



## **Berkshire Township Trustees**

### **Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2025**

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#### **Call to order**

**Determination of a Quorum/Roll call:** Trustees Mike Dattilo, Rod Myers and Paul Disantis were in attendance, also present were Tyler Lane, Township Administrator Melody George, Fiscal Officer, and Meeting Secretary, Alison Newton.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of meeting minutes** – Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve the regular meeting of August 11, 2025. Paul Disantis seconded. Rod Myers abstained. Motion approved 2-0. Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve the Special meeting minutes of August 6, 2025. Rod Myers seconded. Paul Disantis abstained. Motion approved 2-0.

**The next Trustee Meeting:** October 20, 2025, at 1454 Rome Corners Road at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Announcements:**

**Old Business:** none

**Presentation:** Olentangy Local School District (Todd Meyers – Superintendent and Ryan Jenkins – Treasurer)

Todd Meyers and Ryan Jenkins introduced themselves and communicated a no new millage issue that will be on the ballot on November 4<sup>th</sup>. The school district's challenge has been explosive growth over the past years. With enrollment growth, they expect to have 5,000 new students in the next 10 years and they are hoping to accommodate the growth. If successful, they plan to build a new high school (number 5) and elementary school (number 18) which will both be on the west side of the district. Their current schools are over capacity and have needed to add modular buildings to accommodate these students. Mr. Jenkins explains this would not immediately increase the tax rate, rather they have decreased the tax rate over the past two years while working with the county auditor. Mr. Jenkins noted again that they do not need any additional millage to pay for this bond issue. There was general discussion about tax rates and property evaluations. The buildings, if the levy were to pass, would be completed in the fall of '27 (elementary) and fall of '28 (high school). Trustee Disantis asked if there would be an operating levy expected in the next few years to accommodate new schools and Mr. Jenkins thought that there would be an operations levy in the next few years regardless of this levy as they have not passed one since 2020.

**New Business:**

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve **Resolution 2025-9-1** approving the OTARMA property and casualty insurance 2025/2026 premium in the amount of \$47,808.00.

Paul Disantis seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve **Resolution 2025-9-2** accepting the 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> half tax settlement receipts in the following amounts:

- NW Berkshire Township TIF - TIF 3902 in the amount of \$293,779.59
- Berkshire Township II Incentive District TIF – TIF 4904 in the amount of \$252,755.67
- Other Misc Cap Prof TIF – TIF 4905 in the amount of \$24,213.72
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Half 2024 real estate distribution – General Fund in the amount of \$211,110.05
- Road District in the amount of \$250,060.71

Rod Myers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve **P.O. 2025-9-1** a then and now purchase order payable to Cloud Permit in the amount of \$3000.00

Paul Disantis seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve **Resolution 2025-9-R1** approving the acceptance of a cemetery grant from The Ohio Department of Real Estate and Professional Licensing for welcome center renovations (concrete/sign) FY2026.

Rod Myers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve **Resolution 2025-9-R2** approving the bid from and commencing a Notice to Proceed with Vasco Sports Contractors in the amount of \$497,687.00 for the Berkshire Township Courts. Courts will include 2 pickleball, 1 tennis court and a basketball court, residing just on the North side of the community pavilion and west of the parking lot.

Rod Myers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve **Resolution 2025-9-R3** authorizing entering into a contract with Vasco Sports Contractors to order equipment and perform construction of the Berkshire Township Courts and to authorize the township administrator to execute this contract up to but not exceeding \$500,000.00.

Paul Disantis seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve **PO 2025-9-P1** payable to Vasco Sports Contractors in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00

Rod Myers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve **Resolution 2025-9-R4** accepting the recommendation of the Tax Incentive Review Council to continue all active TIFs in the Township.  
Rod Myers seconded. Motion approved 3-0

**Discussion:**

- Fire Board Report - Rod Myers said that the fire station is still under construction and should not have any delays to their completion date.
- Tractor Mowing Attachment – Tyler Lane wanted to talk about a new tractor mowing attachment as their current one keeps breaking and it costly to keep repairing. They cost 50-80k new, but they are working with the staff to find quality equipment that won't break in the future.
- Economic Development Update – Tyler Lane updated the trustees about projects in the community (Mercedes AMG dealership, BSTG fire station, 58 multifamily units, 108 unit assisted living facilities, general housing near Northstar).
- CEDA with Village of Galena –Tyler Lane officially announced the agreement of a new area of land that Galena will not annex which will result in a joint zoning effort that will help work together and help best set up the area for the community. There will be open office hours and public announcements for public questions.

**Public participation:**

Molly Snodgrass introduced herself as a candidate for Big Walnut board of education election that will be on the ballot in November. She spoke about her volunteer experience in Harlem township and her involvement in the community. She provided some topics that she is interested in and issues she would be focused on for the community if she were to be elected.

Ellen Ebe asked Tyler about the grass at the cemetery, Tyler said they plan to work more in the area as the weather gets better.

**Paying of bills:**

Mike Dattilo made a motion to pay all bills and authorized P.O.'s since the August 11, 2025 meeting.  
Paul Disantis seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

**Adjournment:**

Mike Dattilo made a motion to adjourn at 7:41pm.  
Rod Myers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mary George for Alison  
Meeting Secretary Signature

Oct. 20, 2025  
Date

Robert V. Myers

Walter D. Smith

[Signature]

Berkshire Township Trustee Approvals

Melody R. George  
Fiscal Officer