



**Chardon Township Board of Trustees**  
**Special Meeting**  
**March 2, 2024**

The Chardon Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall with the following present:

**Trustees: MICHAEL BROWN and CHARLES STRAZINSKY**

**Fiscal Officer: ILONA DAW-KRIZMAN**

See attached sign in sheet.

This special meeting was held to discuss the upcoming road levy. Trustee Brown presented a power point containing the following information:

- The levy question being proposed is a 3.0 mil, 5-year Road & Bridge issue
- This levy would generate approximately \$555,000 at 100% collection annually for road repair, reconstruction and maintenance. **\*Edited to properly disclose the correct amount that levy will generate which is \$682,000**
- Collection would start with tax year 2024, payable in 2025 and continue through 20289, payable in 2030
- The levy will cost \$105 per \$100,000 of property valuation. Divide your property value by 100,000 and multiply by \$105 to approximate your cost. For example, if your property is valued at \$250,000/100,000=2.50x105= \$262.50 per year; approximately \$21.88 per month.
- Chardon Township is slightly above average in terms of effective residential rate as compared to the other townships in Geauga County. When looking at township millage only, Chardon Township is the lowest in the County.
- The Chardon Township Road Department consists of 4 full-time employees. They are responsible for maintenance, repair, stormwater management and snowplowing of 36.15 road miles. See attached list of roads. The road department also does road and drive culvert repairs and replacements, pothole repairs and full-depth repairs, road signage installation and replacement.
- Chardon Township voters have not voted for any new Road & Bridge millage since 2001. In the 23 years since the last levy increase, the cost of roadway construction has tripled. See attached chart from the National Highway Construction Cost Index
- Let's look at the financial situation of the Chardon Township Road Department. See attached expenses and revenues. Items such as Salt & Fuel are volatile in both their market prices as well as need. Even the revenue items are subject to collection rates and legislative change.
  - Approximate Total Revenue \$712,400
  - Approximate Total Expenses - 689,500
  - **Available Funding for Road Projects \$ 22,900**
- This means it would take several years to save for any kind of significant road project.

▪ **Current Engineers Estimate of Road Work – 2024**

- Cost of Resurfacing per Mile           \$ 350,000
- Cost of Reconstruction per Mile       \$1,000,000

- By law, these funds are restricted and can only be used for construction, repair and maintenance of roads, storm sewers and ditches within the township and the operational expenses of this department.
- The Trustees have resolved to segregate these new revenues into their own accounts and dedicate them solely for road construction, resurfacing and major road projects.
- All projects to be funded by these new revenues would be designed, inspected and approved by the Geauga County Engineers Office. All projects would be publicly bid on and performed by qualified private contractors with a track record of successful road construction work. These projects will allow the road department to focus on preventative maintenance and minor repairs.
- The 5-year plan revolves around leveraging these new levy revenues to complete between one (1) and three (3) road projects every year. If approved, the Board of Trustees will immediately engage with the Geauga County Engineers Office to determine a prioritized list of projects and begin preparations to start taking bids at the earliest possible time.
- The Trustees will continually tell Chardon Township residents details about the use of these funds.
- All avenues available to leverage these funds will be explored, such as:
  - Use of Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) funding on applicable roads.
  - Use Project Pooling with neighboring political subdivisions to save costs by employing a single contractor to do multiple projects.
- Some of the highest priority projects, although not a comprehensive or ranked list, are the following:
  - Robinson Road Embankment Restoration: the south end of the roadway has a failing embankment that needs a retaining wall to avoid a failure along with pavement repair
  - Mitchell's Mill resurfacing and spot repair
  - Berkshire Heights resurfacing (Henning, Olmar, Howard and Helmut)
  - Robinson Road north end grind and double chip seal
  - Pearl Road grind and double chip seal
  - Sunshine/Dusty resurfacing
  - Calico Lane reconstruction
  - Cottage Hill reconstruction
  - Clark Road (Robinson to County Line) grind and double chip seal
- As costs continue to rise, the road department will have to prioritize patching deteriorating roads and less on preventative maintenance.
- Hard decisions will have to be made such as converting some roads from asphalt to chip seal, rationing the use of road salt and the frequency of plowing and potentially reducing the number of employees.

- The township may have to investigate the option of assessing the cost of road projects to the residents of a particular road.
- **In summary:**
  - The Chardon Township Road Department is long overdue for an increase in funding. It's been over 23 years since the last increase in Road & Bridge millage, and in that time, the cost of road construction has tripled.
  - Chardon Township currently is the lowest voted millage of any township in Geauga County.
  - Chardon Township Trustees have pledged to use all potential new revenue solely for road construction and resurfacing projects.



