



Statement from The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees:

Many people have contacted the Bainbridge Trustees regarding the recent property revaluations that have come out from the Geauga County Auditor. The dramatic increase in value in many homes and properties is a concern to our residents because of the increased property taxes that will result on the *inside millage*, which is the base, unvoted property tax levied on all property owners in the township.

The Bainbridge Board of Trustees has done its part to address this issue. At the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting on November 6, 2023, the Trustees passed a resolution that will decrease the millage of the 2016 Police levy in an amount that will nearly equal the township's share of the county increase. The money the township receives as a result of the increase in valuation (inside mills), will be used to replace the decreased millage from the 2016 Police levy. The Geauga County Commissioners have also done with their portion of the new tax money resulting from the revaluation. Other taxing entities that receive funds from inside millage may or may not decide to do this, but as a township, we are working to alleviate additional tax burdens that are the result of the state-mandated property revaluations.

This action was taken for a temporary, one-year decrease in the 2016 Police levy with the hope that the Ohio State House and Senate will pass a more permanent fix to the issue. While the action from November 6th is for one year only, the Bainbridge Board of Trustees has indicated the intention to extend this action beyond 2024 if the State Legislature fails to act. It is recommended that residents contact their state representative and senator and encourage them to pass legislation that will permanently alleviate such large increases in property taxes.