

## OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

December 8, 2025

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present were Jason Barger, Cpl. Rich Wallace, Asst. Chief Watkins, PTFD, Nicole Hammons, Debbie Gilpin, Joel Gilpin, Scott Wolf, Chris Donley, Kathy Waldeck, Marty Waldeck, Eric Everett, Jill Everett, Eleanor Everett, Madalyn Everett, Janice Gilpin, Tammy Cook, Tim Feldkamp, Margie Hinson, Jason Hinson, Scott Smith, 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 November 10, 2025, regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Niehaus. All members voted “yea”***

Asst. Chief Watkins, PTFD, gave his report (on file). Reported that the department is currently using a borrowed fire engine due to one being out of service for repairs.

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

Les Smith gave his zoning report (on file). Reported that Tradewinds mobile home park is looking into adding 100 mobile homes to the park. Mr. Hinson asked about the campers on the Willis property. Emily Supinger noted that the township would need to file for an injunction to have the campers removed. Mr. Niehaus asked how long the township would need to wait before acting; response was the township could act whenever they felt it was appropriate due to the property occupants ignoring the zoning notices.

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to move forward with filing for a court injunction to have the campers removed from the Willis property on SR 132, seconded by Mr. Niehaus. All members voted “yea”***

Jason Barger gave his maintenance report (on file). Mr. Vogelsang asked if the new life squad would have a brush guard on it, response was yes.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

*December Motions:*

***Mr. Niehaus made a motion that the trustees of Ohio Township are entitled to the maximum compensation permitted per the Ohio Revised Code and to continue on the Salary Method of payment. Seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”***

***Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to continue the Group Health Care Insurance Plan and Dental Care Program as written with the township to continue paying the out of pocket and deductible expenses for those who are eligible being the three trustees, fiscal officer, full time employees, their spouses and dependents, up to a maximum of \$5,000.00 deductible per family. Seconded by Mr. Niehaus. All members voted “yea”***

***Mr. Niehaus made a motion to continue the reimbursement of out-of-pocket premium expenses for eligible employees or officers, their spouses and dependents up to an amount not to exceed an amount equal to the average premium paid by the Township for its employees under the COSE Benefit Plan. Seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”***

*2026 Organizational Meeting:* Bill Gilpin reported the need to schedule the 2026 organizational meeting. The consensus was to hold the meeting on January 3, 2026 at 9am.

***Mr. Niehaus made a motion to hold the 2026 organizational meeting on January 3, 2026 at 9am, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”***

*2026 Temporary Appropriations:* Bill Gilpin reviewed the 2026 temporary appropriations noting the changes needed.

***Mr. Niehaus made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-85 for 2026 temporary appropriations, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”***

*Trustee Hinson Recognition:* Mr. Niehaus read aloud a resolution relating to the 32 years of service Trustee Rick Hinson has served as township trustee.

***Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-86 honoring Rick L. Hinson for his service to Ohio Township, seconded by Mr. Niehaus. All members voted “yea”***

*New Trustees Oath of Office:* Emily Supinger issued the oath of office for new trustees Joel M. Gilpin and Scott A. Wolf.

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Mr. Vogelsang noted that the OTA 1308 report has been reviewing proposed and enacted legislation pertaining to real estate tax reform and levy changes.

Mr. Niehaus reported that the memorial marker for Emily Niehaus will be installed in the park tomorrow morning.

Mr. Hinson stated that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve the township for the past 32 years; also thanked his wife Margie for all of the help she provided during these 32 years. Mr. Hinson also noted that he has served with 7 different boards and various employees over the past 32 years, never missing a meeting along the way.

Mr. Hinson also noted that he is most proud of getting the walking trail installed in the park and constructing the firehouse along with the meeting room.

Fund balances were discussed.

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

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to adjourn at 7:07pm, seconded by Mr. Niehaus. All members voted “yea”***