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Township Safety Committee Endorses Police Levy
Ballot Issue Linked to Township's Quality of Life

Twinsburg Township, Summit County, Ohio – September 21, 2010 – The Twinsburg Township Ad Hoc Safety Committee, at its special meeting on Monday, September 20, 2010, unanimously endorsed and urged that Township voters approve the 3.00 mill continuing replacement police protection levy placed on the fall ballot by the Board of Township Trustees. Levy proceeds will help pay for Township police protection services, currently provided by contract with the Summit County Sheriff. Committee members, in addition to their collective endorsement, had individual comments about the levy, the Sheriff, and Township safety issues.

According to Committee Chair Chris Hrach, “The passage of this levy will enable the Township to maintain current policing levels in the near term. Safety is the biggest issue facing the Township, and I would hate to see a reduction of police staffing in the Township.”

Committee member and former Township Trustee John Curry said, when referring to the levy issue, “You can’t put a price on safety.”

When asked about the levy’s impact on safety, Committee member Ron Baxter, Sr. stated, “We live in one of the safest communities in Ohio – let’s keep it that way.” About the quality and value of services provided by the Sheriff, Mr. Baxter added, “We need ‘em. Let’s keep ‘em.”

The Township's current 3.00 mill police protection levy is the first, oldest, and largest of the Township's three police protection levies, having been overwhelmingly passed by Township voters on June 2, 1981. Before placing this levy before voters the Board of Trustees considered several options, including combination and/or replacement of one or more of the current levies. Service cost increases, personal property tax elimination, and State reimbursement phase-out are among many factors that led to the Board's decision to place the issue before Township voters. Without additional funding the Township in future years will have decreasing resources to allocate among increasing police protection, capital project, and other program costs.

A summary of Township police protection funding issues and options has been prepared and is available at Township Hall, as well as on the Township's website, www.twinsburgtwp.com.

About Twinsburg Township

Twinsburg Township was founded in 1817, had a population of 2,554 (est.) in 2009, and will soon celebrate its bicentennial with great pride. The Township is home to an unparalleled combination of rich history, abundant natural resources, outstanding parks, well-planned neighborhoods, thriving businesses, and top-notch institutions. Whether you're looking for a great place to live or do business, or just a spot to spend a quiet afternoon, you'll find it all right here in Twinsburg Township. So stop by and see us sometime, and if you can't make it in person, please check out www.twinsburgtwp.com to get a glimpse of all that Twinsburg Township has to offer. For more information, contact Robert S. Kagler, Township Manager, via telephone at (330) 425-4497 or via e-mail at rkagler@twinsburgtwp.com.

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