

The Board of Township Trustees met in special session to hold discussions regarding the layoffs in the Uniontown Police Department, at 1:30 p.m. at 12360 Market Avenue, North, Hartville, Ohio with the following members present:

- Ellis Erb, President
- Sue Ruley, Vice President
- Galen Stoll, Member

Also Present:

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| Ben Sommers, Fiscal Officer | Jack Coontz |
| Don Hensley | Sue Knickerbocker |
| Lynn Wallace | Dave White |
| John Koehler | Ed Pritchard |
| Mike Batchik | Dan Allais |

Mr. Erb called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and explained that the purpose of the meeting is for discussion of the layoffs in the Uniontown Police Department and amendment of Resolution No. 06-193. He went on to read a letter from the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association, which states that the union is waiving its right under Article 22, paragraph 4, which limits use of reserve officers while full-time officer are on layoff. The waiver is effective until 11:59 p.m. on August 8, 2006. Mr. Erb explained that this enables the Chief to call-in the reserves as needed and schedule them ahead of the two full-time officers who are laid off.

06-200 A resolution was made by Ellis Erb, pursuant to the letter dated May 11, 2006 from the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association, amending Resolution No. 06-193 to allow for the existing reserve officers to be used and scheduled, as needed, ahead of the two full-time officers who are laid off. In addition, allowing the Chief to pick up some additional auxiliary officers at no cost, if available. This would allow the active full-time officers to possibly take some vacation prior to the end of the year.

Seconded by Sue Ruley. Roll call votes were:

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| Ellis Erb | yes |
| Sue Ruley | yes |
| Galen Stoll | yes |

Mr. Erb explained that the police department secretarial staff has some questions about being called to work while on unemployment. Mr. Hall explained that he confirmed with the Ohio Bureau of Employment services and went on to explain his findings and directed all of the laid off employees to the Canton office of the Bureau of Employment services. Mr. Hall advised the Board that if they choose, at their next meeting, to go ahead and place the levy on the August ballot, that he as made the Auditor’s office aware of this possibility so they are prepared to move forward fairly quickly.

- Discussion amongst the Board, Mr. Hall, the police union employee representative and other unidentified members of the audience with reference to the levy and some discussion regarding the completion of the union negotiations/contracts. The Board

explained some of the reasons for the layoffs and discussed the possibility of borrowing funds or asking for advancement of funds to carry the department through. Mr. Hall recommended to the Fiscal Officer and the Board, that it may be better to wait for the outcome of the August 8, 2006 election before making a decision to borrow/advance funds, so that the Board can make an informed decision.

- Chief Hensley asked the Board if he should pull the badges and firearms, etc. from the officers who are being laid off? Mr. Hall advised that they are still considered employees and if they would have to be called in/activated at any time, they should be prepared, so no it is not necessary to get these items back at this time.
- Sue Knickerbocker asked about the unused earned vacation, personal and sick time, will this be paid to the laid off employees at this time? The Board advised that this time is frozen until the end of the year, at which time the Board will review and determine what to do.

06-201 A resolution was made by Ellis Erb adjourning the meeting at 2:20 p.m. Seconded by Galen Stoll. Roll call votes were:

Sue Ruley	yes
Ellis Erb	yes
Galen Stoll	yes

Ben Sommers, Fiscal Officer

Ellis Erb, President

Sue Ruley, Vice President

Galen Stoll, Member

