

Minutes of Regular Meeting January 7, 2026

4:00 p.m.: Gretchen Welch calls the meeting to order.

Swearing in Jeffrey Moore by Judge Joel Kuhlman.

Swearing in Robert Mack by Wood County Prosecutor Paul Dobson.

Nomination of Trustee Chairman.

Mr. Mack nominated Joseph Schaller. Mr. Moore seconded. All yes. Motion approved.

Nomination of Trustee Vice Chairman.

Mr. Schaller nominated Jeffrey Moore. Mr. Mack seconded. All yes. Motion approved.

Gretchen Welch turned the meeting over to Joseph Schaller.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Schaller asked of any changes or additions to agenda:

None.

Mr. Mack moved for approval. All yes. Motion approved.

Approval of meeting minutes:

December 17, 2025: Mr. Mack moved for approval. Mr. Schaller seconded. Mr. Moore-abstain. Mr. Mack-yes. Mr. Schaller-yes. Motion approved.

Special Presentation:

None.

IT:

Resolution 2026-002: Avixum Post – warranty, tech service and support agreements, \$24207.31.

Mr. Mack moved for approval. Mr. Moore seconded. All yes. Motion approved.

Maintenance:

Picking up Christmas trees this week.

Fire/EMS:

Police:

Presented the speed study from White Road. The recording was from December 17th thru January 2nd. 15000 vehicles passed through. Less than 1%, around 81 vehicles, traveled between 46 and 65mph.

Recreation & Recycling:

The electronic bin was full, and electronics were on the ground; they came and cleaned it up. When weather breaks, will get with Marvin and lay out the new sidewalk at Starbright Park.

Zoning:

Received an application for an appointed position for the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Britten is interested in serving as an alternative. **Mr. Moore moved for approval. Mr. Mack seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Administrator:

Renewing our membership to the Wood County Economic Development Commission. The renewal is \$1500.00. **Mr. Mack moved for approval. Mr. Schaller seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Rambling River Girl Scouts are requesting to distribute their girl scout cookies out of Mr. Warnimont's food bank bay. **Mr. Mack moved for approval. Mr. Moore seconded. All yes. Motion approved.** Mr. Paul Klockowski is requesting approval of vendor's license to sell tackle down at Buttonwood this year. **Mr. Mack moved for approval. Mr. Moore seconded. All yes. Motion approved.** Resolution authorizing TMACOG to do business as The Lake Erie West Regional Council. **Mr. Mack moved for approval. Mr. Moore seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Fiscal Officer:

Resolution 2026-001: Real Estate tax advance from Wood County. Transfer our tax funds as they collect them. **Mr. Mack moved for approval. Mr. Moore seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Resolution 2026-003: Advance \$900000.00 from the general fund to the police fund. Will be repaid once the tax funds are collected. **Mr. Mack moved for approval. Mr. Moore seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Trustees:

2026 Township calendar. We have made the first month of each new quarter the second meeting of the month to start at 6pm, noted on the calendar in red Ts. **Mr. Mack moved for approval. Mr. Moore seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Public Comments:

Cyndi Lane: 29408 Belmont Lake Road.

The Great Black Swamp. We've all heard of it. We know it was right here where we live. There was a small portion still there on the slip of the Elm Trail near Ludo. Each time I ride through there, I try to imagine what it was like before it was drained and cleared. I'm reading from the book, The Great Black Swamp, by Jim Mollenkopf, first published in 1999. I'll be reading portions of page 18 to 20. Water covered its surface for most of the year, save for the height of the dry summer, or when frozen solid in a cold winter. Travel was almost impossible, and what early roads were attempted soon sank into the quagmire. Mud that could sink a horse to its chest. Pioneers streaming west of the late 1700s and early 1800s detoured around northwest Ohio in the Black Swamp, and it remained a pristine marshland. Around 1830, as much of the available land east of the Mississippi River had been snapped up, ambitious settlers began to carve out homesteads on ridges and riverbanks. The early arrivers paid a price. Summer brought swarming clouds of mosquitoes, and to ward them off settlers perspired in thick clothing, mittens, and head wraps. The poor horses were similarly attired. Smoke hugged the ground in the evening, the smudge pots lit to keep the mosquitoes away made the settlers like so many hams in a smokehouse. And the nights were flooded with the baritone croaking of thousands of frogs, accented by the tender sounds of howling wolves, screeching owls. But settlers kept coming, for there was land to be had and dreams to be realized, even if that land they dreamed about lay underwater most of the year. End quote. It took our forefathers heart, soul, and extremely hard work to bring the Great Black Swamp to usable farms, producing food, and building communities. Some say that some of the most fertile land in the country. What a waste to plant data centers on it. They don't even produce anything to eat, only pollution. They consume our natural resources, water, land, and power. After built, not very many long-term jobs are commuted. And who's to say if any of our current Wood County residents will even be employed there? Please do Wood County communities a favor. Don't make us drain the Great Black Swamp again from data centers. There is no bringing back when they are finished with it.

Sandra Snyder: 25250 Ault Road.

