

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

October 13, 2025

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present were Jason Barger, Ptl. Keaton Montgomery, Asst. Chief Watkins, PTFD, Kathy Waldeck, Chris Donley, Joel Gilpin, Scott Wolf, Rich Mathews, Vicki Watkins, Les Smith and Emily Supinger

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Mr. Hinson.

Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2025 regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"

Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, PTFD, gave his report (on file). Reported that the department received a \$70k FEMA grant for fire hose and education costs; the new recliners have been received and liked by the crew. Mr. Hinson noted that the state fire marshal has \$4 million in grants available for radio upgrades. Asst. Chief Watkins indicated that Pierce Twp. was not eligible for that grant due to the size of the department.

Ptl. Montgomery, CCSO: gave his report (on file).

Les Smith gave his zoning report (on file). Reported that the barn at 1057-1059 Grays Lane is down but not removed, will contact the property owner and explain that if the township pays for the removal the associated costs will be applied to the tax duplicate. Mr. Hinson asked what can be done about the campers on the Willis property. Emily Supinger noted that the township would need to go to court and obtain an injunction. Several certified letters of violation were mailed out and all were returned. A permit for a new home at 2858 St. Rt. 132 has been issued and the demolition of the existing structure has begun. 1185 Twelve Mile Road property owned by Miranda Kelch, contact has been made with her attorney who asked for more time to clean it up as the property is for sale. The consensus of the trustees was to allow an additional 60 days for cleanup.

Jason Barger gave his maintenance report (on file). Reported that the quote for road salt this year is \$84.43 per ton; work on the tennis court drainage project will begin on Wednesday and should take about a week to complete.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cemetery Fees: A resolution for new cemetery fees was reviewed for consideration.

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Mr. Niehaus made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-67 establishing a new schedule of fees for cemetery plots, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

COMMUNICATIONS: Bill Gilpin reported receiving pricing information for upgrading the township phone and internet service, will continue to work on and request pricing for a static IP address and 4 voice mail boxes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Liability Insurance Renewal: Bill Gilpin reported that the annual liability insurance renewal is due. The premium for this year is \$11,437. The increase in premium is largely due to insuring the new salt barn and contents.

Mr. Niehaus made a motion to renew the liability insurance policy with the Ohio Plan in the amount of \$11,437, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

Health Insurance Renewal: Bill Gilpin provided information on the health insurance renewal with COSE with the monthly premium increasing by approximately \$60.

Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to renew the health, dental and vision insurance policy with COSE, seconded by Mr. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"

Zoning Amendment Resolution: A resolution amending the zoning resolution was reviewed for consideration.

Mr. Niehaus made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-70 amending the zoning resolution, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

Zoning Fees Resolution: A resolution for new zoning fees was reviewed for consideration.

Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-71 establishing a new schedule of fees for zoning permits and services, seconded by Mr. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"

Amended Appropriations Resolution: A resolution for amended appropriations was reviewed for consideration with the only change being appropriating the money in fund 2902 for expenditure.

Mr. Niehaus made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-72 amending appropriations , seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

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Mr. Vogelsang noted that there are several tax issues on the November ballot this year.

Mr. Niehaus thanked Jason Barger for his assistance with the tree planting in the park on October 2; a memorial marker for trustee Emily Niehaus is being ordered.

Mr. Niehaus reported receiving an email from the county park district offering a free swamp oak tree for the 250 USA celebration. Jason Barger will look to see if we have a spot for another tree, not sure after the recent planting of 10 trees in the park.

Mr. Niehaus asked what the township was doing to promote the 1.5mil fire/ems levy. Emily Supinger explained that the township is not permitted to expend taxpayer money on levies and that a PAC would need to be created by someone to promote any township levy.

Mr. Niehaus asked if the township could create a 501c3 to allow for donations to be tax deductible. Emily Supinger noted that the township could create a CIC 501c3 but that it isn't necessary as tax deductions to a township are already eligible for tax deduction.

Fund balances were discussed.

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

Mr. Niehaus made a motion to adjourn at 7:35pm, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"