

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

June 9, 2025

The trustees met in regular session with Mr. Hinson and Mr. Vogelsang present.

Ms. Niehaus was absent.

Also present were Jason Barger, Cpl. Wallace, Asst. Chief Watkins, PTFD, Larry Bramlage, Rich Mathews, Kathy Waldeck, Marty Waldeck, Les Smith and Emily Supinger

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mr. Hinson.

Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2025 regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted "yea"

Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, PTFD, gave his report (on file). Reported that the new firetruck that should have been in service by now is back at the factory for air conditioning repairs.

Cpl. Wallace, CCSO: gave his report (on file).

Les Smith gave his zoning report (on file). Reported that the prosecutor's office confirmed that the adjudication order for 2858 SR 132 will remain in place with a new owner; the county land bank may cover the cost of demolition for the new owner. The realtor, Paul Kelley, has said that the property is under contract and should close soon. Les Smith also reported that he has received calls about the 26 acre property known as Three Ivy for possible uses, noting that is currently zoned multi family.

Jason Barger gave his maintenance report (on file).

OLD BUSINESS:

Squad Purchase Financing Discussion: Bill Gilpin again reviewed financial data on the ability to purchase a new squad, reporting that purchasing a new squad would require an additional levy, but a used squad or re-mounted unit may be able to be paid for with cash on hand. It was also noted that at some point additional revenue will be needed regardless due to the effective yield of the current levy dropping every year. There was discussion on adopting a resolution of necessity for a 1.5 mil levy in case the trustees want to move forward with a levy request this year. It would become a non-issue if the trustees do not adopt a second resolution to proceed that would actually put a levy on the November ballot.

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Mr. Hinson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-44 declaring the necessity for levying a tax exceeding the ten-mill limitation, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

Zoning Fees: Bill Gilpin reported that Ms. Niehaus calculated the average of the fees for the 4 townships closest in size to Ohio Twp. as a baseline for discussing a new zoning fee structure. The discussion will continue when Ms. Niehaus is available. Emily Supinger noted that it would be beneficial if the zoning fees would were removed from the zoning resolution and created as a separate document, which would require the trustees asking the zoning commission to consider altering the zoning resolution.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to refer to the zoning commission an amendment to the zoning resolution to remove specific fees and replace them with a statement that the fees are as determined by the trustees, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

2023-24 Financial Audit: Bill Gilpin reported that the field work was completed on site on May 29. The audit results will be released later in June.

Cemetery Fees: Mr. Hinson distributed information on several local entities' cemetery plot pricing. There was discussion on whether to consider increasing cemetery plot prices or to institute an interment fee like all of the surrounding entities already have in place. The discussion will continue in the July meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Emily Supinger noted that she will be on vacation in July but an associate of hers will attend the meeting.

Mr. Hinson noted that he sent some requests to Will Menz to update the township website.

Fund balances were discussed.

The following were read and approved with warrants written for same: (payment summary on following page).

Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to adjourn at 7:27pm, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted "yea"