In the past five weeks, since I learned of a possible data center being constructed in Perrysburg Township, I spent considerable time researching data centers to understand how that might impact our community. I believe negatives outweigh the positives. I have been told repeatedly that these new centers use a, quote, closed loop system, so the water usage is considerably lower. This term is often used in planning meetings to reassure the public that a facility will not consume that much water. This is misleading at best. Yes, there is a closed internal loop which circulates treated water, usually with a substance like glycol. Think antifreeze. And the liquid here is not supposed to ever be exposed to the outside air and is rarely replaced. This is necessary to cool the computer chips. The key component of the closed-looped system, however, is the second loop, the heat exchanger loop. That loop is always

open. There are two main technologies for cooling the liquids in a closed loop system, chillers and water cooling towers. For simplicity's sake, chillers require giant fans to blow cold air over that closed inner loop. This system requires less water, but the trade-off is it requires massive amounts of electricity to run the fans, especially on hot days. Facilities under construction right now will use more energy than large cities. Areas that have utilized the system experience frequent brownouts and blackouts. Think what that will do over a period of time to your household appliances, never mind the inconvenience of disrupted service. The second way to cool the closed-loop system is through the use of cooling towers, utilizing evaporative cooling. Here, the heat is transferred to a water loop that is sprayed into the air. As the water evaporates, it takes the heat with it. But it also leaves behind minerals like calcium, magnesium, salts. And if left unchecked, this turns the water in the tower into a salty brine that ruins pumps. Operators must regularly drain this concentrated water, called blow down, and replace it with fresh water. The water consumption is massive. because the second loop consumes water constantly through evaporation. Why do data centers use it? Because it is incredibly efficient and uses far less electricity than dry fans. So what's the problem? A medium-sized data center can consume up to roughly 110 million gallons of water annually, about the same as 1,000 households. Large centers use up to 5 million gallons a day, or the same usage as up to 50,000 people. All the water running through this piping must be treated with some kind of chemicals, as fresh water on its own will corrode the piping. Some of these chemicals are carcinogenic. Some cutting-edge, closed-loop systems use fluorinated fluids, PFAs, also known as forever chemicals, because they never break down in the environment. The Ohio EPA is currently seeking Ohioans' input on a draft for a general wastewater permit for all Ohio data centers. It's like a blank check. This would fast-track wastewater permitting for all 200 plus data centers and counting without the necessary checks to ensure public safety. The draft permit states, and I quote, It has been determined that a lowering of water quality of various waters of the state associated with granting coverage under this permit is necessary to accommodate important social and economic development in the state of Ohio. What happened to public safety? What is unclear is where does the wastewater go? If it returns to wastewater treatment plants, these plants are not equipped to remove toxic chemicals like PFAs in our drinking water. I know someone who works out of the treatment plant in Ottawa County. Or will this water be flushed into our groundwater and aquifer, causing those of us on well water to deal with the toxic chemicals? I checked with the health department and they do not test for such chemicals. Water samples have to be sent to private labs at a cost of hundreds of dollars to each household who does this. I have a few questions. For each new data center, will the facility, excuse me, will the facility use evaporative cooling towers or adiabatic cooling, the giant fans? So it's massive amounts of electricity versus massive amounts of water. What is the projected usage effectiveness? What specific chemical inhibitors will be used? And how is the blow down water treated before returning to the municipal sewage system? Or is it going into our groundwater? Who oversees that? I don't trust the EPA now. Why is the infrastructure to expand the grids being passed off to the residents? These parent companies have billions of dollars, so why are they not absorbing the cost? Northwest Ohio already has some of the highest rates in the state. Just last month, we got our bill from Toledo Edison, First Energy. And for the same number of days and the same wattage usage as 2024, our bill increased by 23%. Ordinarily, I understand the reason for tax abatements, but why should we give them any? Usable life expectancy of these centers is less than 20 years and probably less than 15. Think about how quickly technology changes. They likely will be out of here before the abatements expire, then what? Who pays for the promises made and broken and for the cleanup? Where does the water come from? They still use water even if it is not for the evaporative system. We like to think of water as being a renewable resource, right? Remember that not all the water returned from its use in a data center is reusable. Also note that since 1980, we have experienced 11 droughts in Ohio, causing losses of billions of dollars. If the water is ultimately pulled from Lake Erie, consider that Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and Canada all remove water from Lake Erie for data center use. Lake levels are very low currently. Or will they pull the water from our aquifer and drill giant wells? What happens to those of us on well water when our wells go dry? We have enough problems when there's a drought. Will Perrysburg Township become like New Albany, Ohio, where properties, including trees, are bulldozed into oblivion and replaced with massive, ugly buildings where residents who are left deal with light pollution, air pollution, and water pollution? Who will want to live here or move here? Twenty-somethings are already leaving the state in droves. Where will our tax base come from then? I have here a letter for you trustees. I can either read the letter or I can just read a portion of it and hand you the letter and so for you to address. Which would you like?

Mr. Mack: Either way, it's going to be part of the public record.

Okay. Dear Township Trustees, and the subject is request for information, correspondence regarding potential development. I am requesting specific information regarding any communication or correspondence between the township trustees and the following property owners and their addresses as well as two corporations for the period of January 1st, 2025 to December 31st, 2025 concerning the potential development of property within the township. And I have the names and addresses listed. If there is any additional correspondence regarding a potential data center proposed for Perrysburg Township with anyone not listed above, please include that correspondence as well. Specifically, I'm interested in knowing one, whether the board has had any official or unofficial contact, emails, phone calls, in-person discussions with any of the above individuals or entities regarding the building of potential data centers in Perrysburg Township. Two, copies of any written communications, letters, emails received from the above individuals or entities regarding a potential data center. Three, dates and summaries of any meetings or discussions held by the board regarding a potential data center built in this township. As a resident and property owner in Perrysburg Township for 32 years, excuse me, living on a century family farm. I believe this information is important for understanding how this development decision impacts not only my family, but also the community and neighboring communities. Including but not limited to water usage, electricity usage, air and noise pollution, as well as how environmental impacts will affect their lifestyles, health and welfare. Please advise on how I can obtain these records, including any applicable fees, in accordance with Ohio's public records laws. You can reach me at the e-mail contact information above. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. I look forward to a response of January 26, 2026. Thank you.

