

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**SAYBROOK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 101-48

Held

APRIL 12, 2011

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The Special Joint Meeting of the Saybrook Township Board of Trustees with the Ashtabula County Commissioners to discuss police services was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Chairperson Norman Jepson, with Trustee Jane Hawn-Jackson, Fiscal Officer Marc D. Pope, County Commissioners Peggy Carlo, Daniel Claypool and Joseph Moroski, Clerk of Council Lisa Hawkins, County Administrator Janet Discher and members of the public: Joyce Crease, Randy Caruso, Melissa Pope and Don Masek (arrived late) were in attendance at the County Commissioners Offices, 25 West Jefferson Street, Jefferson, Ohio 44047. Trustee Robert Brobst was not present, therefore no vote will be reflected for him.

Norman Jepson asked for the amount of tax received from Saybrook Township which is being used for the Sheriff's Department. He also stated that we have two factions of people coming to the meetings, those in favor of a police levy and those who feel the levy is not needed. He feels the state is pushing funding mechanisms down to local residents hoping that at a local level they have a better chance to be approved.

Jane Hawn-Jackson asked about our current level of service and what additional staffing is going to be added?

Joseph Moroski stated they don't know what monies and how much will be cut from the County Budget in the future.

Peggy Carlo stated they didn't want to bring back all the deputies and then have to lay them off again next year, however it is all done by the Sheriff and the Commissioners cannot dictate to him how he spends his money..

Jane Hawn-Jackson stated that Saybrook was working on a Police Protection Contract that was quoted in the amount of approximately \$330,000 by both the Geneva Police Department and the Sheriff's Department. She also inquired as to the levels of protection and what the future will hold.

Janet Discher stated that Saybrook residents are currently paying a 1.967 mill levy which generates approximately \$232,000 paid to the County (per the Auditor).

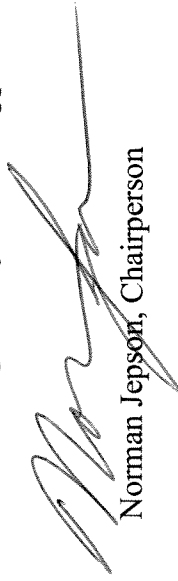
August 1, 2011 is the deadline for a levy to be placed on the November ballot.

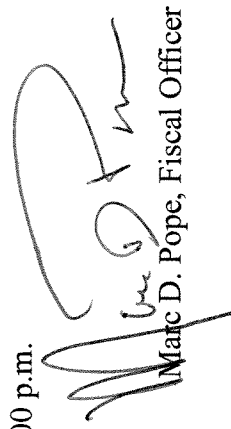
It was stated that the Sheriff can enter into a Police Contract (authority is his not that of the Commissioners).

Randy Caruso stated that the Commissioners said there will be a shortfall of 1.5 million in the General Fund by year-end.

Joyce Crease asked for clarification that by the Trustees putting the Policy Protection Levy on the ballot, they are not endorsing it either way and the two Trustees present agreed. She also stated that because Ashtabula Township is only paying \$150,000 and we were told that \$330,000 is needed for a full time policeman 24/7, that means the rest of Ashtabula County is subsidizing Ashtabula Township's police protection and believes all county residents should be concerned with this situation.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

  
Norman Jepson, Chairperson

  
Marc D. Pope, Fiscal Officer