

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

July 14, 2025

Prior to the start of the meeting Mr. Hinson called for a moment of silence in memory of Trustee Emily Niehaus.

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

Also present were Jason Barger, Cpl. Wallace, Asst. Chief Watkins, PTFD, Kathy Waldeck, Marty Waldeck, David Spears, Gregg Gentile, Tom Niehaus, Les Smith and Andrew White

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

Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 9, 2025 regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted "yea"

Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 25, 2025 special meeting, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted "yea"

Mr. Hinson that with the passing of trustee Emily Niehaus the township has 30 days to name a replacement; Tom Niehaus has offered to finish out Emily's term. Both trustees agreed that it was fitting to appoint Tom Niehaus to serve as trustee for the remainder of Emily Niehaus' term ending December 31, 2025.

Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to appoint Tom Niehaus to the vacant trustee position, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted "yea"

Mr. Niehaus was sworn in by Andrew White and took his seat for the remainder of the meeting.

David Spears of 1408 Wilson Dunham Rd. reported that many cars are speeding past his house and asked what could be done about, also noting that the speed limit sign is difficult to see in that area. Jason Barger will cut back the vegetation around the speed limit sign to improve visibility.

Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, PTFD, gave his report (on file). Reported that the new firetruck was put into service on July 1.

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

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Les Smith gave his zoning report (on file). Reported that there were two BZA hearings held with both variances being approved; the county will be demolishing the structures at 2858 SR 132. Mr. Hinson noted that the Felts property at 2811 SR132 is for sale and asked Les Smith to check with Emily Supinger for zoning implications since that property was given additional time to clean up with the current owner.

Jason Barger gave his maintenance report (on file). Reported that the squad 1 body repairs are complete, currently waiting on Stryker to inspect the power cot before putting the squad back into service.

OLD BUSINESS:

Squad Purchase Financing Discussion: Bill Gilpin provided the information received from the county auditor noting that the proposed 1.5 mil fire/ems levy would generate approximately \$97,164 annually to assist with purchasing a new life squad. The township's 3 options are to purchase a new squad, purchase a re-chassis-ed truck or purchase a used squad. Mr. Niehaus asked about the life expectancy of a re-chassis-ed unit. Chief Watkins noted that a re-chassis-ed truck would last about 3 years less than a brand new unit. Mr. Niehaus also noted that public sentiment is changing regarding real estate taxes. Mr. Vogelsang noted that he is in favor of putting the levy on the ballot and let the voters decide if they wanted to support it or not.

Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-52, a resolution to proceed with a tax levy exceeding the ten-mill limitation and placing the issue on the November 2025 ballot, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted "yea"

Zoning Fees: Mr. Hinson noted that Les Smith is working with Emily Supinger on a timeline for the zoning commission for possible updates to the zoning code.

Cemetery Fees: Mr. Niehaus was given information from surrounding communities' cemetery fees; the discussion will continue next month after Mr. Niehaus has had the opportunity to review the information.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Solid Waste District Resolution: Bill Gilpin reported receiving the updated solid waste district information that was forwarded to the trustees, needs to be approved by September.

Mr. Niehaus made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-53 approving the solid waste management plan for the Adams-Clermont solid waste district, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

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Emily's Park Fund Resolution: Bill Gilpin reported the need to request permission from the state auditor's office to create a new fund to receive donations in memory of Emily Niehaus to assist with future park improvements.

Mr. Niehaus made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-54 establishing the "Emily's Park Fund" within the township budget, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

Mr. Niehaus thanked the trustees for their support during Emily's illness, noting that she loved being a township trustee.

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 7:17pm, seconded by Mr. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"