Chris Coultrip: 26786 Thompson Road.

I'm in one of the areas that's probably going to be impacted by this data center if it comes in. I'm here because I think data systems in Wood County will be a bad fit. I think there's an extreme demand for electricity. I think there's an extreme demand for water, and I'm not going to go into a lot of the things that Sandy already discussed, backup diesel generators, air pollution, which emit air pollution contributing to asthma, heart disease, and other health problems. There's minimal jobs and big community costs resulting from this. We're not able to find -- we haven't been able to find out, and we're trying to find out exactly how much electricity this facility will use in megawatts. We know what other facilities are using. Do our people here know? I don't think they do. Is our current grid built to handle that load transmission without causing outages? I can't answer that. I'm trying to make some contacts with the electric company. They've got a gas line and they've got electric lines in the substation at near Chipotle on Fremont Pike and the substation that's over on Fremont Pike and Lime City are being upgraded. I'd like to know who's paying the cost of that. My guess is we are. I'm looking at my electric bill, which I've got my Columbia gas bill today, which I had to change carriers because my one carrier went up, and I'm paying twice what I paid last year at this time for my gas. I'm in the same house, so do we know how much water this data center is going to use? Looking at other data centers, there's great quantities. And I don't think that we have the capacity. We say we do, but I think with everything going on, I think there's a lot of less than honest things being said by all kinds of people. We were at the Wood County meeting last night with the people on the zoning committee, and some of them didn't have any information, but I did read in somewhere and I'm trying to verify it. Mr. Lahote made some comment, and I don't have the exact date, but it was in one of the meetings up there. And he welcomed Meta in the Middleton Township thing. And he basically said, I didn't know anything about this until they knew. So there were some contradictions of some of the things that were said in that meeting. And in that meeting, basically the zoning people said, we have no choice. And there were a lot of red flags, in my opinion, one of which is the fact that the Sherman property over on Fremont Pike, there's two different land things. And he was paid \$1.75 million for each one of them. And it was-- that was sent to-- on the auditor's page, it says that the LLC Route 20 company was the buyer of that. It was cash, it was a cash thing, which is unusual, I was told by the auditor's office. Anyways, if you, I have a, there is a picture, and I don't know if I got it on my phone, but there is a picture when you go to the address up in Brownstown, Michigan, there's a picture of a gas station and a Dunkin' Donuts. I went to the Wood County prosecutor. He thought it might be a shell company. Well, by law, you have to say where you are when you're buying something. And I now made a police report with the Perrysburg Township Police Department. I believe there's fraud involved. I have a

dirty mind, so I'm wondering if there's money or something like that going on too. How do you come up with that much money? And there's some other things that I'm tracing with the auditor's department as far as where money was coming from. And right now I'm just doing what's happened in Perrysburg Township. I'm suggesting to people who are in Middleton Township, they do some checking with the auditor's department. Other things are our infrastructure systems, are they built for AI scale 24/7 demand? What breaks first if demand spikes faster than upgrades? How long do upgrades take compared to how fast this facility comes online? I have a cousin that lives down in Columbus, and his mother lives down near the Hilliard thing. She says, Well, we've got noise, we've got lights. I mean, it is what it is, but they promised that company promised 100 jobs. They now have 27 people working there, and this is huge, this facility is huge. And I have a picture of that, but I don't know if I can pull it up on my phone either. We don't, I think these are so new, we don't know that much about what the health and environment systems are going to be, what kind of backup systems are being used. Diesel generators are used in addition to this at some of the different things. We don't know how often they're tested and what kind of pollution is released if they are used. My biggest thing is there's no transparency. I mean, no one seems to know what was going on. No one's checked into any of these things. It's like I would think that our elected officials should be doing some of this prior to letting some of these companies in. We live, we don't live in the cloud. We live here in this city. We live here with this country or with this, with the birds and the bees and the everything else. And I think most of us moved out here because we wanted to be in a agriculture environment. I moved out here in 1997. When I moved out, I was on a two lane, two lane road with a ditch. I could see the stars at night. Now I have, I came out here and I laugh. I said, everyone followed me out here from Rossford. I lived in Rossford. And I've lived with that, even with Mr. Storage, Mr. Storage unit is supposed to be coming in behind it. I can live with that even too. I'm not happy with it. I'd rather have the birds and the bees, but in summary, I think we've got to really think about this. The gas lines coming down, I don't know who's paying for that. I worry that if Perrysburg Township calls a moratorium that Rossford's going to step in. They've already annexed land that's contiguous to Kazmaier's property. And I'm not sure, but I've heard that if there is a moratorium placed in Wood County, it would not apply to cities. I don't know if that's true or not. You guys could probably answer that for me. And what I hate to see is that the township turns it down and then Rossford grabs it up because I'm sure Kazmaier's looking at a lot of money for his property, and that's one of the big properties. And I hate to see Perrysburg Township and Rossford get into a catfight about who's going to get it. And we all lose. And I think that if Perrysburg Township can come up with some kind of agreement with Rossford and get some things settled between what these companies can do, And I think some of this is going to require legislation, and I don't know, I've got a call in to Ghanbari and to Gavarone. I don't know where the legislation should come from, the township or the state or what, but I think we've got to have some kind of conditional use permits. Projects can be denied or harmful. Township boards and planning commissions should have control and more control so that they know what's going on, so that might mean some new things that aren't going to apply, but for incoming things, because they're looking at coming in from all over. Setbacks like 600 feet from neighboring properties, sensitive and buffer zones made like trees or something, no private waivers, no abatements, no tax abatements. These people have money. When you can sit there and put all this money, millions of dollars in cash, and unless it's laundered money, of course, if you got that much money, why should we subsidize you for 27 jobs? We're going to get a lot of money for the, maybe for the construction work. Noise and vibration limits, noise limited to no more than five decibels above existing levels, low frequency vibration limited and must meet limit up to 3,000 feet away. Groundwater protections and regular health department studies of the aquifer. I talked also to the health department, and I'm getting mixed reactions as to how to get things tested. They can't tell me what to test for, and I'm not sure what to test for. They only test for E. coli and lead and nitrates. That's what they will test for, and they charge us for that. I have that done, and when you buy your house, you get it done, and I get that done periodically. Energy and power impact, we've got to make sure that our grid is impact proof. When you've got peak power, peak power times, backup buffering should be required. And I think this is really important that no one's talked about, something in there about disclosure of hazard materials and what happens if they decide that some of these pieces of equipment have a short lifespan, like five years. They go down. I don't know how often they've got to be replaced. I don't know what's in them. I don't know how they dispose of those things. But if they're going to be having these things, our fire department should have some kind of contact with where they've got disclosure of hazardous materials, especially if there were to be a fire or something, you should be able to know what's going on in there. The site plan should be reviewed by the

