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2012-2014 Township Policing Contract Approved
Three-Year Contract with Sheriff Holds Down Costs

Twinsburg Township, Summit County, Ohio – October 27, 2011 – The Board of Twinsburg Township Trustees is pleased to announce that, following Township and County approvals in September and October, respectively, a contract for Township police protection beginning on January 1, 2012 and ending on December 31, 2014 has been signed by all parties and is now fully executed. The Township's current policing contract expires on December 31, 2011.

For more than a decade Township police protection has been provided via contract with the Summit County Sheriff. In earlier years the Township had its own Police Department and other policing arrangements. In recent years the Township has contracted for various levels of service. Township funding for police protection includes real property taxes, State reimbursements for lost personal property taxes, and a contribution from the Village of Reminderville for supplemental policing in the Township's Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) area. Current police-related property tax levies were approved by Township voters in 1981, 1984, and 1993. Township voters approved a fourth police levy in 2011, to be first collected in 2012. Township police expenses have exceeded revenues since 2005, and General Fund transfers have supplemented tax proceeds since 2006. The recently-approved levy is anticipated to remove the need for a General Fund transfer in 2012 only, with transfers needed again beginning in 2013.

Various revenue uncertainties beyond Township control will cause the Board of Trustees to be vigilant regarding future police protection costs. To that end, Township costs throughout each of the three years of the new contract will be nearly the same, including costs of \$743,149.33 in 2012, \$751,696.67 in 2013, and \$756,212.00 in 2014, all nearly the same as the Township's current (2011) cost of \$746,195.34. These annual costs represent a 0.4% *decrease* from 2011 to 2012, a 1.2% increase from 2012 to 2013, and a 0.6% increase from 2013 to 2014, for a total cost change over the life of the contract of 1.3% from 2011 to 2014. The Board is thankful that, in the face of current economic uncertainties, contract costs have been largely held constant.

A copy of the new contract can be found on the Township website, www.twinsburgtwp.com, under Departments – Police, as well as under Document Library – Other Documents, and at Township Hall at 1790 Enterprise Parkway, or by calling (330) 425-4497.

About Twinsburg Township

Twinsburg Township was founded in 1817, had a population of 2,828 in 2010, 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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