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from the Trustees

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A Message from the Trustees:

Eric Ungaro: Chairman • Edward Kempers: Vice Chairman • Joanne Wollet: Trustee

To the residents of Poland Township:

The purpose of this newsletter is to more effectively communicate with all residents of Poland Township. The newsletter will also be available on our website at www.polandtownship.gov. The website has been updated, and it should be a more user-friendly experience.

There are many programs that are offered by the township that we want all residents to know about. In addition, we want you to know where your tax dollars are going. We pride ourselves on being fiscally responsible. In the past few years we have improved our fleet of cars for our police department and made sure our road department has up to date equipment and vehicles. Tax levy money, ARPA money, gas tax money and money from the Mahoning County quarter-percent sales tax passed in 2021, all have made it possible for the upgrade in vehicles and equipment.

In this newsletter, information about the upcoming police levy is included. We want to give you unbiased information so that you can make your best decision. There is also a section explaining how Poland Township residents can receive negotiated rates on natural gas and electric.

It is our hope this newsletter will provide more detailed information about what is happening in the township and the various programs that are offered to our citizens. Our residents are our highest priority. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns. We encourage you to attend our monthly public meetings which are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM at the township building located at 3339 Dobbins Road.

Sincerely,

Eric Ungaro, Joanne Wollet, and Ed Kempers

Poland Township Gas and Electric Aggregation Program

Poland Township Gas Aggregation Program is with I.G.S. Energy of Dublin, Ohio. The current rate of 3.96 per MCF is a fixed rate for 12 months effective October/November 2023 through October 2024. If you are not already enrolled, any Poland resident may participate in this program by calling I.G.S. Energy at 1-877-353-0162 weekdays 8:00am to 8:00pm

Poland Township Electric Aggregation Program is with Energy Harbor. The current rate of 4.92 cents per kWh and is valid until May 2025. If you are not already enrolled, any resident may participate in the aggregation program by calling Energy Harbor at 1-866-636-3749, weekdays 8:00am to 5:00pm

Poland Township Roads

Since our major paving project in 2019, the Township Trustees authorized a Road Pavement Condition Study in 2022 to prioritize future road improvements. The use of OPWC grant money and the Mahoning County Sales Tax revenue has allowed us to continue to complete and prioritize our road resurfacing projects at no cost to the Township. In 2023, we paved Pacifica Drive, Boardwalk Drive, Jaric Drive, North Carolina Drive, and Atlantic Court. We will continue this process in 2024, as we will be paving Denver Drive and Polo Blvd. The Mahoning County Sales Tax revenue has allowed the Township to maintain our roads and complete other infrastructure improvements throughout our community. The 7 year tax levy for the 2018 road resurfacing project will come off the tax roll in December of 2025.

The Ohio Department of Commerce has granted a Video Service Authority Agreement to Comcast to provide internet and video services to our community. As it is with all construction projects of this magnitude, there are inconveniences associated with the installation of the fiber optic cable. Depending on your neighborhood, you may experience underground installation, or you may experience aerial (telephone pole) installation. Comcast has promised publicly to restore and/or repair all properties to its original state upon completion of work. Please feel free to contact the township office or Comcast directly if you have any concerns. We thank you in advance for your patience. To contact Comcast direct call 888-277-1898 or email NED_polandboardmansupport@comcast.com

Comcast-Fiber Optic Community Construction Project

Community Policing Programs

Community Policing is much more than just law enforcement and emergency response. The Poland Township Police District offers several programs that go way beyond that of a typical small town police department. Residents can take advantage of the programs listed below by visiting our website or contacting our office at 330-757-0733.

- Senior Watch
- House Watch
- Prescription Drug drop-off
- Neighborhood Watch Program
- Safe Exchange Zone
- Animal Shelter

The Poland Township Park located at 7400 Moore Road is open to the public from dawn to dusk seven days a week. It is one of the area's most treasured green spaces. During the winter, come and enjoy a day with your family on our sled riding hill or take a hike on one of our 1.5 miles of forestland trails. When things get a little warmer, come and enjoy our Oak Grove Pavilion recreation area. It includes a playground, sand volleyball, cornhole, and bocce courts. The pavilion can be reserved for free by contacting our office at 330-757-0733. It features 3 charcoal grills, electrical outlets, and water. Future projects include the installation of an all-person's trail and pickleball courts. Thanks to a \$30,000 grant obtained from ODNR NatureWorks Program and community donations, the all-person's trail will provide easy access to the soccer fields, pavilion, concession area, and restroom facilities.

Poland Township Park

Q&A

Q. Why is this Levy necessary?

A. The 1978 Current Expense Levy expired on December 31, 2023.

Q. How much will this Levy generate?

A. Approximately \$359,000.00 per year.

Q. Why was it decided to ask for 0.73 mill?

A. Even though the ballot will indicate these will be additional taxes, they are not! Poland Township will collect the same taxes as they have since 1978.

Q. When is enough, enough? The county's 2024 reevaluations just raised my taxes.

A. Poland Township lowered the requested millage from 0.98 to 0.73 to reflect the 2024 reevaluations.



County Auditor's Appraised Value	\$100,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$300,000.00
Annual Cost	\$26.00	\$52.00	\$78.00
Additional taxes *based on 2023	\$0	\$0	\$0

The ballot wording may mislead you!

These taxes are not additional. These taxes are the same taxes collected by Poland Township since 1978!

These taxes will be used solely to fund your POLICE DEPARTMENT!

Your Police Department needs this tax revenue to continue providing our community with the same level of services you are accustomed to receiving.

Please vote on March 19, 2024

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL)
Poland Township Police Operations

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of Poland Township specifically the Poland Township Police Department for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs that the county auditor estimates will collect \$359,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.73 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$26 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

For the Tax Levy

Against the Tax Levy

PER YEAR

First Name Last Name
Address
City, State, Zip

Township Contact Info

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Poland, OH 44514
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For immediate emergencies, Please call:
Township Police: 911 or (330) 757-1549
Village Police: 911 or (330) 757-2717
Fire: 911 or (330) 757-1133

Township Offices

Administration	(330) 757-0733
Zoning Department	(330) 757-0733
Road Department	(330) 757-0733
Recycling	(330) 757-0733
Police (Emergency)	911 or (330) 757-1549
Fire (Emergency)	911 or (330) 757-1133