fire chief and air and battery fire protocols required. And then if something happens and they decide to move out of town and you've got all those buildings on several acres of land, there should be some kind of a cleanup plan and guaranteed site restoration by them. A lot of these companies come in and right now Toledo's sitting there doing a cleanup. I mean, LOF had some issues with some of their thing with the glass that had been disposed of. So now the state has to do it. They should have to do it if they move out. Clean up your mess. We shouldn't have to. And that's all I have. I've contacted Gavarone and I've contacted Ghanbari and I'm asking for some meetings. I don't know if they're going to comply or not. I've also got some people checking into who's paid money. My belief, I don't know if this is true, I'm trying to prove that some of our officials knew some of this stuff was coming down and they've been less than transparent in this. And we are citizens of this state, city, township, whatever, and we have elected people to positions who are supposed to represent us. And I think last night at the meeting, the people there neglected to do some of the work that they should have done prior to letting these people into our community. And I don't know if you need legislation to change it, but I think that the trustees and the commissioner and the state senator and state representative all had knowledge of some parts of this. And if they got together, maybe we wouldn't be in this bind and we would have these safeguards in place.

Louie Bauer: 271 Margaret Road.

I have a very simple baseline question. And maybe it's been asked at a prior meeting, trying to figure out with all these different articles and all the comments exactly where everybody is, considering you have 582, you have other counties. Has Perrysburg Township signed what is known as a non-disclosure agreement with anyone concerning a proposed or possibility of a data center?

Mr. Moore: I can answer myself. I have not. I know nothing of that. Again, I've been on the job for two hours.

Mr. Eckel: Sorry, Mr. Bauer. No, we have not. And actually, Kelly and I were involved in day-to-day activities with planning and zoning. Governmental agencies shouldn't and really can't sign non-disclosure agreements because once it comes into our office, it's a public record. And we've been asked to, but we never have with any company. And we have not been approached or told by anyone at this point that there is any data center coming into Perrysburg Township.

Mr. Bauer: Thank you. There's no proposal. I know there's concerns being raised, and probably it's good for individuals to be proactive, but take a deep breath. Organize, well-organized things. That's more than... more organized, but that's why I ask this the basic question. There's a public records request; there'd be no reason. Not to respond to that public records request, or any public records request.

Neil MacKinnon: Mayor of Rossford.

I'm the mayor of the great city of Rossford, Ohio. I just wanted to congratulate Dr. Moore and Bob on your election victory, and I apologize, I wanted to get here for the swearing in ceremony, but I was late. So anyways, congratulations, God bless you, and we look forward to doing great things with you.

Judy Stewart: 26566 Thompson Road.

Chris brought up a property that was sold for \$1.75 million. Are you guys aware of that? And how is that zoned and who bought it?

Mr. Mack: Can you please state your name and address?

Judy Stewart Thompson Road.

Mr. Schaller: I have no awareness. I have no awareness. I mean, I just heard it. And what the facts are, I really don't know.

Mr. Eckel: That information is available on the auditor's side.

Ms. Stewart: I have the paperwork with me if you'd like to see it.

Mr. Schaller: No, I mean, I don't need to see it.

Mr. Moore: I mean, it's suspicious.

Ms. Stewart: It's times 2, right?

Ms. Stewart: It's .75, two different plots. Yeah.

