

RAVENNA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF BUDGET HEARING OF JULY 7, 2026

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 7, 2026 for the purpose of holding a Budget Hearing on the 2027 Township Tax Budget. Trustee Hank Gibson called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M. Roll call showed the following present: Trustees Vince Coia, Hank Gibson-Lampley, and Kristi Blazek-Hack; Fiscal Officer Gail Pittman; Fire Chief Abbie Buday, Road Superintendent Ray Taylor, Zoning Dept. Jim DiPaola, and Assistant Fiscal Officer Jon Summers. Zoning Inspector Jamie McCoy, was absent.

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET

FISCAL OFFICER

The fiscal officer presented the 2027 Tax Budget and a discussion regarding the details of the budget was held.

The 2027 revenue budget overall totals \$3,250,003 compared to \$3,446,328 projected for 2026.

The 2027 expenditures, are projected at \$3,701,891 compared to \$3,738,272 projected for 2026.

Grand total all fund balance at the end of 2027 is projected to be \$2,918,800 compared to \$3,370,688 projected for 2026.

Gail discussed highlights of each department's budget and noted the shortfall of the Fire Department. \$100,000 will need to be moved from the General fund to the Fire fund at the end of 2026 or beginning of 2027 to help offset increased costs of Fire operations. This is not a sustainable option because the General fund doesn't have enough money to continually supplement in this manner. If the voters pass the Fire/EMS levy in the fall, those funds won't be available until 2028. Also in Fire, no major equipment or new fire apparatus purchases are budgeted at this time, though future vehicle replacement will need to be planned for in future years. We don't have any room in the budget to plan for equipment purchases unless the levy passes.

The Road Dept has \$330,000 budgeted for paving around the Cotton Corners area. The matching grant money isn't budgeted in 2027 to maintain a conservative posture. About \$130,000 of the local match is budgeted to come from the savings. Starting in 2028 paving and chip-and-seal spending is planned to be scaled back to rebuild the savings for larger future projects.

2027 Budget Summary

#	Description	Beginning Fund Bal.	Revenue w/ Transfers	Expenses w/ Transfers	Ending Fund Bal.
1000	General	\$968,619.39	745,398.00	816,697.00	897,320.39
2011	Road MVL	46,145.98	80,150.00	50,000.00	76,295.98
2021	Road Gas Tax	43,232.81	145,000.00	138,540.00	49,692.81
2031	Road & Bridge	837,775.94	463,992.00	630,780.00	670,987.94
2041	Cemetery- Grandview	75,370.93	92,800.00	91,094.00	77,076.93
2111	Fire	570,619.87	1,154,232.00	1,316,755.00	408,096.87
2273	ARPA	-	-	-	-
2281	Fire EMS	80,945.69	269,500.00	342,300.00	8,145.69

2282	EMS Levy	71,019.27	289,981.00	303,800.00	57,200.27
2401	Special-PMHA	1,805.22	300.00	500.00	1,605.22
2402	Special-Pine Ridge	2,870.43	500.00	800.00	2,570.43
2403	Special Forest Ridge 1&2	7,719.73	1,200.00	2,000.00	6,919.73
2404	Special Forest Ridge 3&4	4,268.67	750.00	1,500.00	3,878.67
2405	Special Breakneck	4,005.23	700.00	1,600.00	3,105.23
2406	Special Forest Ridge 5&6	2,171.54	350.00	525.00	1,996.54
2901	Special-FEMA	-	-	-	-
2902	Special-Flagpole Maint.	40,535.44	5,000.00	5,000.00	40,535.44
2903	Special-CARES Provider	-	-	-	-
2905	One Ohio Opioid Fund	1,603.28	-	-	1,603.28
4401	Public Works Comm	-	-	-	-
4901	Capital Projects	604,304.80	-	-	604,304.80
4951	Flagpole Bequest Fund	7,853.83	150.00		8,003.83
9002	Agency-Fire Loss	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL		3,370,688.05	3,250,003.00	3,701,891.00	2,918,800.05

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Kristi Blazek-Hack to adjourn the hearing at 6:50 p.m. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Blazek-Hack, yes; Mr. Gibson-Lampley, yes. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

TRUSTEE

FISCAL OFFICER

TRUSTEE