



## Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio

### **Board of Township Trustees Special Meeting January 15, 2026**

Call to Order: Larry Miller, Presiding. Mr. Miller called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Township Fiscal Officer/Clerk- Gregory L. Sullivan. Present Trustees Ramsey, Miller and Johnson, Township Administrator Mr. Henry.

Purpose of the meeting: Discussion of Fire Levy for the May Ballot, steps required and amount to be certified.

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Mr. Sullivan presented historical data for several years and respective increases budget allocations for Fire Department operations. Mr. Henry and Mr. Sullivan discussed the amount of funds generated by a 3.5 mill levy which would only make revenues sufficient to cover current projected expenditures. This would be a band aid approach until a long-term strategy is developed and possible consideration of another levy in a few years to address the needs of the department.

Mr. Henry provided a data sheet that showed the amounts generated by 3.5 mill levy and a 5.0 mill levy. Mr. Sullivan answered several questions about operational expenses including the significant growth of the payroll.

The Trustees discussed options, cost and future expectations as to a levy amount. It was emphasized that a decision needs to be reached to start the process to address the needed actions to place an issue on the May Primary Ballot.

A draft Resolution of Necessity was presented that specified a 3.5 mill issue. After much discussion, Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Resolution of Necessity for 5.0 Mills which was seconded by Mr. Miller. After further discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all three Trustees voting yes. Mr. Henry indicated that he and Mr. Sullivan would notify the County Auditor's Office and County Prosecutor's Office this issue would be coming to them.

**Resolution No: 20-26**

**Resolution of Necessity for Levying Tax Exceeding Ten-Mill Limitation for Purposes  
Set Forth in Section 5705.19 (I) of the Ohio Revised Code**

**Whereas**, 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 providing and maintaining fire protection and emergency medical services for the Hanover Township Fire District, which includes the unincorporated areas of Hanover Township Butler County Ohio; and

**Whereas**, Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03 requires a resolution declaring the necessity of levying a tax outside the ten-mill limitation must be passed and certified to the County Auditor of Butler County in order to permit the Board of Township Trustees to consider the levy of such a tax and must request that the County Auditor certify to the Board of Township Trustees the total current tax valuation of the Hanover Township Fire District and the dollar amount to be generated by the tax; and

***Be it resolved by the Board of Township Trustees of Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio, two thirds of all members elected thereto concurring,***

**Section I.** That it is necessary to levy an additional tax of five (5.0) mills for each one dollar of taxable value upon the entire territory within the Hanover Township Fire District to constitute a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of the Hanover Township Fire District for all the purposes enumerated in Ohio Revised Code 5705.19 (I) specifically for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of permanent of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company or for the payment of related costs, as authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.19(I) at a rate not exceeding five (5.0) mills for each one dollar of valuation for a period of 5 years; and

**Section II.** Be it further resolved that the levy be placed upon the tax lists of 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030, first due in calendar year 2027, if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon; and

**Section III.** Be it further resolved that the question of such tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the entire territory within the Hanover Township Fire District at the election to be held thereon on May 5, 2026; and

**Section IV.** Be it further resolved that the Clerk/Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the County Auditor and Board of Elections of Butler County, Ohio.

**Section V.** Be it further resolved that the Board of Township Trustees of Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio, hereby requests that the County Auditor certify to this Board of Township Trustees the total current tax valuation of the Hanover Township Fire District, Butler County, Ohio, the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the levy of 5.0 mills if approved by the electors; and the rate of the levy expressed in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of the County Auditor's appraised value.

Trustee Mr. Johnson moved for the adoption of the foregoing resolution. Trustee Mr. Miller seconded the motion, and upon call of the roll, the vote resulted as follows:

Larry Miller	Yes
Douglas L. Johnson	Yes
Diana Ramsey	Yes

The foregoing resolution was adopted in an open public meeting and is a reflection of the official action taken by the Board of Trustees of Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio on the 15 day of January 2026.

**Attest:**

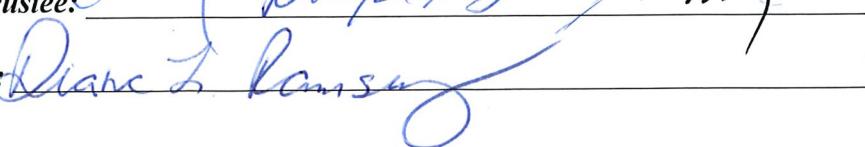
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Gregory L. Sullivan  
Township Clerk/Fiscal Officer

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There being no further public business for the Board to take up, Mr. Miller **moved** to adjourn the Special Board meeting of January 15, 2026 which was seconded by Mrs. Ramsey.

Mr. Sullivan called the roll with Trustees Miller, Johnson and Ramsey voting yes with the meeting ending at 10:12AM.

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January 15, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes

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**January 15, 2026 Minutes Approved by the Board of Trustees as Witnessed by their Signatures:**

*Larry Miller, Trustee:*   
*Douglas L. Johnson, Trustee:*   
*Diana Ramsey, Trustee:* 

Date: 1/18/2026

*Verified by: Gregory L. Sullivan, Fiscal Officer:* 