Mr. Moore: I mean, if they're paying cash for over, you know the value it is of that property.

Ms. Stewart: I've got the paperwork right here.

Mr. Moore: Because I think it's up to us to be proactive rather than reactive, right?

Mr. Stewart: These are the three.

Mr. Moore: I mean, I assume that I personally believe in a moratorium until we have more data. Data centers aren't going away. We're not missing the boat here. I do think we have to work with Rossford because what's the point if we put up a moratorium and they just annex it and put it in our backyard anyways? But I would be curious because I know you guys have said in the past, we would be lucky to get a data center. I don't see the economic benefit. I mean, you said they had 27, even 50, but we don't collect income tax. And if it lowers property values, 80% of our income comes from property values, right? So for lowering property values, how does that help the township? I mean, I moved here because we wanted a rural township. I came from outside Chicago. Our field trips were to a farm. I was like, wow, a farm? This is amazing. I'm raising my family here.

Mr. Schaller: I'd say good for them.

Ms. Stewart: I know. If you gave me three times what my...

Mr. Schaller: Where's Miss Sherman tonight? She's been heading this charge up?

Ms. Stewart: I Don't know. I don't know who she is. I don't.

Mr. Schaller: Well, no, but I mean.

Ms. Stewart: Isn't that Swigart's part? I thought it was Swigart's part until I went to the...

Mr. Schaller: No, between Kazmaiers, but I mean, it's good for them. I certainly don't have a problem with them getting that kind of money on.

Ms. Stewart: No, I don't have a problem with that. But if you look at the who purchased this, and I go to the address where it was purchased, and by law, you have to say who you sold something to and have an address that belongs to you. There isn't. And that needs to see if I can find you with the LL... There's somewhere in here it says.

Unknown: But when you went to the address, there was Dunkin' Donuts and a gas station?

Ms. Stewart: Dunkin' Donuts and a gas station is there, Route 20 LLC. And that, I don't know, I don't see the address there, but Betsy bought it. I got this, this is what I got from the auditor's office.

Mr. Mack: If you go to the State of Ohio Secretary of State's website and look up the LLC, you could find the articles of incorporation.

Mr. Stewart: I have, oh, we didn't get the articles of incorporation, but we did get the address that it's supposed to be located at.

Mr. Mack: That might be the tax mailing address where they mail the taxes. If you take that LLC and go to the Secretary of State's website and search that, it will give you like the, it's called an operating agreement for an LLC.

Ms. Stewart: Okay, so I have to go to the Secretary of State and ask for the--

Mr. Mack: You have to go to their website.

Ms. Stewart: Their website. And then I go and I have, I'm not good with it.

Mr. Mack: And then you type in the name of that LLC, and you'll find out very quickly if it's an operating, and it's an LLC in good standing in the state of Ohio.

Ms. Stewart: Okay, I'll repeat. And then the other one is for the House that's in the state of Ohio. This is what they got paid, 360,000, or 360,000, and it was valued at 102,300, and that was bought by American Transmission, Hensley, Timothy P., and Samsung, Kenneth P. Transportation. I don't know who that is, but that's over that. That's one of the three houses that have been approached. One has made a sale at this point.

Mr. Moore: So I believe that we need to be transparent with the public. So, I would just ask, what are you guys' thoughts? I know Waterville and Waterville Township has passed moratorium, so they have more data on this type of economic development, but I have concerns. I've done a lot of reading on this subject. If you look, there was an article that came out today from Cincinnati who said, hey, community got together. We're worried about these PFAs, which someone alluded to, the glycol, that type of stuff, these forever chemicals. There's an increased incidence of cancer and miscarriages. Now, correlation does not mean causation, but it does mean that you should look into it as a physician, right? So, data centers aren't going anywhere. And I've heard the argument, "Well, are you on your phone, Jeff? You're a hypocrite." Okay, I'm going to go home and use electricity. It doesn't mean I want to live next to the power plant, right? So, I think we need to be proactive in protecting our township. And I would just ask my colleagues if they would support that. I mean, obviously, we'd have to reach out to Rossford and say, would you guys support us in this moratorium as well, too? But I have been proactive in that venture as well, too, and I do believe that is a possibility.

Unknown: Would you guys be willing to do that?

Mr. Moore: I would.

Unknown: As a board.

Mr. Moore: I would personally.

Mr. Mack: The other thing that's not being noted here is a good portion of our township is unzoned, which means it doesn't matter what Rossford is thinking; it doesn't matter what we're thinking. All that matters is that somebody has money and they want to buy a property, they're entitled to do that. And we've asked our voters in that area two, maybe three times over the course of my terms as a trustee. And we lobbied hard to have control over zoning. And quite frankly, the residents in the unzoned areas are the only ones that were permitted to vote on this issue. And they very firmly said, no, thank you.

Unknown: Well, I think I know that's true. I live in one of those areas. But I don't think they're aware of data centers at the time. I'd like to go ahead and see if we could do that again and make people more aware of the possibilities of data centers going in there in the end zone areas.

Mr. Mack: We would welcome a mass of people that would be supporters of zoning to lead our charge because as trustees we failed miserably despite our efforts. And Gary, you were a part of this, Craig LaHote was a part of this, Barbara Gunn, a previous trustee was a part of it. We worked feverishly to get zoning to no avail.

Unknown: I understand. I think things might be different. I'd like to see any.

