

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

August 10, 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, Frank Renn, 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 July 13, 2026, tax budget hearing, seconded by Mr. Wolf. All members voted "yea"

Mr. Wolf made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 13, 2026, regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Gilpin. All members voted "yea"

Chuck Heckler again spoke about items being stored close to his property line by the Little Indian Boat Club with a lack of a required sight barrier. Les Smith reported that he sent a certified letter that was signed for on July 11, but noted that no changes have yet been noticed. Mr. Vogelsang asked what the next step would be. Emily Supinger noted that a court injunction would be filed for if the trustees desired. Emily Supinger suggested that Les Smith perform an inspection of the property and make note of any and all zoning violations, noting that the current violation has only occurred once the items were moved from a previous location. Emily Supinger will sent a final notice to comply letter at a future date once the proper time frame has passed if the property is not brought into compliance and the trustees desire to do so.

Mr. Wolf made a motion to have Emily Supinger send a letter of violation to the Little Indian Boat Club, seconded by Mr. Gilpin. All members voted "yea"

Asst. Chief Watkins, PTFD, gave his report (on file). Reported that both townships have been busy dealing with storm damage; the new squad was delivered with two small issues noted and reported to the manufacturer for future reference if needed. The new squad will have the power cot installed tomorrow. Proposed graphics designs were presented with the estimated cost to be approximately \$3715; asked for permission to proceed with preparing the new squad for service. The price for a new heart monitor mount is \$1,605.

Mr. Wolf made a motion to approve spending up to \$4,000 for lettering the new squad using Sign Pro, seconded by Mr. Gilpin. All members voted "yea"

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Mr. Wolf made a motion to reimburse Pierce Township \$1,605 for the purchase of a new heart monitor mounting system, seconded by Mr. Gilpin. All members voted "yea"

Cpl. Wallace, CCSO, gave his report (on file). Cpl. Shouse was introduced as the new deputy assigned to Ohio Township as Cpl. Wallace is being assigned to the Wayne Township area.

Les Smith gave his zoning report (on file). Reported that a complaint has been re-filed with the county to inspect the house on SR 132 that the back portion of the house is falling down.

Jason Barger gave his maintenance report (on file). Reported on the process of the new squad delivery and pickup of the old squad traded in; the cemetery fence on SR 132 was slightly damaged from an auto accident but has been repaired; the fence at Moreland cemetery will be replaced in September; the landscaping at the firehouse will be upgraded in September; storm cleanup continues. Mr. Wolf reported that he has been working with the county, volunteer workers and township residents to help facilitate removal of storm debris. The county has agreed to pay \$255 per load for up to 15 loads of tree debris removal. Mr. Vogelsang asked about the exterior ductwork repairs on the township hall; response was that H&H contracting is fabricating metal covers to install over the existing ductwork that will also be re-insulated.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution: Bill Gilpin noted that the resolution needs to be adopted and forwarded to the Clermont County EMA.

Mr. Gilpin made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-67 adopting the Clermont County Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Mr. Wolf. All members voted "yea"

Zoning Commission Appointment-Greg Wahl: Les Smith reported that Greg Wahl is interested in continuing to serve on the township zoning commission.

Mr. Wolf made a motion to appoint Greg Wahl to a five year term on the township zoning commission expiring in September 2031, seconded by Mr. Gilpin. All members voted "yea"

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Liability Insurance Renewal: Bill Gilpin reported that he is working on the annual application for renewal of the township's liability insurance through the Ohio Plan. The new squad has been added and the old squad removed from coverage.

Mr. Gilpin asked Emily Supinger to review the information for possibly using Bridge Payment Solutions that would allow the township to accept electronic payments for hall rentals, zoning fees, etc. Emily Supinger asked Mr. Gilpin to forward a proposed contract to her for review.

Mr. Wolf noted that the CDBG grant program may be a good option for adding some lighting in the township park.

Mr. Vogelsang asked what the effect on the township's finances would be should the Village of New Richmond dissolve. Bill Gilpin answered that it would be severe unless additional revenue streams were found and implemented.

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 7:31pm, seconded by Mr. Wolf. All members voted "yea"