levy. This Board declares that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of the Township, and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of that limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites thereof, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, full-time, volunteer firefighters or fire-fighting companies to operate the same, including the payments of the firefighters employer's contribution required under section 742.34 of the Ohio revised code, or to purchase ambulance equipment, or to provide ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a department or firefighting company and providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, and other equipment used directly in the operation of a police department, or the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel, including the payment of the police employer's contribution required under section 742.33 of the Ohio revised code or the payment of the costs incurred by townships as result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, or to provide ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, and specifically that it is necessary to renew the existing 1.5-mill tax levy approved by the Township's voters at an election on November 3, 2015 for that

purpose, and to increase that tax levy by 2.6 mills to constitute a 4.1-mill tax levy for that purpose, for five (5) years.

Section 2. Proceed with Submission of Question of Tax Levy to the Electors. This Board shall proceed with the submission of the question of the renewal of the existing 1.5-mill ad valorem property tax levy outside of the ten mill limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites thereof, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, full-time, volunteer firefighters or fire-fighting companies to operate the same, including the payments of the firefighters employer's contribution required under section 742.34 of the Ohio revised code, or to purchase ambulance equipment, or to provide ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a department or firefighting company and providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, and other equipment used directly in the operation of a police department, or the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel, including the payment of the police employer's contribution required under section 742.33 of the Ohio revised code or the payment of the costs incurred by townships as result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, or to provide ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department and increase of that tax levy by 2.6 mills to constitute a 4.1-mill tax levy for that purpose, for five (5) years, beginning with the tax list and duplicate for the year 2020, the proceeds of which renewal with an increase tax levy first would be available to the Township in calendar year 2021, and which question shall be submitted under the provisions of Sections 5705.03 and 5705.19(JJ) of the Revised Code to the electors of the Township at an election to be held therein on March 17, 2020, as authorized by law. That election shall be held at the regular places of voting in the Township as established by the Hamilton County Board of Elections, or otherwise within the times provided by law and shall be conducted, canvassed and certified in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. Notice of Election. The Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized and directed to give or cause to be given notice of that election as provided by law.

Section 4. Delivery of Materials to Board of Elections. The Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to deliver or cause to be delivered to the Hamilton County Board of Elections (a) a certified copy of this Resolution, (b) a certified copy of Resolution No. G2019-64 referred to in the first preamble to this Resolution and (c) the related County Auditor's Certificate referred to in the second preamble to this Resolution, before 4:00 p.m. (Ohio time) on Wednesday, December 18, 2019.

Section 5. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board or committees, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

Section 6. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit, or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

Section 7. Adoption upon First Reading. Upon majority vote does hereby dispense with the requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days and hereby authorizes the adoption of this Resolution upon its first reading.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED DECEMBER 10, 2019 – RESOLUTION G2019-68

Vote Record: Mr. Beck _____ Ms. Leis _____ Mr. Bryant _____

BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES:

Philip J. Beck, President

Jodie L. Leis, Vice-President

Kenneth N. Bryant, Trustee

ATTEST:

Carol A. Sims, Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kevin McDonough, Law Director

The foregoing is a true and correct excerpt from the minutes of the meeting on December 10, 2019, of the Board of Township Trustees of Symmes Township (Hamilton County), Ohio, showing the adoption of the Resolution hereinabove set forth.

Dated: December 10, 2019

Township Fiscal Officer
Symmes Township (Hamilton County), Ohio

RECEIPT OF DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS

I acknowledge receipt on this date of the following materials from the Board of Township Trustees of the Township of Symmes, Ohio:

1. Certified copies of Resolution Nos. G2019-64 and G2019-68, adopted on November 12, 2019, and December 10, 2019, respectively, declaring the necessity of and determining to proceed with the submission to the electors of the Township at an election to be held on March 17, 2020, the question of the renewal of the Township's existing 1.5-mill ad valorem property tax outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites thereof, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, full-time, volunteer firefighters or fire-fighting companies to operate the same, including the payments of the firefighters employer's contribution required under section 742.34 of the Ohio revised code, or to purchase ambulance equipment, or to provide ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a department or firefighting company and providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, and other equipment used directly in the operation of a police department, or the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel, including the payment of the police employer's contribution required under section 742.33 of the Ohio revised code or the payment of the costs incurred by townships as result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection and increase of that tax levy by 2.6 mills to constitute a 4.1-mill tax levy for that purpose, for five (5) years.

2. A certificate of the Hamilton County Auditor dated November 21, 2019, as to the total current tax valuation of the Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that renewal with an increase tax levy.

3. Suggested forms of notice of election and ballot language for that question.

Dated: December ____, 2019

Director of Elections
County of Hamilton, Ohio

**NOTICE OF ELECTION ON TAX LEVY
IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Resolution Nos. G2019-64 and G2019-68 of the Board of Township Trustees of the Township of Symmes, Ohio, adopted on November 12, 2019, and December 10, 2019, respectively, there will be submitted to the electors of the Township of Symmes at an election to be held in that Township at the regular places of voting therein, on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, the question of the renewal of all of an existing 1.5-mill tax levy and an increase of that tax levy by 2.6 mills to constitute a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of the Township for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites thereof, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, full-time, volunteer firefighters or fire-fighting companies to operate the same, including the payments of the firefighters employer's contribution required under section 742.34 of the Ohio revised code, or to purchase ambulance equipment, or to provide ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a department or firefighting company and providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, and other equipment used directly in the operation of a police department, or the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel, including the payment of the police employer's contribution required under section 742.33 of the Ohio revised code or the payment of the costs incurred by townships as result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection at a rate not exceeding 4.1 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 41 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years. Said tax constitutes the renewal of an existing 1.5-mill tax levy and an increase of 2.6 mills to constitute a 4.1-mill tax levy. If a majority of the voters voting thereon vote in favor thereof, that tax will be first placed on the tax list and duplicate in December 2020 for collection in calendar year 2021.

The polls for the election will be open at 6:30 a.m. and will remain open until 7:30 p.m. of said day.

Dated: _____, 2020

By order of the Board of Elections of the
County of Hamilton, Ohio

INSTRUCTIONS TO PRINTER:

Publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Symmes once a week for two consecutive weeks on the same day of each week, the first insertion being **on or before March 3, 2020**, or as provided in Section 7.16 of the Revised Code. Such newspaper must be of general circulation within the meaning of Section 7.12 of the Revised Code.

NOTICE TO BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

If the Board of Elections operates and maintains a web site, then the Board of Elections must also **post this notice on its web site for 30 days prior to the election.**

TOWNSHIP OF SYMMES

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL WITH AN INCREASE)

(A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage)

A renewal of 1.50 mills and an increase of 2.60 mills to constitute a tax for the benefit of the Township of Symmes for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites thereof, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, full-time, volunteer firefighters or fire-fighting companies to operate the same, including the payments of the firefighters employer's contribution required under section 742.34 of the Ohio revised code, or to purchase ambulance equipment, or to provide ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a department or firefighting company and providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, and other equipment used directly in the operation of a police department, or the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel, including the payment of the police employer's contribution required under section 742.33 of the Ohio revised code or the payment of the costs incurred by townships as result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection at a rate not exceeding 4.10 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 41 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

NOTE REGARDING FORM OF BALLOT:

Section 5705.25 of the Revised Code specifies the form of ballot to be used. This form has been prepared based upon those requirements.