Mr. Moore: Would a moratorium protect the unzoned areas as well, too, or no?

Mr. Mack: We don't have authority in the unzoned areas.

Mr. Moore: So, a moratorium would only protect the zoned areas. I'm was not aware. I didn't know that.

Mr. Schaller: And we're talking just data centers. Could you tell me, or Jeff, whoever, somebody, Chris, could you tell me why you're upset about a data center versus any other type of business?

Ms. Coultrip: I wasn't happy about storage coming in, but I talked to him and I'm not making, I never made an issue about it. All these other places that have come in. Like I say, I was the only person out there other than the houses next to me. And I never complained. I'm complaining about a data center because I've heard horrible stories about how they tear cities down. In the meeting last night, someone was saying they were up to Columbus. I've been required to apply data centers down there.

Unknown: There's 113 data centers in Columbus alone.

Mr. Moore: Correct. In the next two years, they will require the same amount of electricity as New York City. Are we ready to handle this type of problem? We just talked about, the electrical burden, the water burden. I have major concerns about the water burden. We just talked about the droughts, like my pond. We're still in a drought, people, and it's been raining outside. So, I have major concerns about the water usage. I don't see the huge economic benefits. I have concerns about health concerns. There's noise pollution. There's light pollution. And if you look, I was at that meeting last night for 2 1/2 hours, and I listened to a lot of Middleton Township residents, and I felt really bad for them. And I'm afraid that is what I saw in the future. It was like looking into a crystal ball and said, oh my God, that's going to be Perrysburg Township if we don't do something.

Unknown: They start with a small area and they expand. Right now they're going after those Devil's Hole Rd. They've got a huge area if you've gone down there already. And those Devil's Hole people?

Mr. Moore: They're not just why would an LLC pay three times above the market value unless you know this is all being slipped in underneath the rug, right? Why not just come out, why not with a billion dollar company out come out with a great PR campaign and say, look, we're building you a rec center. We're building you this beautiful park. Look at this huge economic benefit that you're going to get. Yes, we're going to, you know, need this, you know, these resources from you, but I promise in the end the pros will rate the cons. They're not doing that, right.

Unknown: I agree.

Unknown: Joe, back to your question. I worry not only about data centers, but landfills and lots of other things.

Mr. Schaller: I got landfills inside my property, which started out as a stone quarry, which is a hole in the ground which we mine still. Well, now I don't have a well, I've got noise, I've got dust, I've got a road you can't drive down on a day like today when you got a little mist. But you know what they tell me? It's not zoned, suck it up. And I hear all this stuff about these data centers, like Sandy, you brought up. Where are you getting your information? Who's the experts' you people are talking to?

Mr. Moore: I gave you the study from the University of Michigan.

Mr. Schaller: That's a study from the University of Michigan.

Mr. Moore: It's a pretty reputable place.

Mr. Schaller: I think we would be better off to bring the meta people, or data center people, an expert out of their field, and say, these are our concerns. I don't watch Sixty Minutes, excuse me, I'm sorry. Why don't we question those people and say, what's your what's your plan for electricity? I mean, yeah, okay, your electric bill went up twenty-five percent or whatever, so did mine. I went to McDonald's today and my bill went up. Twenty-five percent over a year ago.

Ms. Coultrip: Middleton Township and see how they work things out, where they started out with a small thing and they're still going, and I last night I heard they're going after people on 525. They start out paying big bucks to get the initial land, but then when you're in this on the outskirts like I am, my guess is you can't sell your house. because no one wants to live near a data center. If they paid me, if there was an agreement where they were going to pay me three times what my house was worth, where I could move, which I just put a new roof on and I've got it all retirement proof so I can live there when I'm an old fart. I can't, but I got, I had four trees in that lot when I moved in there. And I don't know if you've seen my lot, but I've got a water feature. I'm a master gardener. I've got all kinds of things in there. And start over again.

Mr. Moore: I don't blame people.

Ms. Coultrip: And I really like living in the township. I've been here since 1997.

Mr. Schaller: I mean, we need to get more answers on some of this stuff. As a trustee, we're basically in charge of roads. administration, helping police and fire out, keeping all that going, maintenance. And we handle cemeteries. And now we're being asked...

Unknown: We elected you to do that.

Mr. Schaller: And we try.

Unknown: I know.

Mr. Schaller: But it's not going to happen overnight with me. I don't understand all that right off the top of my head, where the water goes, why they can't reuse it. Some things like that I don't get.

Mr. Moore: So why not do a moratorium until we, rather than saying that, I mean, I agree. I could be convinced. I am not anti-data center per se. I understand the utility. I understand the utility of AI. I use AI at work, okay, all the time. It is the future. I understand that. But why not just say, okay, well, AI, we're going to have access to a data center in the future. We have wonderful resources here. They will come back. Why not just say, all right, well, here's more for him until we have more, the data that you're requesting. I will continue to do the research, continue to put in the legwork, but I mean, the, I don't know if you guys have looked into this, but lithium-ion batteries, those things, those are, that's a big fire. That's a big risk right there. You have to be specially trained for you guys to handle that as my understanding, Chief. And then they are a big risk for, you know, people breaking in. You know, the burden will also go on fire and police as well too. I have, I've looked at a number of studies and data to support that. I am happy to continue to do that as well too. But I would love to hit the pause button. That's all I'm asking is to hit the pause button until we have the data, I'm sorry, I know I've been on the job for an hour and now 15 minutes.

