

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

January 3, 2026

The trustees met in special session at 9:00am with all members present.

The meeting was called to order by 2025 trustee, Mr. Vogelsang, who turned the meeting over to the fiscal officer who called for nominations for chairman. ***Mr. Gilpin made a motion to nominate Mr. Vogelsang, seconded by Mr. Wolf, all members voted “yea”.***

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Vogelsang, who called for nominations for vice chairman. ***Mr. Wolf made a motion to nominate Mr. Gilpin, seconded by Mr. Gilpin, all members voted “yea”.***

Mr. Gilpin made a motion that the regular meeting night and time continue on the 2nd Monday at 6:30pm. Seconded by Mr. Wolf, all members voted “yea”.

Mr. Wolf made a motion to publish financial report and legal ads in the Clermont Sun when necessary, seconded by Mr. Gilpin, all members voted “yea”.

Mr. Gilpin made a motion that road work be done by force account except in case of major resurfacing which will be advertised for bids. Seconded by Mr. Wolf, all members voted “yea”.

Mr. Gilpin made a motion to authorize the fiscal officer to make any necessary intra-fund line item transfers throughout the year. Seconded by Mr. Wolf, all members voted “yea”.

Mr. Wolf made a motion to pay park help \$85 per month seconded by Mr. Gilpin, all members voted “yea”.

There was discussion on the cost of living increase for 2025. The consensus was to increase salaries by 3% for Les Smith and Jason Barger.

Mr. Wolf made a motion to continue Les Smith as Zoning Inspector and to increase his salary to \$931.41 per month, seconded by Mr. Gilpin, all members voted “yea”.

Mr. Gilpin made a motion to continue Emily Supinger of Strauss Troy as Legal Counsel and to continue her contract to \$1600 per month with \$250 per hour for other matters, and to pay 75% from the General Fund and 25% from the Fire/EMS Fund, seconded by Mr. Wolf, all members voted “yea”.

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Mr. Wolf made a motion to continue Jason Barger as Maintenance Superintendent and to increase his salary to \$67,568 and to pay 3 months salary out of the Road and Bridge Fund, 3 months salary from the Gas Tax Fund, 3 months salary out of the General Fund and 3 months salary from the Fire/EMS Fund for 2024, seconded by Mr. Gilpin, all members voted “yea”.

Mr. Gilpin made a motion to pay all three trustees 9 months salary from the General Fund and 3 months salary from the Road & Bridge Fund. Seconded by Mr. Wolf, all members voted “yea”.

Mr. Wolf made a motion that all related employer obligations of OPERS and Medicare be paid from the fund the salary is paid from, seconded by Mr. Gilpin, all members voted “yea”.

Mr. Gilpin made a motion to set mileage outside the township at \$.725 per mile, seconded by Mr. Wolf, all members voted “yea”.

Mr. Wolf made a motion to continue Chief Wright, PTFD, as Ohio Township’s fire inspector. Seconded by Mr. Gilpin, all members voted “yea”.

Mr. Wolf made a motion to use regular and/or super blanket certificates when applicable for purchases, with a limit of \$25,000.00 per certificate. Seconded by Mr. Gilpin, all members voted “yea”.

There was discussion on how to handle the rentals at the township hall for 2026. After discussion the consensus was to institute a rental fee to cut down on the fraudulent use of the hall that has been happening for the past several years.

Mr. Wolf made a motion to institute a \$100 rental fee for township residents and a \$200 rental fee for non-residents to reserve the use of the township hall with a \$50 refundable deposit. Seconded by Mr. Gilpin, all members voted “yea”.

Mr. Wolf will take care of the message sign, Mr. Vogelsang will take care of phone messages and Mr. Gilpin will take care of the shelter for 2026. The township will look for someone to take care of the hall reservations moving forward.

Mr. Gilpin made a motion to adjourn at 10:48am, seconded by Mr. Wolf, all members voted “yea”