

Minutes of Regular Meeting June 18, 2025

3:15 p.m. Call to order by Mr. Mack

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Chief Brice – training and approval to apply for grant

Chief Gazarek – hiring of new officer and promotion of current patrolman

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

Approval of meeting minutes:

June 4, 2025

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

Special Presentation

None.

Maintenance:

Resolution 2025-033: Approval to advertise and sell the old utility-sign truck. Mr. Britten moved for approval. Mr. Schaller seconded. All yes. Motion approved.

Mr. Britten – I see they got the roads striped.

Mr. Schaller – How old is that truck? Mr. Conner- 2006 has a lot of mileage and has some rust.

Fire/EMS:

Our new ambulance will be here Friday for final inspection. It will then go back to the dealer to finish. We should have in service a week from Friday.

Four County Vocational – Brian Bugbee who used to work for the township, is an instructor at the school. Today, they dedicated a room at the school after Troy Bernhard.

The fire department and police department held joint training: tactical emergency casualty care.

Permission to apply for a safer grant. A few years ago, we received it which allowed us to hire 3 personnel. The grant for the first year would pay 75% and 30% of wages and benefits the next year. Mr. Britten moved for approval. Mr. Schaller seconded. All yes. Motion approved.

Andrew Carter submitted his resignation effective 06-28-2025. He got the Middleton Township Fire Chief's position. Mr. Britten moved for approval. Mr. Schaller seconded. All yes. Motion approved.

Police:

Presented monthly detective report.

Resolution 2025-034: Disposition of two police cruisers. Permission to sell two cruisers, both 2020s with over 120000 miles on them. We would turn them over to Enterprise who will auction them off and the money received would be put back in our account. Mr. Britten moved for approval. Mr. Schaller seconded. All yes. Motion approved.

Resolution 2025-035: Body Camera subscription renewal through Motorola Solutions, \$15780.00. Mr. Schaller moved for approval. Mr. Britten seconded. All yes. Motion approved.

Approval to extend an employment opportunity to David Moore as a patrol officer. The department got to know David through his internship at the PD. He moved here from New York and graduated from BGSU.

He put himself through the academy at Owens Community College. Rate of pay: \$37.19 with a start date 1st to middle of July. **Mr. Britten moved for approval. Mr. Schaller seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Promotion: with the retirement of Sgt. Munoz, we had two good candidates to fill his position, Nick Owens and Tyler Gearig. Tyler Gearig came out on top through the process. Would like to promote Tyler from patrolman to Sergeant effective 06-22-2025. The rate of pay will go from \$41.84 to \$46.99. **Mr. Schaller moved for approval. Mr. Britten seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Last Thursday, Jon Eckel, LT Gladney and LT Moskowitz and I attended the Heros Banquet at the Pinnacle. Ross Wheatley, James Brazeau, Hunter Johnson, Tyler Gearig, Jennifer Weist and Jessica Mikolajczyk received an appreciation award for the incident last May.

Recreation & Recycling:

Resolution 2025-036: Approval to participate in the Wood County Park Grant. **Mr. Britten moved for approval. Mr. Schaller seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Zoning:

We applied for a grant to offset the cost for the zoning resolutions but were unsuccessful.

Administrator:

The Thompson Road property that was demolished for an access road, the well was not abandoned. I received quotes and Downey Plumbing was the lowest at \$1418.00. Mr. Schaller asked if it had to be a certified business to remove the well. Mr. Eckel – Yes, there is a list of certified plumbers on the Wood County website. **Mr. Britten moved for approval. Mr. Schaller seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Administrative building update. I sat down with Rudolph Libbe and went through all of what we had to have with the building. We reduced the size and site of the building. Mr. Britten came and sat down with them after the initial changes were made. After reconfiguring, the cost is 3.2 million or less. 1.2 million is ARPA money and 2 million out of the general fund. Mr. Britten – I came in and went over the building plans. The guys from Rudolph Libbe were very receptive. The number I had was 2 million out of pocket and we have done that, and I am ready to proceed.

Mr. Britten – what do we need to proceed?

Mr. Eckel – we have approved the contract with Rudolph Libbe, Joe would have to abstain but motion to proceed.

Mr. Mack – What I have seen in the drawings. I am ready for green light to go.

Mr. Mack moved for approval. Mr. Britten seconded. Mr. Mack-yes, Mr. Schaller-abstained, Mr. Britten-yes. Motion approved.

Fiscal Officer:

None.

Trustees:

None.

Public Comments:

Don Detlef, 26901 Lime City Road.

There has been an increase in traffic on Lime City Road. I do not see a speed limit sign. Mr. Britten – the speed limit is 55mph, it is a county road, we can contact the county. There is a speed limit of 5mph in the park. NW Water and Sewer have not fixed my driveway from the work last year that they did on Lime City.

Bridget OHalloran, 10371 Belmont Meadows Lane.

Any official updates with the turnpike on the safety barriers or noise mitigation. Mr. Eckel – I talked with Dave Gideon the head of transportation with TMACOG. He said there are not any grants to help with that, but he talked to the turnpike, and they are willing to put up a new 6-foot fence.

Are there any standards for the companies that work in the easement? The company put down seeds that have crabgrass etc. in it. Mr. Eckel – I worked with the city and got standards to hand out to the companies. I do have names and numbers for you to contact. Mr. Britten – they should put back the

same or better. Mr. Mack – I spoke to Haraz Ghanbari about noise mitigation. When you see the barriers going up on 75 and not turnpike, he stated it is different funding. I told him about the residents' legitimate concerns about how bad the fence is.

Dan Restle – Five Point Road

I just wanted to thank the Township and the County for the rapid response of putting up the guard rail at the end of Thompson Road.

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

Meeting adjourned at 16:36

Gretchen Welch – Fiscal Officer

Robert Mack -Chairman