Mark Snyder: 25250 Ault Road

I didn't know a whole lot about this, even Joe, until she started doing the research, and she's done all her research right. You know, looking online, looking at reports from other communities who've had data centers. There's a lot out there. What I feel is that, and I'm not disparaging, but I feel that you're more reactive, Dr. Moore, I really appreciate your proactiveness in wanting to learn more how this will affect the

Perrysburg Township community, not only as residents, but police, fire, everybody, is gonna be impacted if the data center goes in there. I think that it would be wise for the township trustees and the township employees, whoever's, you know, Mr. Eckel, to do some research over the next two weeks before your next meeting and just find out, you know, what these are all about. Find out if you can ask questions, you know, to the local, to Wood County, whatever, what do they know about, or what are they hearing about a data center here. Why is all this land being brought up? Who's buying the land? And then I think to the other gentleman's question, can you come back in two weeks and tell us what does it take to get a referendum on the ballot to get this zoned? I have no idea. I think you guys could tell us the steps we need to take. Do we need to take our signatures, if it's something that somebody can request, and those on the ballot, I don't know, and how soon can it be voted on? So, I think I would appreciate more proactiveness, on the trustee's part and the township's part because it is going to impact this community and nobody's going to want to live here. We had a woman there last night from Middleton Township who wanted to sell a property and the realtor told her, sorry, nobody wants to live by a data center. I won't put it on. I won't listen. I mean, that can happen to all of us.

Mr. Schaller: I've been listening, by the way. For the last 40 years, I have dinner every Sunday night with one of the Middleton Township trustees. And he hasn't been a trustee for 40 years. But since the day that data center up there on 582 started, we've talked almost every day. And so I have heard some of their side of the story, those trustees. I've heard about the fire departments because data centers don't want firemen to come running in there and squirting water around. They said, "We'll handle it ourselves." Some of those type of things. Now I'm not sitting there trying to be blind, trying to get it figured out. Some people just, I guess, get the answers a lot easier than I do. They know more about it.

Mr. Snyder: And just to make it abundantly clear, Wood County last night made it abundantly clear. Their planning commission doesn't do anything. All goes back to the trustees.

Mr. Moore: They did make it abundantly clear.

Mr. Snyder: You guys make decisions on the zoned. They don't care, really.

Autumn Glenn: 17468 Wapakoneta, Grand Rapids

I was at the meeting last night, and I want to thank every single person who is here today and an additional everybody who was there last night. I'm one of the younger people, I think, in this room, and I don't even understand a lot of what's going on because it's so brand new. It started popping up, I want to say, around 2020, I think, was about the jumpstart of these AI data centers, AI as a product being pushed. Last October, the Columbus Dispatch, several other reporters reported that the Environmental Protection Agency is trying to allow a permit for the 113 data centers that are in Columbus alone of the 191 in Ohio. They are trying to allow a permit so that their polluted water can be dumped into the Ohio River. I don't know what's in that water. I don't think any single person in this room can tell you a single thing that is in that water. I don't know where that water goes. I don't know who drinks that water. I don't know if anything in that water can be filtered out or not. I think that's really scary, and I think that's why so many people were so upset last night. Nobody understands. And with how fast this is happening, with how many rules that every single person, you know, along the line of from. You know, paying somebody to buy the property. Anybody in this room, any single process, it sort of gets tied up and nobody seems to have as much information as the next person. You know, everybody has a little piece of every little bit of information, which is why everybody was so frustrated, especially last night. And that is why we were asking to pause because we don't understand the ramifications. I don't think anybody here does. And I like, you know, the numbers, there's at least two data centers in every single state in the United States. There's seven in Hawaii. And talking about all this pollution, we don't know where any of it's going. I don't know how much electricity it takes to run it. I don't know how, wait, it's tens of thousands of water being used every day for a single data center, right? There's over 10,000 data centers collectively across the world. So, this is a very scary experience for every single person here. And I think that we need to take into account the fact that Microsoft OpenAI has a net loss total of about \$3.1 billion because they put so much money into this. And nobody wants to use it. Nobody wants to live in these data centers. But they keep pushing this. And they want it to be built as fast as possible. Because once it gets to this point where, or I should say not this point, last night's point, where it's starting to be

built, everybody's hands are tied. And nobody can do anything about it once the process is being pushed into effect. So we, as a community, are asking anything within your power to help us help us understand, help us learn more, you know, help us not get it to a point that I got last night where everybody's fighting and screaming and spitting insults at each other. Because we are on your side and you guys are on our side. I imagine you guys all live around here too, right? People in, I'm gonna say it's West Virginia, where I think there's a huge collection of data. People who have never smoked an entire cigarette in her whole life, are dying of COPD. That's scary. They have new types of cancer. We don't have a cure for regular cancer. And it's all about money. It's all about a couple of corporations. They want to put these on as fast as they can because they're making the money, and we're paying for it. Our bills are going up. I don't think you should have to pay a higher electricity bill. I don't think any single person here should. Because we don't even want it here. It's not fair to us as human beings to allow this to happen. So, I think that we need to band together and find out as much as we can. And until we have even a little sliver more of information on how much this could hurt or help us, we need to put a pause on it.

