

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

September 8, 2025

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present were Jason Barger, Cpl. Wallace, Asst. Chief Watkins, PTFD, Kathy Waldeck, Chris Donley, Joel Gilpin, Scott Wolf, Marcie Keith, 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 August 11, 2025 regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"

Marcie Keith of the Clermont County Mental Health & Recovery Board spoke about the .75 mil levy that is on the November ballot, explaining where the funding is used and noting that it will not increase taxes.

Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, PTFD, gave his report (on file). Reported that the department is still experiencing employee turnover, 5 new employees will be hired on Wednesday. Mr. Hinson provided quotes for firehouse furniture from Muenchen Furniture and for an AED and cabinet for the township hall from Stryker. Mr. Niehaus asked why use Muenchens Furniture. Asst. Chief Watkins explained that they were the lowest quote among all furniture stores who provided a quote. Mr. Vogelsang asked why there weren't more fire hydrants on Fagins Run Rd; response was that they cost \$8k each; the township has hydrants everywhere where there is at least a 6" water main. It is likely that the reason for the lack of hydrants on Fagins Run Rd. is due to the size of the water main.

Mr. Niehaus made a motion to approve the quote from Muenchens Furniture in the amount of \$2,343.00, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

Mr. Niehaus made a motion to approve the quote from Stryker in the amount of \$2,172.15, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

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

Les Smith gave his zoning report (on file). Reported that the house at 2858 SR 132 has been found to contain asbestos and the county is seeking permission from the state to increase the budget and move forward with the demolition, now estimated at approximately \$50,000 to complete.

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Mr. Niehaus asked why the asbestos wasn't disclosed on the recent sale of the property or caught on an inspection, noting that the taxpayers are now being asked to pay for it. Les Smith indicated he did not know why it wasn't disclosed. Mr. Hinson asked Les Smith to stay on top of the camper issues in the township.

Jason Barger gave his maintenance report (on file). Reported getting permission from the property owner to trim back the obstructions at the intersection of Mt. Pisgah Road and Wilson Dunham Road; squad 1 is out of service due to high co2 readings in the rear of the squad. Mr. Hinson noted that the firehouse sign is difficult to see with the overgrown landscaping. Jason Barger will get quotes on re-doing the landscaping. Mr. Hinson also noted that the firehouse parking lot needs to be repaired. Jason Barger indicated that he has spoken to a contractor about it and will be quoted in the spring of 2026.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cemetery Fees: Mr. Hinson asked for input on proposed cemetery fee changes. The consensus was to raise all cemetery plot pricing by \$250 and to institute a \$300 fee for each interment to help offset the township's costs. Emily Supinger will have a resolution ready for the October meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Amounts and Rates Resolution: Bill Gilpin reported that the annual amounts and rates resolution is the same rates as last year and needs to be approved in September.

Mr. Niehaus made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-64 for amounts and rates, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

HB 96 Implementation: Emily Supinger reported that the township will need to have a cybersecurity policy in place by July 2026; will be working on through the first quarter of 2026 and may require the assistance of an outside consultant to assist with compliance.

Mr. Niehaus noted that there was a large truck parked in the firehouse parking lot over the weekend and asked if the township had any liability. Jason Barger noted that someone had a mechanical problem and asked if it could be left there for a day.

Mr. Niehaus reported that Bard Nursery will be planting 10 trees in the park in memory of Trustee Emily Niehaus on October 2. Mr. Niehaus will also be purchasing a memorial marker for the trees and will donate any monies needed to offset the cost in addition to the monies already donated in Emily Niehaus' name. Continued on next page . . .

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Mr. Hinson reported checking with all of the other townships in the county on public comments at meetings; 11 of 13 have time limits and one township did not respond to the request for information.

Mr. Hinson reported talking with the county about a slip on 12 mile road and was told that it will be repaired sometime in 2026 once funding is secured.

Mr. Hinson noted that the township's 2023-2024 financial audit report shows that the audit was completed without any errors found and complimented Bill Gilpin on his efforts.

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 7:31pm, seconded by Mr. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"