

Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 18, 2026

3:00 p.m. Call to order by Mr. Schaller

Roll Call: Mr. Schaller, Mr. Mack, Mr. Moore – absent, Mr. Eckel

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

4:00 p.m.: Mr. Schaller – Re-enter regular meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Mack made a motion to exit the executive session and commence regular meeting. Mr. Moore seconded. All yes. Motion approved.

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

Mr. Eckel – add small stipend budget for our country's 250th birthday celebration and change order for new administrative building.

Chief Brice – PO request for our annual hazmat repressor training.

Chief Gazarek – PO to Axiom for a storage device.

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

Approval of meeting minutes:

January 21, 2026

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

Special Presentation:

Swearing in of Hannah Palacio, full-time patrol officer, by Judge Aram Ohanian, starting wage \$37.19.

Promotion of Jeffrey Slusher to Det. Sgt., wage \$47.98.

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

Swearing in of Caleb Tobias, full-time Fire/EMS, start date 03/4/2026, starting 03/04/2026.

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

Maintenance:

The Utility truck sold on GovDeals.

I purchased some parts on GovDeals, a couple of plow shoes and other parts all for \$160.00.

Fire/EMS:

Resolution 2026-010: Emergency Medical Service Transport Fees. With conglomeration with the finance committee, we are changing our EMS rates that will change annually. **Mr. Mack moved for approval. Mr. Moore seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Annual hazmat refresher course. We received a grant from PUCO which will cover a portion and LEPC will cover a portion. We will have to pay upfront and then get reimbursed, total to Squad 5 fire training, \$2690.00. **Mr. Moore moved for approval. Mr. Mack seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Resignation of Andrew Slife. He will be going to Middleton Township as their Deputy Chief. His last day of employment is 03-01-2026. **Mr. Mack moved for approval. Mr. Moore seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Police:

Request PO to Avixom for a storage device for the detectives, \$13209.84. **Mr. Mack moved for approval. Mr. Moore seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Recreation & Recycling:

Zoning:

We have a vacancy on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Irwin resigned. We have an application from resident Lane Williamson, attorney at Eastman and Smith. Request to appoint him to the Board of Appeals. **Mr. Mack moved for approval with a term ending in 2029. Mr. Moore seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Request to appoint myself as the official representative to the Stormwater Coalition and Jon would be the alternative. **Mr. Mack moved for approval. Mr. Moore seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Administrator:

Resolution 2026-006: approve MOU with Northwestern Water and Sewer District. They are replacing water lines on Carnoustie and Simmons Road. They are tearing up portions of the road. The agreement allows us to join the district and pave the entire road. Township half is \$35601.00. **Mr. Mack moved for approval. Mr. Moore seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Resolution 2026-009: Authorize administrator to enter into a customer supply agreement for the provision of third-party electric generation for residential and small commercial aggregation participants. **Mr. Moore moved for approval. Mr. Mack seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Negotiations are complete with patrol, sergeant, and detectives.

Ohio Patrolman's Benevolent Association, full-time patrol officers and detectives. Wage increase of 4, 3 ½ and 3 ½. **Mr. Mack moved for approval. Mr. Moore seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Ohio Patrolman's Benevolent Association, sergeants. Wage increase of 4, 3 ½ and 3 ½. **Mr. Mack moved for approval. Mr. Moore seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Resolution 2026-011: permission to sign agreement with Kleinfelder engineering to design a park and apply for grant money for the park on White Road. **Mr. Moore moved for approval. Mr. Mack seconded. All yes. Motion approved.**

Change Orders for administration building with Rudolph Libbe.

1. Insulate the walls between offices, \$3967.00.

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

2. Change the countertops from laminate to plastic laminate or a solid surface, \$4084.00

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3. Electrical services to building, Edison has mandated certain clearances which have increased cost, \$24506.00.

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

Requesting \$1500.00 to help promote the country's 250th birthday celebration. Mr. Eckel is the township representative. Per Gretchen Welch – I think it should be streamlined with the open house. It is a community expense.

Fiscal Officer:

I have been working to get the final report done by the end of the month. Next week there is a finance committee meeting to work on the final budget to present to the trustees. Addressing additional funding sources through TIFs and JEDDs. Discussing the fire levy and five-year forecast.

Trustees:

Received letters.

Mr. Schaller: Property Tax – with the possibility of property tax being voted out, there would be no township. Sales taxes will be raised. 1308 Township's will be affected. There will be \$24 billion out of the state budget, which goes to the townships to finance police, fire, roads and schools.

Mr. Moore: I think we should continue to spread the word on that as well too. I mean, we, 30% of people in Ohio live in a township. That's a significant amount of population right there. And on average, they get about two-thirds of their budget from property taxes. Gretchen, correct me if I'm wrong, but we are a higher percentage of that. So we will just absolutely devastate our budget if we lose property tax. Now, if you take away property taxes, then you got to maintain your EMS, your fire, your police, your roads, your maintenance, then you have to do either income tax or you do sales tax. You'll devastate the economy with a 19% sales tax, and we can't collect income tax unless we became a municipality, which is a possibility, but most townships can't do that. And even that, probably won't replace the property tax. So there's a problem right there. And then you talk about bond rating, other issues. I think the most important message though that I would like to convey to people, to everyone, is that this would be the biggest corporate giveaway of all time. We in Wood County get about 40% of our revenue from corporations paying their property taxes. Corporations will no longer have to pay property taxes. This isn't a residential property tax. This is property taxes across the board would go away. So you are giving a big tax break to corporations, and we will flip the bill, whether through income tax or sales tax.