Mr. Bauer: Something of an interest on this topic. There had been a lot of talk about raising the electric rates with these facilities. But what's kind of flown under the radar is 582 is no longer going to apparently rely on the power grid. They're installing their own generation station, fed with two 14-inch gas lines. One, I speculate, is the nexus, and who knows where the other one. But then the conversation shifts to what that's going to do to gas prices, not necessarily electric prices. So, there's been a change in that. That's kind of been under the radar; it's really in the last week, that this has developed. But the old, what is it, carpenter farm, at 582, smiling face on the barn. That property transferred last week for \$8 million to a company called Williams. Well, there's two parcels, the pond and another one. And what that company's doing is building a generation electrical plant with natural gas. And that's going to be the primary energy source. So, you're shifting a problem, but it's still a problem. Just something that needs to be discussed.

Mr. Snyder: Yeah, it creates noise and air pollution.

Mr. Moore: Pollution, right?

Mr. Snyder: Absolutely, fossil fuel, and I believe they have a township meeting at 6:00 today over there regarding that matter, Middleton.

Mr. Moore: Mr. Mack, you're our voter. What are your thoughts?

Mr. Mack: I think we're kind of barking up the wrong tree if we don't have zoning. It's what's the point of having a moratorium? Right. I'm probably not a strong proponent of a moratorium. Even if we did have zoning, that's my opinion.

Mr. Moore: And your reason why?

Mr. Mack: Quite frankly, investment of this magnitude could be just what our emergency services and our school districts need at this point. And we rely on AI and data storage and cloud storage and so that I'm not, I don't have, I'm not an enemy of data centers.

Mr. Moore: I don't consider myself an enemy of data centers, but I guess you know better than I, how does the investment help make our fire and police? I mean, yes, they're going to pay a lot of money to build this.

Mr. Mack: It's not the building. Yeah. It's once it's there, what they pay in real estate taxes and the amount of traffic they generate once it's up is so minimal. And so, the amount of real estate taxes that they would pay in most communities where these things occur. At the end of the day, people's taxes actually go down.

Mr. Moore: I'd be happy if you have that data to look at it.

Ms. Lane: There's a picture of that right here. It says 43% is completely unzoned, but 56% of it is completely zoned.

Unknown: Kazmier's property is zoned industrial. I'm not sure what Sherman's property is.

Unknown: So, there is some zoned, so that's like half of it is zoned.

Unknown: My house is zoned.

Unknown: I'm zoned.

Unknown: I'm unzoned.

Unknown: But I think what they're looking at is the area between Fremont Pike, Lime City, Roachton Road, and Thompson.

Unknown: Yeah, it's a great area.

Unknown: It makes no sense right there. I haven't dropped the whole thing, and it's not all filled up, but I mean, that's less area than what they're taking in Middleton Township, I believe. I don't know the acreage, and I haven't gone the whole way, but a lot of this stuff over on Mercer Road it's still not filled in. They're still glowing. There's two big lagoons there that I was told might be 60 or 70 foot deep. And I'm not sure if those are retaining ponds because I know like when the shopping centers came in, they had to put in retaining walls. They had to make retaining pools so the water would not flood the sewer system. I don't think that's what they're making over at Meta, but I don't know. All I know is I was told that they found two really big deep wells or lagoons. And my question was, how far down is the aquifer?

Mr. Moore: Well, I think if you look at the media that a lot of. Townships and cities and other smaller municipalities, they're all learning more about this, and they're finally fighting back. So, if you look at the media, there's not a bunch of pop, you know, media out there saying, hey, we're so happy with our decision. I've seen a lot of people saying, okay, people are coming together. The people in charge are being. Able to say, okay, let's put off, let's fight this off for a little bit. And that's all I'm-- You put rules.

Unknown: In place, you know, standards in place. Have the health department come in and say this, the water needs to be tested periodically or find out what needs to be done there.

Mr. Moore: Or you can zone things like for technology as well too. But I have one of my friends who's actually, he's done this before.

Unknown: The EPA and the thing that's going into 16th, it looks like they're saying they can lower the, from what I read, it looks like they can lower what the standards are, Currently, to help businesses.

Mr. Moore: It should scare them.

Unknown: I said this. Our EPA is not protecting us and I look at just in the area. Ohio has a lot of problems with pollution and death due to cancer; pollution related type thing compared to other areas. It's a manufacturing city or it was.

Unknown: Can I make a suggestion? Why can't you put a moratorium on the land that was zoned already?

Mr. Moore: That might be enough to deter right for me, because I imagine that land right there was eyeballed and said, hey, this has ready access to probably electrical and gas lines, and it's easy.

Unknown: Or have a referendum on the rest to try to get it zoned.

Unknown: What if they annex to Rossford?

Mr. Moore: Correct, that's the problem, right? We've talked about that, and we have to go to Rossford and have a joint thing done, which I think we should be reaching out to their mayor- councils.

Mr. Warnimont: If people are going to talk, they should come up to the podium to talk. Yeah, because you talk all over and nobody can understand what you're saying. When we do the minutes, we won't know what to put in the minutes. So, it's a meeting, it's not a gab session, in my opinion.

Mr. Warnimont: My wife and I donated cookies and water tonight for everybody to enjoy, so stand by and have a cookie after the meeting.

Mr. Schaller moved for approval to adjourn. Mr. Mack seconded. All yes. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 17:30

Gretchen Welch – Fiscal Officer

Joseph Schaller –Chairman

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