

NORWICH

TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEE FORUM



It's no secret that the past few years have presented a financial challenge for nearly everyone. The struggling economy has caused government at all levels, including Norwich Township, to re-evaluate their operations to reduce expenses and identify sources of additional revenue in an effort to avoid reductions in the level of service they provide to their residents. Consequently, government entities have begun wrestling over dwindling financial resources. As an example, the state legislature chose to balance their budget, in part, by reducing local government revenue. On top of that, municipalities often redirect property tax revenue away from townships through TIFs and tax abatements to provide infrastructure to attract commercial and residential development. Like many Townships, we are getting hit from all sides.

Norwich Township has always been fiscally prudent, so we are in a better financial condition than many other Townships and local governments. However, this doesn't mean that we are unaffected by the recent economic conditions. Listed below are our best estimates on revenue losses Norwich Township will encounter as the result of actions by the state and others:

Repeal of the Estate Tax: While the amount of estate tax that Norwich Township receives can vary widely from year to year, the elimination of this tax will result in a loss of an average of \$150,000 annually.

Elimination of Tangible Personal Property (TPP) Tax Reimbursement: The tax on business equipment and inventory was eliminated in 2005, but the state of Ohio reimbursed local government for the loss of TPP revenue. This reimbursement was eliminated effective July 1, 2011, resulting in a loss of \$189,000 in 2011; \$185,000 in 2012; and \$180,000 in 2013.

Reduction in Local Government Funds (LGF): For many years, the state of Ohio has collected and distributed revenue to local governments through a complex formula that has become known as Local Government Funds. The most recent state budget reduces LGF distributions by 25% in 2012 and another 25% in 2013. This will result in a reduction of \$28,000 in 2011 and \$27,000 in 2012.

TIFs and Tax Abatements: According to data from the Franklin County Auditor, Norwich Township loses about \$400,000 per year due to TIFs and tax abatements granted by the city of Hilliard.

The end result is that Norwich Township stands to have our income reduced by over \$750,000 a year while expenses continue to rise. The Board of Trustees is committed to maintaining the top-quality service that you expect and deserve. However, as you can see, this is becoming more and more challenging. 🍀

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Charles Wm. Buck
Michael D. Cope
Larry Earman

2011 TRUSTEE MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 6, 12:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 19, 6:30 PM

OCTOBER 3, 12:00 PM

OCTOBER 17, 6:30 PM

NOVEMBER 7, 12:00 PM

NOVEMBER 21, 6:30 PM

DECEMBER 5, 12:00 PM

DECEMBER 19, 6:30 PM

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT:

Norwich Township
Safety Services Building
5181 Northwest Parkway

If you have questions,
please call (614) 876-7694.





FIRE CHIEF DAVE LONG ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

The July 18th Trustee meeting seemed fairly routine. Several employees were recognized for their years of service to the Township. In addition, the Trustees took care of regular Township business. Then, Fire Chief Dave Long dropped a bomb. He announced to the Board and those present that he intends to retire from the Norwich Township Fire Department effective January 20, 2012, after more than 35 years. The Trustees were stunned by the sudden announcement and tabled acceptance of Chief Long's letter of resignation. They questioned his decision, but in Chief Long's words, "it's just time for me to move on".

There will be more in the near future on events to recognize the Chief for his dedicated service to Norwich Township. No replacement has been named. 🌱

KEEP NORWICH TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFUL

Each year we have a number of homes in the unincorporated areas of Township that show signs of neglect. The cause of this neglect may vary. The homeowner may not be physically or financially able to care for the property or the owner may have lost the home through foreclosure. In any case, if a yard in your neighborhood has high grass or weeds or if there is an accumulation of debris or trash in the yard, you can get help. Call Norwich Township Administration at (614)876-7694 to begin the process of returning the property to an acceptable condition. 🌱

THE TRUTH ABOUT LOCAL INCOME TAXES IN NORWICH TOWNSHIP

It was brought to our attention that some Township residents may have received a collection notice from the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) for delinquent local income taxes. Like all Townships in Ohio, Norwich Township is prohibited by statute from enacting an income tax. Persons who reside in the unincorporated portions of Norwich Township are responsible for local income tax only if they work in a community or school district that has an income tax. If you're not sure if this applies to you, contact Norwich Township Administration at (614)876-7694. 🌱

ISSUES, QUESTIONS, OR CONCERNS?


Do you have issues, questions, or concerns that you want to bring to the attention of Norwich Township? You now have a way to relay those issues, questions, and concerns to the Township electronically anytime day or night. Go to the Norwich Township website at www.norwichtownship.org. On the menu on the left side of home page, you can click on the "Issues, Questions, concerns" link and you will be given a screen to fill out some basic information such as name, address, and e-mail address. You can then write a brief description of the matter that you want to bring to the attention of the Township. Once you submit this page, it will be transmitted to Norwich Township Administration and you will receive a prompt response to your submission from the appropriate Township official. 🌱

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Pictured at the flag-raising are from left to right: Trustee Larry Earman; Fire Chief Dave Long; Trustee Chuck Buck; and Hilliard Police Chief Doug Francis.

WORLD TRADE CENTER FLAG POLE ERECTED AT THE SAFETY SERVICES BUILDING

On Friday, July 29th a 50 foot flag pole was erected on the front lawn of the Norwich Township Safety Services Building. This flag pole is not just any flag pole. It is one of only five poles that stood in front of the World Trade Center on the day of the September 11, 2001, terror attacks. The flag pole was one of a number of items from the World Trade Center selected by the City of Hilliard for their First Responder's Park located on Main Street in downtown Hilliard. However, due to safety concerns, another site was needed for the flag pole. The obvious choice was the Safety Services Building that houses first responders from the Hilliard Police Department and the Norwich Township Fire Department. A formal dedication ceremony will be held at 9:00 AM on the 10th anniversary of the attacks on September 11th. 



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NORWICH TOWNSHIP ROAD PROJECTS

Listed below are the road projects approved by the Board of Trustees to be completed in 2011:

Road	Description
Polley Road	Full depth repair
Schirtzinger Road	Major drainage and pavement repair
Shady Brook Lane	Crack seal / slurry seal
Stemwood Drive	Crack seal / slurry seal
Timberbrook Lane	Full depth repair
Willowcreek Drive	1.5 mill and fill

If you have any questions about these projects or other issues relating to roads within the Township, you can contact our Road Department at (614)876-2236.

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