

Minutes of Regular Meeting July 2, 2025

3:30 p.m. Call to order by Mr. Mack

Roll Call: Mr. Britten, Mr. Schaller, Mr. Mack, Mr. Eckel, Ms. Welch

Mr. Mack – Motion to enter Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, and compensation of a public employee or official. Mr. Britten for approval. Mr. Schaller. All yes. Motion approved.

4:00 p.m.: Mr. Mack – Re-enter regular meeting. Mr. Britten moved for approval. Mr. Schaller seconded. All yes. Motion approved.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Mack asked about any changes or additions to the agenda:

Mr. Eckel and Mr. Conner – update on the Five Point Road improvement

Mr. Britten moved for approval. Mr. Schaller seconded. All yes. Motion approved.

Approval of meeting minutes:

June 18, 2025

Mr. Schaller moved for approval. Mr. Britten seconded. All yes. Motion approved.

Special Presentation

FIRE: Sam Eiben moving from part-time to full-time effective 07-17-2025 at a rate of \$34.76. Mr. Britten moved for approval. Mr. Schaller seconded. All yes. Motion approved.

Swearing in Sam Eiben.

POLICE: Promotion of Tyler Gearig to Sergeant at rate of \$46.99; Tyler started with the township in 2018. Wade Gottschalk – Ambrose project.

This property will be at 29057 Oregon Road, a smaller Amazon building. Ambrose will own the building, and Amazon will lease it. It will create 150 jobs. Asking for 100% tax abatement for 10 years with 50% payback to the schools, \$275000 to Rossford and \$21000 to Penta.

Mr. Britten – I know you are making schools whole with the abatements, but with the police department 1 million short, moving forward I would like you to look into something for the township services.

Mr. Mack – The township stands alone, we do not have an economic district, there is no payroll tax. If Ambrose has more land with more buildings in future to do more for the township. Yes, you are making the schools whole. A lot of townships do not offer the full-service police/fire that we do.

Resolution 2025-039: Authorize Execution of Enterprise Zone Agreement regarding 29057 Oregon Road.

Mr. Britten moved for approval. Mr. Schaller seconded. All yes. Motion approved.

Fire/EMS:

Retirement of Captain Michael Vajen, effective 07/05/2025. Mr. Britten moved for approval. Mr. Schaller seconded. All yes. Motion approved.

Resignation of part-time employee, Joseph Hoffman, effective 07/04/2025. Mr. Schaller moved for approval. Mr. Britten seconded. All yes. Motion approved.

IT:

Resolution 2025-040: Update telephone system through Amplex VoIP. It is a modern phone system. The current phone system compared to Amplex, the savings over 5-years will be \$56000.00. Mr. Britten moved for approval. Mr. Schaller seconded. Mr. Britten – yes, Mr. Schaller – yes, Mr. Mack – abstained. Motion approved.

Resolution 2025-041: Authorize adding a redundant internet connection. Currently we have Telesystems and would be adding Amplex Internet as a second. Mr. Schaller moved for approval. Mr. Britten seconded. Mr. Britten – yes, Mr. Schaller – yes, Mr. Mack – abstained. Motion approved.

Resolution 2025-042: provide VPN for internet security. Quote from vTECHio for \$3747.87, which includes set-up and licenses. **Mr. Schaller moved for approval. Mr. Britten seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Ms. Welch – when will it start. Mr. Kleinfelter – end of July.

Maintenance:

We had a pre-construction meeting with Gerken, Wood County, engineer for Five Point Road. I went out with Gerken to look at the road. West of 199, the truck traffic has been so horrible the road has gotten worse within the last couple of months. Matt and I measured from 199 to 75, it is 6600 feet. More repairs are expected. Project will start 7/21/2025 through 10/1/2025. Drafting a letter for all residents on Five Point Road, along with updates on the website.

Recreation & Recycling:

Working on the park grant – walking path from park to road.

Zoning:

This is a busy time of year. Daily complaints, mostly nuisance properties. In past 21 months, 232 zoning cases. The first notice was sent to 26730 Lime City Road. 10510 Carolina Drive – a lien was placed on property on 06-16-2025 by the fiscal officer. I am using the notice to mow form. Updating the policy and procedure for nuisance properties to include the zoning inspector, zoning administrator and township administrator to have authority to move forward with abatements following the ORC.

Mr. Mack – I along with residents appreciate your efforts and what you are doing in making the township better.

Mr. Britten – think be surprised, even people that JD deals with are happy.

Kelly requesting to go the APA conference in Toledo Ohio, September 24-26. Total cost to attend the conference and stay over one night. \$566.00. **Mr. Schaller moved for approval. Mr. Britten seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

JD Justus would like to attend once the topics come out that pertain to inspecting. Amended: Mr. **Schaller moved for approval to send Kelly to conference and JD to conference if topics pertain to inspecting. Mr. Britten seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Administrator:

None.

Fiscal Officer:

Resolution 2025-037: Advance funds from the General Fund to lighting special assessment, \$30000.00. This will cover the expenses until the tax revenue. **Mr. Britten moved for approval. Mr. Schaller seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Resolution 2025-038: Transfer \$1 million dollars from General Fund to Police Fund as originally budgeted. **Mr. Britten moved for approval. Mr. Schaller seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

If interested in a new 3rd party HR Butler to be our benefit consultant, which would be integrated with new payroll software. Mr. Mack – will this replace Kaminsky? Ms. Welch – yes. Mr. Britten – I am not ready to walk away from Kaminsky. Mr. Mack – I agree with Gary, they have been great advisors. Mr. Schaller – Kaminsky has been a great asset to us.

Trustees:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

Mr. Mack entertained the motion to adjourn. Mr. Britten moved for approval. Mr. Schaller seconded. All yes. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 16:52

Gretchen Welch – Fiscal Officer

Robert Mack -Chairman