Ms. Welch: We'd also lose our local voice. Like, local government is the first government in Ohio, and so the decisions would be made at the state for everybody here. The state would take over, and we've all been fighting to have local, I've been fighting to have local government, our voices heard here, and not having to go down to Columbus and represent down there.

Mr. Mack: Perhaps I'm naive, but I think historically the voters in the state of Ohio have been a little more savvy to being hoodwinked over something like this. So, I'm at least remaining optimistic that we will retain our property taxes that our residents vote in by a majority and that funds first rate government services.

Public Comments:

Discussion reference property taxes.

Cindy Lane, 29408 Belmont Lake Road. Why don't you have specific meetings to explain property taxes.

Chris Coultrip – 26786 Thompson Road.

Read letters aloud from:

1. Janet King, 10633 Eckel Junction reference data centers.
2. 7 Form letters – reference joining JEDD with the City of Rossford (Hillsdale Drive in Rossford, Janet King, Eckel Junction, Gary Britten, Roachton Road, Cindy Lane, Belmont Lake, Mark Snyder, Ault Road, Sandra Snyder, Ault Road.

Gary Britten, 10700 Roachton Road. Trustees need to get with the Wood County Township Association and pursue with the legislators the change of venue for the income tax. The problem, the reason we're in the dilemma we're in now is because our legislatures are being reactive instead of proactive on these property taxes. They need to change the ORC through the legislation so the townships can collect income tax.

Cindy Lane, 29408 Belmont Lake Road. I sent a letter to the trustees to be read so that it would be part of the record. I emailed all the trustees.

Please read aloud at the February, February 18th, 2026, trustees meeting. At the January 21st, 2026 trustees meeting, a letter was read, dated December 11th, 2025, from Marvin Robon, attorney for the Kazmaier property located at Route 20 and Lime City Road. The letter was addressed to the trustees. The letter stated that the buyer was from New Albany, Ohio, one of the proposed uses as a data center for the 300 plus acres. It also requests that trustees not to interfere with the contract by passing some sort of resolution prohibiting data centers from being developed in Perrysburg Township. Why would he ask the trustees not to interfere? If this is something that the majority of the citizens want in their backyard, they shouldn't need to make requests of the trustees not to interfere. Why would the trustees not interfere if this is something the majority of the citizens don't want? But wait, we don't even know the majority of the citizens want. Before this goes any further, let's get this on the ballot and let us decide if we want this in our backyard. Why should just a few people determine the dynamics of change of our entire community from a friendly agricultural setting to a stark industrial park, potentially pricing us out of being able to afford our utilities, water to drink, or even wanting to live in the newly polluted environment? I suggest we put this on to a vote to the citizens to determine if our lives should be altered this drastically. What do we need to do to get this on the ballot? Data centers, yes or no?

February 3rd attended Wood County Commissioner's meeting where WC Engineer John Mustric discussed an access road on Route 20.

Mr. Mack: Years ago we purchased a residence on Thompson Road near Market Center in visions of access road to Lime City.

Mr. Schaller: Cindy is if that access Rd. did go in, you'd have a lot of outlets, you know, so you could put restaurants and stores or retail on Route 20. But you don't have to have a curb cut every couple 100 feet where traffic would be pulling in and out of Route 20. They would take that road, and then they would go to an intersection like Home Depot or Lime City Road and not, otherwise it would end up like Navarre Avenue.

Cindy Lane: I submitted a letter to the Office of the Trustees on January 8th requesting information and correspondence regarding potential development dated January 1st, 2024, through December 31st, 2024, per the Sunshine Law. What I'm requesting now for December 1st of 2025 through February 18th of 2026 but this is a new one requesting specific information regarding any communications or correspondence between the township trustees and the following property owners and addresses. for the period of December 1st, 2025, through February 18th, 2026.

Gary Britten, Roachton Road. I called the engineer reference for what Cindy heard and it was about new prints needed from Mr. Storage.

Mr. Schaller: In yesterday's Toledo Blade, there was an article that Ohio should create a data center study commission.

Chris Coultrip, 26786 Thompson Road. Read the article in the Blade also. I sent a video on New Albany and what happened to a city. Wood County Master Gardeners might be on the exit path. Requesting the trustees to write a letter to Lucas County Commissioners to ask if they are searching for special funding, as Wood County and Lucas County share personnel.

Cindy Lane, Belmont Lane. Asked how to get it on the ballot for township residents to vote on the data center. Advised to contact Board of Elections and County Prosecutor's.

Mr. Schaller: referenced seminar he attended at the OTA conference center with businesses and corporations coming into an area. RGP is having some meetings coming up reference data centers.

Chris Coultrip, Thompson Road. Had conversation with Joe Baller about Joe Baller.

Mr. Mack entertained the motion to adjourn. Mr. Mack moved for approval. Mr. Moore. All yes. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 17:45

Gretchen Welch – Fiscal Officer

Robert Mack -Chairman