

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

November 10, 2025

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present were Jason Barger, Cpl. Rich Wallace, Asst. Chief Watkins, PTFD, Chris Donley, Joel Gilpin, Scott Wolf, Ann Feldman, Michael Henson, Jessica Henson, Genny Dennison, Robert Wittenberg, Cathy Wittenberg, Anduen Riggs, 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 October 13, 2025, public hearing, seconded by Mr. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"

Mr. Niehaus made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2025 regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

Mr. Hinson congratulated Scott Wolf and Joel Gilpin for their being elected as township trustees beginning in 2026.

Ann Feldman of Washington St. spoke to the trustees about issues she is having with the Little Indian Boat Club. Her property is partially in the village and partially in the township, and she is a member of the boat club. She expressed concerns about 6 campers on the property and asked what zoning permits were required for them; also noted that camper waste is being dumped into a portable restroom. She noted that she has lost her membership in the boat club due to raising concerns about the campers and other issues. Emily Supinger noted that the boat club was grandfathered in on original zoning, but the new park district rules would apply if additional campers are installed. The park district rules allow for one camper per half acre with a 75' setback on all perimeter property lines. Emily Supinger noted that other issues mentioned are not township issues. Mr. Niehaus asked what was grandfathered. Emily Supinger noted that it would apply to the original use of the property only and that any changes would make the property have to comply with current zoning rules.

Jessica Henson of the Little Indian Boat Club reported that the club has by-laws that are being followed; also noted that the portable restroom is up to code and that the boat club is working issues they were made aware in recent weeks. Mr. Niehaus asked what those issues were; response was health department permits for the campers.

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Robert Wittenberg reported that the boat club is working with the health department on the recommendations being made by the department; also noted that the portable restroom was tested due to a nearby well and is compliant. Reported that the boat club has 10 to 12 acres but only 8 are usable. Emily Supinger noted that as long as the setbacks are followed the township would consider them compliant as the township zoning doesn't dictate spacing, just density.

Anduen Riggs asked about the riverfront development. Mr. Hinson referred her to the Village of New Richmond for information.

Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, PTFD, gave his report (on file). Thanked the crews for handling some challenging calls in the past month; need to update some computers in the trucks and asked if Ohio Township would consider purchasing the mounts needed for the installation.

Mr. Niehaus made a motion to purchase 2 computer mounts from Parr Public Safety in the amount of \$1,329.26, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

Cpl. Wallace, CCSO: gave his report (on file). Mr. Niehaus asked if the statistics were seasonal; response was yes to some degree.

Les Smith gave his zoning report (on file). Reported that the barn at 1057-1059 Grays Lane has been cleaned up; a 15 day notice has been mailed to the Willis property to remove the campers. Mr. Vogelsang asked if there were any issues with the 10 mobile homes on Chestnut Lane; response was no, just keeping a count on them from time to time.

Jason Barger gave his maintenance report (on file). Reported that the tennis court drainage project was successful and draining properly; noted that squad 2 had a minor accident and the township found out through solicitation letters received, asked to be notified of any accidents in the future. Asst. Chief Watkins asked if the trustees wanted a police report in the future if there was no vehicle damage, response was yes. Mr. Niehaus thanked Jason Barger for his initiatives while working and noted that he received a compliment from the fire chief for working with Jason as well.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Fire Contract: Bill Gilpin reporting meeting with Chief Wright and agreeing on the amount for the 2025 contract payment with a 2.9% increase. Continued on next page . . .

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Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to the annual fire contract to Pierce Township in the amount of \$94,275, seconded by Mr. Niehaus. All members voted “yea”

Mr. Vogelsang noted receiving emails about very heavy trucks traveling on township throughout the state.

Mr. Vogelsang asked if the township website was up to date, answer was yes.

Mr. Niehaus asked what are the next steps since the levy failed and reported talking to the state auditor about what the township is permitted to do to educate on a levy, feels the township can do more to educate the taxpayers than what was done this time around.

Mr. Niehaus reported that he will work on processing the park grant reimbursement paperwork to the county.

Mr. Niehaus noted that with Mr. Hinson retiring lots of knowledge will be lost and suggested meeting with the two new trustees to share as much information as possible.

Mr. Niehaus also noted that the hall rental policy needs to be discussed and updated.

Mr. Hinson noted that he would like to see the levy put back on the May ballot and work on educating the voters better.

Mr. Vogelsang noted that it is important to support Pierce Township for their equipment needs by attempting the levy.

Mr. Niehaus asked what the time frame for a May ballot issue would be; Bill Gilpin noted it must be submitted 90 days prior to the election.

Mr. Hinson noted that he recently hung a picture in the room of the first meeting in this building in October of 2003.

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 7:33pm, seconded by Mr. Niehaus. All members voted “yea”