

# **RAVENNA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

## **MINUTES OF BUDGET HEARING OF JULY 8, 2025**

The Ravenna Township Board of Trustees met in Special Session at the Ravenna Township Trustee's Meeting Room, 6145 Spring Street, Ravenna, Ohio, on July 8, 2025 for the purpose of holding a Budget Hearing on the 2026 Township Tax Budget. Trustee Hank Gibson called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M. Roll call showed the following present: Trustees Jim DiPaola, Hank Gibson; Fiscal Officer Gail Pittman; Fire Chief Abbie Buday, Zoning Inspector Lori Rotondo, Road Superintendent Ray Taylor, and Assistant Fiscal Officer Jon Summers. Trustee Vince Coia was absent.

### **PRESENTATION OF BUDGET**

#### **FISCAL OFFICER**

The fiscal officer presented the 2026 Tax Budget and a discussion regarding the details of the budget was held.

The 2026 revenue budget overall totals \$3,258,325 compared to \$3,252,376 projected for 2025.

The 2026 expenditures, are projected at \$3,479,857 compared to \$4,026,132 projected for 2025.

Grand total all fund balance at the end of 2026 is projected to be \$3,123,656 compared to \$3,345,188 projected for 2025.

Gail discussed highlights of each department's budget and noted the shortage of the Fire Department's 6.1 levy funds that weren't received because the State of Ohio reduced the Levy in Columbus from what the voters have approved. They reduced it to collecting at 4.7 mils instead of the 6.1 that the voters approved. The next opportunity to go back to the voters with the fire/EMS department revenue needs is with the EMS Levy that can be placed on the ballot in 2026. She recommended a replacement and additional levy for the EMS Levy in 2026 to pick up the revenue that the 6.1 had been reduced by but is very necessary. The general expense levy needs to go on the ballot this November and we need to move quickly to get the required resolutions in place. She recommended a renewal levy for the general expense. We have been able to shore up the general fund with ARPA grant money which is now gone and interest income, but that will likely reduce in the next few months and possibly significantly by mid 2026.

### **2026 Budget Summary**

#	Description	Beginning Fund Bal.	Revenue w/ Transfers	Expenses w/ Transfers	Ending Fund Bal.
1000	General	\$768,727.88	\$746,928.00	\$798,498.27	\$717,157.61
2011	Road MVL	37,392.54	80,150.00	80,000.00	37,542.54
2021	Road Gas Tax	66,582.67	149,000.00	150,085.00	65,497.67
2031	Road & Bridge	853,508.46	463,537.00	483,680.22	833,365.24
2041	Cemetery- Grandview	87,507.76	95,150.00	102,498.00	80,159.76
2111	Fire	516,267.05	1,154,656.00	1,234,816.05	436,107.00
2273	ARPA	-	-	-	-
2281	Fire EMS	273,279.05	269,500.00	280,753.58	262,025.47
2282	EMS Levy	60,863.37	290,479.00	349,175.72	2,166.65

2401	Special-PMHA	2,010.22	300.00	50.00	2,260.22
2402	Special-Pine Ridge	3,171.94	500.00	50.00	3,621.94
2403	Special Forest Ridge 1&2	8,615.45	1,200.00	100.00	9,715.45
2404	Special Forest Ridge 3&4	5,441.84	750.00	50.00	6,141.84
2405	Special Breakneck	4,940.62	700.00	50.00	5,590.62
2406	Special Forest Ridge 5&6	2,778.42	350.00	50.00	3,078.42
2901	Special-FEMA	-	-	-	-
2902	Special-Flagpole Maint.	40,535.44	5,000.00	-	45,535.44
2903	Special-CARES Provider	-	-	-	-
2905	One Ohio Opioid Fund	2,307.56	-	-	2,307.56
4401	Public Works Comm	-	-	-	-
4901	Capital Projects	604,304.80	-	-	604,304.80
4951	Flagpole Bequest Fund	6,952.92	125.00		7,077.92
9002	Agency-Fire Loss	-	-	-	-
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,345,187.99</b>	<b>\$3,258,325.00</b>	<b>\$3,479,856.84</b>	<b>\$3,123,656.15</b>

The budget is requested to be approved during the regular meeting session

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion by Hank Gibson, seconded by Jim DiPaola to adjourn the hearing at 7:09 p.m.  
R/C: Mr. Coia, absent; Mr. DiPaola, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

ATTEST:

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CHAIRMAN

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TRUSTEE

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FISCAL OFFICER

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TRUSTEE