

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

March 16, 2026

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present were Jason Barger, Cpl. Rich Wallace, Asst. Chief Watkins, PTFD, Chris Donley, Chris Donley, Les Smith and Andrew White

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

Mr. Gilpin made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2026, regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Wolf. All members voted "yea"

Tom Niehaus spoke to the trustees on behalf of the Clermont County Park District, who is running a renewal levy on the May ballot that will not incur any new taxes; Ohio Township has received approximately \$67k in park district grants since 2017. Mr. Vogelsang noted that he thought the renewal would result in the rate being calculated on new valuations. Tom Niehaus explained that it would not and that only new construction would increase the amount of money received by the levy.

Mr. Gilpin made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-34 expressing support for the Clermont County Park District Ten Year Levy Renewal, seconded by Mr. Wolf. All members voted "yea"

Scott Smith of 2586 SR 132 gave an update on his property clean-up, noting that the weather has hampered efforts. He also noted that he received a notice to appear in court and asked about it. Andrew White noted that there is a phone conference scheduled with Judge Brock for Monday and that it is up to the judge to determine when to proceed with the case. Mr. Wolf asked if the trustees had any input on the timing due to the recent bad weather. Andrew White replied that yes, the trustees can have input; also suggested that Scott Smith give him his contact information so he can join in on the phone conference.

Asst. Chief Watkins, PTFD, gave his report (on file). Reported that the department is only one full-time employee shy of being fully staffed; expressed the need to purchase a new squad as quickly as possible since the station is now down to only one operational squad. Reported that he and trustee Gilpin were pleased with the information received from other customers who have purchased remanufactured squads from R Enterprises LLC. Also reported that Clermont County is finalizing the hiring of a new EMA director.

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

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Les Smith gave his zoning report (on file). Reported that a violation letter has been sent to 2867 Mt. Pisgah Rd. for having 11 vehicles and other items on the property. Mr. Vogelsang asked about the house across from Lindale Baptist Church that has a rear porch caving in; response was that the county has been notified and they are taking care of it. Mr. Wolf asked about the issue on Libby Lane, response was that some progress is being made.

Jason Barger gave his maintenance report (on file). Reported that repair work was done on a culvert pipe on Wilson Dunham Rd; met with AJ Hensley about 2026 grass cutting services, pricing will remain the same. Reported that the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery received some damage from a large tree that fell on some headstones, will get pricing on cleaning up the damaged area. Reported an issue with aggressive dogs near Moreland Cemetery on 12 Mile Rd.; spoke with the tenant and left contact information but the owner has not responded. Andrew White suggested calling the police in the future if it continues to happen. Mr. Wolf asked about culvert maintenance on the hill portion of Chestnut Lane. Jason Barger indicated that the culvert in question is inspected before and after storms and cleaned up accordingly as leaves and debris tend to run down the hill regularly.

OLD BUSINESS:

Squad Purchase Discussion: Trustee Gilpin reported that he and Asst. Chief Watkins went to Campbell County and spoke with them about their experience with purchasing remanufactured equipment from R Enterprises LLC and were satisfied with the results. Asst. Chief Watkins added that the auxiliary AC unit priced may be desirable to include. Jason Barger asked what powered the AC unit; response was the truck alternator runs the unit. Asst. Chief Watkins added that the radio can be delivered to them when going to inspect the unit during production.

Mr. Gilpin made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-35 authorizing the purchase of a 2026 RAM 5500 4x4 Diesel Horton ReMan Ambulance in the amount of \$272,300, seconded by Mr. Wolf. All members voted “yea”

COMMUNICATIONS:

Bill Gilpin reported receiving correspondence from the Department of Commerce regarding liquor license renewals and Duke Energy for proposed price increases; no action taken on either item.

NEW BUSINESS:

AltaFiber Contract: Bill Gilpin reported receiving a 24 month quote for phone internet and cable package from AltaFiber for approximately \$229 per month that will save the township \$182 per month.

Mr. Wolf made a motion to accept the AltaFiber quote for phone and internet service, seconded by Mr. Gilpin. All members voted “yea”

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Permanent Appropriations: Bill Gilpin reviewed the permanent appropriations resolution noting the changes from the temporary appropriations.

Mr. Gilpin made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-37 for permanent appropriations, seconded by Mr. Wolf. All members voted “yea”

Per Diem Resolution: Bill Gilpin reviewed a proposed resolution that would set daily per diem food and incidental expense amounts when traveling on township business.

Mr. Wolf made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-38 Approving A Per Diem Rate For Township Travel, seconded by Mr. Gilpin. All members voted “yea”

Mr. Wolf noted that the township needs to educate residents on the proposed constitutional amendment to eliminate property taxes. Mr. Vogelsang agreed. There was discussion on how to educate the residents. Bill Gilpin noted that the Ohio Township Association recently released an information toolkit that can be used; will look into posting items on the township website.

Mr. Gilpin reported that the township hall will open this weekend. The school district is using the hall Wednesday to hold a townhall meeting on their upcoming tax levy initiative; also reported looking into an electronic door lock system for the township hall.

Mr. Vogelsang reported a request to post cancer information on the township website from an outside source. No action was taken.

Fund balances were discussed.

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

Mr. Gilpin made a motion to adjourn at 7:56pm, seconded by Mr. Wolf. All members voted “yea”