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**Michael Brown, Chairman**

# CHARDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Trustees**

Chuck Strazinsky  
 Tim McKenna  
 Michael Brown

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 Regular / Special

Meeting March 2, 2024 (10)

**Fiscal Officer**

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<b>ATTENDEES</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Interest</b>
1 Susan Daniels	9754 Thwing Rd	Unnecessary Levy
2 Ed Slusarski	9279 Mentor Rd	-
3 Joan Wierozyl	9465 Mentor Rd	_____
4 Ken Morgan	10580 CATTY SARK	
5 Chuck DiCillo	10973 HELMUT DR.	NECESSARY LEVY
6 Steve Lang	11385 Glenmore Dr	
7 Kristine & Chris Frankenberg	9816 Stukeylane	Our prt road maintenance
8 Yvette Slusarski	9279 Mentor Rd.	
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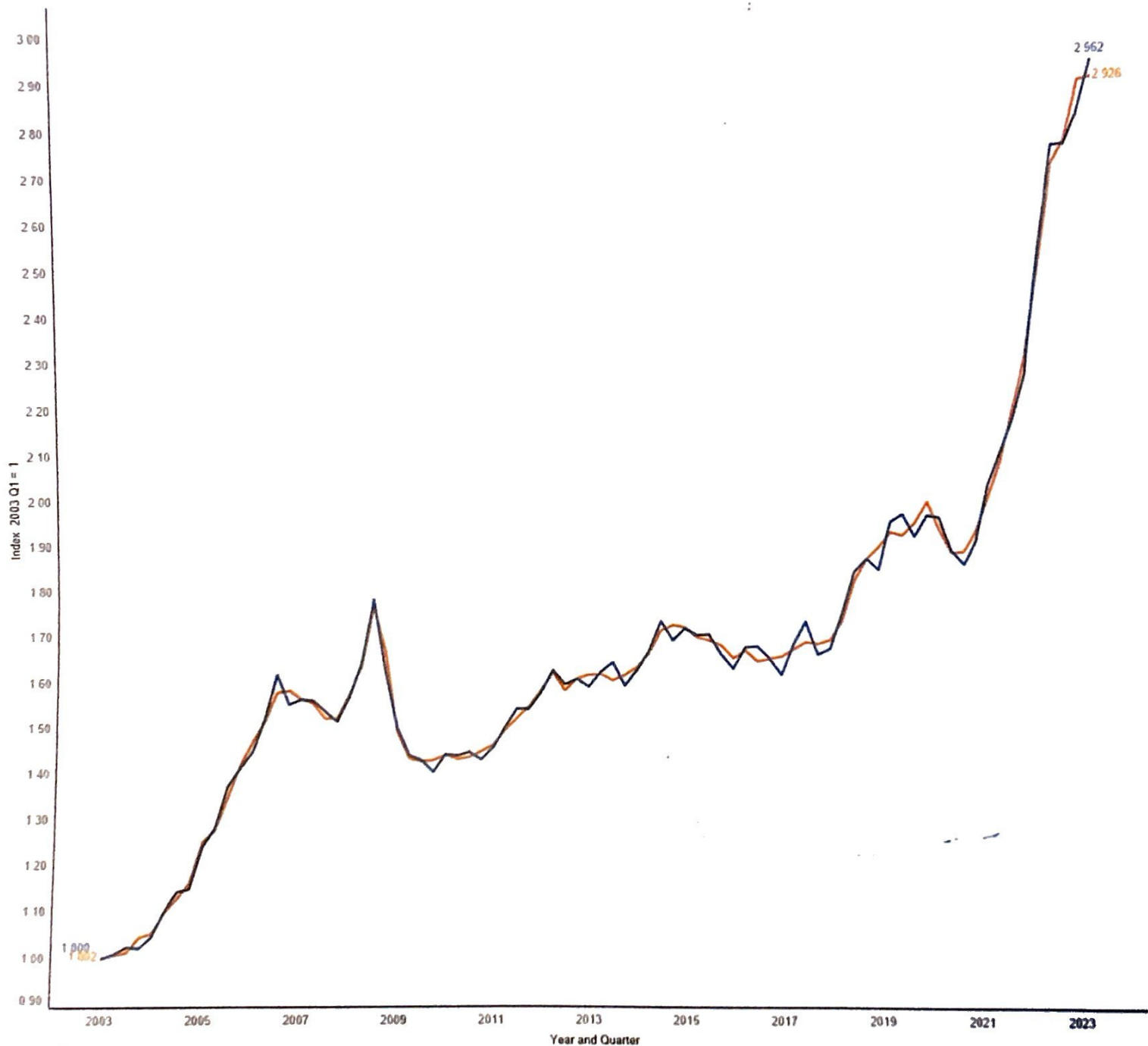


