

The Chester Township Board of Trustees met in special session **Monday, August 21, 2023** at the Geauga County Auditor's Office, 231 Main Street, Chardon, Ohio at 11:00 A.M. Chairman Craig Richter presided.

Roll Call: Trustee Richter present and Trustee Radtke present. Trustee Mazzurco absent.
Fiscal Officer Jarrett was present.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Waived

2024 Budget Hearing at the Geauga County Offices, 231 Main Street, Chardon, Ohio

The Chester Township Board of Trustees met at the offices of the Geauga County Auditor in Chardon for the 2024 budget hearing regarding Chester Township. Tammy Most from the Auditor's Office read the various account balances aloud.

Gauga County Treasurer Hitchcock stated that Chester Township operates on a tight budget for its size but noted the general fund is strong. With Road & Bridge there is a concern regarding the estimated ending cash balance. He said it is low and needs to be higher. The Police fund is low too. Fiscal Officer Jarrett added the Police Department and Road Department do not have a lot of money and that they operate on a very tight budget. Trustee Richter said there is a plan that will be put in place beginning with changing levies to continual levies. There will also be a 1.5 mill Police levy and the .5 mill will expire. Treasurer Hitchcock added that in order to get voter support, Chester Township will have to work very hard. Auditor Walder said a better approach would be comparative, based on the size of the entity. Chester Township is the second largest township in the county. Per capita Chester Township falls short. Auditor Walder is concerned if there is an upset the township would not have funds to draw from. The elected officials were advised to consider reserve funds. Trustee Richter said there is a plan in motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Richter adjourned the meeting at 11:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Jarrett, Fiscal Officer

September 7, 2023 - motion # 2023-348

Approval Date

Craig Richter, Chairman

absent

Joseph C. Mazzurco, Vice-Chairman

Ken Radtke, Jr., Trustee