

2025-006

**A Resolution of Intent to Terminate Certain  
Franklin Township Fire District Levies**

**PREAMBLE**

**WHEREAS** the Franklin Township Board of Trustees (the “Board”) created the Franklin Township Fire District (“Fire District”) comprising only the unincorporated area of the Township; and

**WHEREAS** the voters of Franklin Township have approved three continuing Fire District levies of 9.75 mills in 1993; 5.00 mills in 2004; and 3.89 mills in 2008, as well as a 5-year district levy of 5.89, all for the purpose of providing fire services and protection in the Fire District; and

**WHEREAS**, in January of 2025, the Board requested that voters in the upcoming primary election approve a 14.79 mills Township-wide levy, that would be placed on the tax list for 2025 and collected in 2026. The 14.79 mills levy, in effect, would change the taxing bodies from a “district” to the Township in order to provide funding for the operation of a Township Fire Department (as opposed to a Fire District). Assuming the voters approve said Township-wide levy in May of 2025, this change will allow the Township to phase out the current Fire District and to keep pace with Ohio law and protect the Township’s tax base by including those properties that have been annexed from the Township since March of 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, if voters approve the 14.79 mills levy in May of 2025, it will no longer be necessary for the Township to collect the proceeds of the three continuing Fire District levies of 9.75 mills approved in 1993; 5.00 mills approved in 2004; and 3.89 mills approved in 2008, as well as the 5 year district levy of 5.89 mills, and it is in the best interest of the Township and its residents to terminate/not renew said levies should voters approve the Township-wide levy.

**RESOLUTION**

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the “Board”) that the following Resolution be, and it hereby is, adopted:

The trustee marked below made a motion for the adoption of the following Resolution:

***Fleshman***

***Leezer***

***Blevins***

**RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby determines that if the 14.79 mills Township-wide levy is approved by voters in May of 2025, it is the Board’s intent to do the following for the current Fire District levies:

- (1) Terminate the levy for 9.75 mills for a continuing period of time that was adopted in 1993, for the purposes set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I); and

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- (2) Terminate the levy for 5.00 mills for a continuing period of time that was adopted in 2004, for the purposes set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I); and
- (3) Terminate the levy for 3.89 mills for a continuing period of time that was adopted in 2008, for the purposes set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I).
- (4) Not renew the five (5) year levy for 5.89 mills, for the purposes set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, It is hereby declared that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

This Resolution shall be declared an emergency and take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time provided by law.

*The following trustee marked below seconded the motion:*

**Fleshman**

**Leezer**

**Blevins**

*Roll was called for the adoption of the Resolution, and the vote was as follows:*

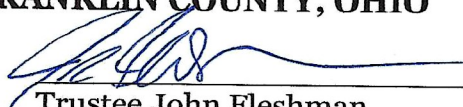
**Fleshman:**  YES/  NO

**Leezer:**  YES/  NO

**Blevins:**  YES/  NO

Adopted: January 28, 2025


**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP,  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

  
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Trustee John Fleshman

Attest and Certified

  
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Trustee James Leezer

  
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Trustee Mike Blevins