

**RAVENNA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF BUDGET HEARING OF JULY 11, 2016**

The Ravenna Township Board of Trustees met in Special Session at the Ravenna Township Trustee's Meeting Room, 6115 Spring Street, Ravenna, Ohio, on July 11, 2016 for the purpose of holding a Budget Hearing on the 2017 Township Budget. Trustee Chairman Vince Coia called the meeting to order at 5:04 P.M. Roll call showed the following present: Trustees Vince Coia and Pat Artz; Fiscal Officer Gail Pittman; Zoning Inspector/Liaison Jim DiPaola, Road Supervisor Darrell Stephens and Jon Summers. Trustee Hank Gibson and Fire Chief Mark Kozak were not present. Audience member was Frank Hairston

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET
FISCAL OFFICER

The fiscal officer presented the budget for the year 2017 and a discussion regarding the details of the budget was held. A historical look at the trends of the past 5 years and a projection into the next 5 years was discussed. The reduction of revenues and the increases in costs showed that a new financial course needs to be plotted. Vince noted that we need to do an EMS levy for Fire and serious consideration for shared services with the Fire Department should be discussed. He said there was an article in the Ohio Township Magazine discussing House Bill 5 and the available grant funds for feasibility studies provided by the State Auditors should the trustees determine one needs performed. It was noted that the whole board and all department heads should be present for a more in-depth discussion.

RES #16-085 A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Pat Artz to accept the 2017 Budget as presented by the Fiscal Officer. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion Passed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Pat Artz, seconded by Vince Coia to adjourn the hearing at 5:54 p.m. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion Passed.

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

TRUSTEE

FISCAL OFFICER

TRUSTEE