U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Highway Administration

# National Highway Construction Cost Index (NHCCI)

Select Year and Quarter:  
2003 Q1 to 2023 Q2  
and Null values

Select Series:  
 NHCCI  
 Seasonally Adjusted NHCCI



2023 Q2 index is preliminary  
2022 Q4 and 2023 Q1 indexes are revised





## Why does Chardon Township need more money for the roads?

### Revenues:

Currently, the Road Department is funded with (3) sources:

1. Property Tax (Inside Mil.= 1.02 & Levy = 2.0 Mil)	\$ 562,400
2. Motor Vehicle License Fee & Permissive Tax	\$ 15,000
3. Gasoline Tax	\$ 135,000

**Approximate Yearly Revenue Available: \$ 712,400**



## Why does Chardon Township need more money for the roads?

### Expenses

1. Department Payroll including Benefits	\$ 348,100
2. Vehicle & Equipment Repairs	\$ 30,000
3. Utilities (Gas, Electric, Phone)	\$ 13,500
4. Fuel	\$ 19,500
5. Road Salt	\$ 90,000
6. Supplies (Asphalt, Aggregates, Pipe, etc)	\$ 56,500
7. Fees & Misc. Expenses	\$ 15,000
8. Contracted Services (Crackfilling, Linestriping, etc.)	\$ 50,000
9. <u>Loan Payments (Principal and Interest)</u>	<u>\$ 75,000</u>
<b>Approximate Yearly Expenses Incurred:</b>	<b>\$ 689,500</b>





# How is our Road Dept. structured and what do they do?

This is the complete list of Township roads our Road Dept. is responsible for:

Road Name	Length	Road Name	Length	Road Name	Length	Road Name	Length
Arbor Glen Dr.	0.45	Fincherie Dr.	0.51	Howard Dr.	0.57	Quail Woods Dr.	0.82
Breckenridge Dr.	0.32	Forest Oaks Dr.	0.37	Joyacre Dr.	0.30	Robinson Rd.	2.66
Brentwood Dr.	0.27	Fox Meadow Ln.	0.44	Little Mountain Rd.	0.35	Roryanna Dr.	0.41
Calico Ln.	0.56	Fox Wood Dr.	0.14	Maple Glen Dr.	0.17	Rosewood Dr.	0.50
Cambridge Rd.	0.47	Glenmora Dr.	0.36	Meadow Dr.	0.12	Sandy Oaks Tr.	0.11
Campton Ridge Dr.	1.04	Griswold Rd.	0.49	Mitchells Mills Rd.	3.06	Stratford Ridge Ln.	0.39
Catalpa Dr.	0.19	Grouse Ridge Dr.	0.07	Mountainview Dr.	0.53	Sunshine Dr.	0.29
Cherry Hollow Dr.	0.57	Hampton Ridge Dr.	0.27	Northwoods Circle	0.51	Twin Oaks Tr.	0.36
Clark Rd.	4.84	Hawthorne Dr.	0.17	Oak Glen Dr.	0.15	Welk Rd.	0.72
Clarkwood Dr.	0.42	Helmut Dr.	0.26	Oak Hollow Dr.	0.33	Wellington Dr.	0.21
Colburn Rd.	0.51	Henning Rd.	0.78	Oakstone Tr.	0.36	Wilder Rd.	1.55
Cottage Hill Dr.	0.49	Hermitage Rd.	1.99	Olmar Dr.	0.26	Wintergreen Dr.	0.64
Courtney Ct.	0.32	Hickory Hollow Dr.	0.31	Parkwood Dr.	0.31	Wisner Rd.	1.01
Crestridge Dr.	0.14	Hikers Trail Dr.	0.24	Pearl Rd.	0.53	Woodie Glen Dr.	0.22
Dusty Ln.	0.13	Hosford Rd.	1.85	Pinegate Dr.	0.74	Woodview Dr.	0.08
Eden Park Dr.	0.38						

This list equates to the 36.15 Road Miles of Township Roads, but....