

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

September 14, 2026

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present were Jason Barger, Cpl. Wallace, CCSO, Cpl. Shouse, CCSO, Cindy Cassell, Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, PTFD, Chuck Heckler, Anne Heckler, Denny Duermit, Deb Duermit, Denise Vance, David Vance, Mike Henson, Kelly Sininger, Mike Parry, Ruben Willis Jr., Linda Davis, Vicki Watkins, Nancy Griffiths, Regina Hogan, Robert Wittenberg, Les Smith and Emily Supinger

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

Mr. Gilpin made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 10, 2026, regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Wolf. All members voted "yea"

Cindy Cassell reported that the zoning commission may be looking into data center issues; also asked about the flock cameras located alongside 2 township roads. Mr. Wolf noted that the 2 cameras belong to the Village of New Richmond, not the township, confirming that the township gave permission to the village to install the camera on Grays Lane but not the one on SR 132. Mr. Vogelsang noted that he would be in favor of removing the camera on Grays Lane. Emily Supinger noted that new state regulations are likely forthcoming for data centers when the new governor takes office.

Mike Henson of the Little Indian Boat Club noted that the club was cited for having items stored incorrectly, reported that the items have been moved back to the original storage area after some maintenance of the area was completed and asked if the boat club was still out of compliance in any way. Les Smith noted that the zoning code calls for privacy screening of the storage area, which has not yet been installed. Mike Henson read aloud some references from 2025 township meeting minutes that indicated the boat club would be in compliance with the old rules as long as no changes were made to the property. Emily Supinger noted that since things were moved, that equates to changes being made. Emily Supinger will review the situation with Les Smith and get back with boat club representatives. It was noted that due to topography a privacy screen would be useless. Emily Supinger explained that a zoning variance could be applied for to look at the privacy screening logistics.

Kelly Sininger and Mike Parry of Grant Career Center spoke about a 1.99 mill levy that is on the November ballot. It was explained that 1.15 mills is for a construction bond lasting 37 years; .84 mills is continuous for operating costs.

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Anne Feldman spoke about the Little Indian Boat Club zoning situation, suggesting that the screening be installed around the storage area; also noted that the 75' setback for campers is not being followed. Les Smith will take another look at the camper setbacks.

Linda Davis and Ruben Willis Jr. spoke about a sign on Quarry Street in the village that bears their father's name and asked if they could restore and improve it; also asked who is responsible for the maintenance of the property. Trustee Gilpin looked up the property on the county auditor's website and noted that the property is still being shown as owned by the New Richmond Youth Football League, whom the township donated the property to in 2009. Ruben Willis Jr. noted that the youth football league was disbanded many years ago. It was suggested that they contacted Kristin Bennett of the New Richmond Youth Sports Association to see if she has any knowledge of who may currently be using it, if anyone.

Regina Hogan of 1831 E. Concord Rd. spoke about issues with her neighbor's water draining onto her property. Regina Hogan noted that she feels the township may be responsible for the drainage as she feels her neighbor is intentionally changing the grade to force water onto her property. Regina Hogan also spoke about a property issue she is having, indicating that her neighbor is installing sheds on a property that she feels is owned by Ohio Township that is keeping her from gaining access to additional property she owns behind her house. Bill Gilpin noted that the township has to certify its road mileage every year with the county engineer and ODOT and the property being referred to is not on the road mileage list. Regina Hogan explained that she was referring to old paper records located in Williamsburg rather than the county records office. Emily Supinger stated that if Regina Hogan can produce a valid record indicating township ownership of the property being referred to the township would then look further into it; if proven that the township does own said piece of property Regina Hogan could request that the township vacate the road that she thinks is shown to be on the property. Regina Hogan then asked when the Ohio Township portion of E. Concord Rd. was going to be repaired. Jason Barger explained that originally it was scheduled to be paved in 2025, but with ongoing utility digging along the road it has been pushed back to 2027 to allow time for the patches to become solid. Regina Hogan asked if Ohio Township requires permits for drainage ditch culverts; response was no; she suggested that the township should be requiring permits for culverts.

Asst. Chief Watkins, PTFD, gave his report (on file). Reported that the new squad will be put into service very soon.

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

Les Smith gave his zoning report (on file). Reported that the Craig property on Libby Lane is not co-operating with requests to prove that 2 vehicles operate. Continued on next page . . .

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Les Smith also reported that Richmond Estates has constructed a new office without obtaining any permits. Emily Supinger explained that the township will need to determine if the vehicles on Libby Lane are operational or not before moving forward with removal.

Jason Barger gave his maintenance report (on file). Reported that the Rick Hinson Walking Trail sign has been installed; the AED is not yet installed in the township hall due to lack of a cabinet.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Health Insurance Renewal: Bill Gilpin explained that the health insurance renewal will increase 9.39% if no changes are made; if the deductible is increased \$500 the increase will only be 2.4%. The consensus was to switch to the higher deductible plan for 2027.

Mr. Wolf made a motion to renew the health insurance switching to the PPO 30-2500 RX plan, seconded by Mr. Gilpin. All members voted “yea”

2027 County Road Paving Program: Bill Gilpin explained that the deadline for participation in the 2027 road paving program is October 9, prior to the October meeting. After a brief discussion the consensus was not to participate in the county road paving program.

Emily Supinger reported that a suit has been filed for zoning issues on the Kools property at 1258 Twelve Mile Road.

Mr. Wolf reported that the county paid for 21 loads of storm debris to be hauled away following the recent storms.

Mr. Gilpin reported information from Bridge Payment Systems has been given to Emily Supinger for review.

Mr. Gilpin reported that the PTFD firefighters have requested permission to use the township hall once per month to hold their union meetings.

Mr. Wolf made a motion to waive the rental and deposit fee for the PTFD firefighters to use the hall, seconded by Mr. Gilpin. All members voted “yea”

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Mr. Vogelsang asked for input on possibly removing the flock cameras, stating that he was in favor of removing them. Mr. Wolf noted that he is in favor of keeping them. The consensus was to discuss further at the October meeting.

Asst. Chief Watkins noted that the storm siren on East Concord was recently damaged in an accident and is currently out of service; will be repaired or replaced as quickly as possible.

Mr. Vogelsang where patients were taken on squad runs. Mr. Wolf explained that each situation could dictate what hospital is used, but that in times of lesser emergencies a patient request may be honored to be taken to a specific hospital.

Fund balances were discussed.

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

Mr. Wolf made a motion to adjourn at 8:51pm, seconded by Mr. Gilpin. All members voted "yea"