

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes for a meeting held on

January 5, 2026

- 1.) The meeting was called to order by Fiscal Officer May at 7:04 p.m. at 2095 Reynoldsburg Baltimore Road, Baltimore, Ohio, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for those in the military.

**Roll Call:**

Matt Bader- Present

Robert Alt- Present

Randy Kemmerer- Present

Rick May- Present

David Keller-Present

Gregory Vannatta- Present

David Leith-Present

Jeff Austin-Absent

Staci Vannatta-Present

Jarrood Mahaffey-Present

John Daft-Present

- 2.) Newley Elected Trustees Matt Bader and Randy Kemmerer were sworn in by the Fiscal Officer Rick May.

- 3.) Comments from the floor:

- a.) Sgt. Williams from the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office distributed Township stats from the month of December. Sgt. Williams also introduced Deputy Beavers who is taking over duties as the Litter Control Officer.

- 4.) At 7:08 p.m. Trustee Alt made a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters. Trustee Kemmerer seconded the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Alt-yes

Kemmerer-yes

Bader-yes

- 5.) At 8:35 p.m. Trustee Alt made a motion to return to regular session. Trustee Bader seconded the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Alt-yes

Bader-yes

Kemmerer-yes

- 6.) Fiscal Officer May called for nominations for the election of Chairman for 2026. Trustee Alt nominated Trustee Kemmerer. Trustee Bader moved the nominations be closed and Trustee Kemmerer seconded the motion.

**Roll call for each Trustee's choice by name:**

Alt-Kemmerer

Kemmerer-Kemmerer

Bader-Kemmerer

- 7.) Newly elected Chairman Kemmerer called for nominations of Vice Chairman for 2026. Trustee Bader nominated Trustee Alt. Trustee Kemmerer moved the nominations be closed and Trustee Alt seconded the motion.

**Roll call for each Trustee's choice by name:**

Alt-Alt

Kemmerer-Alt

Bader-Alt

- 8.) The minutes from the December 15, 2025 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Trustee Alt and seconded by Trustee Kemmerer.

**Roll Call:**

Alt-yes

Kemmerer-yes

Bader-abstain

- 9.) Trustee Bader moved to approve Resolution 1-2026 (time and place of meetings). Trustee Alt seconded the motion.

**Roll call:**

Bader-yes

Alt-yes- yes

Kemmerer– yes

- 10.) Trustee Bader moved to approve Resolution 2-2026 to allow for the disposal of Township property through an internet auction site or best approved means of disposal. Trustee Alt seconded the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Bader-yes

Alt-yes

Kemmerer-yes

- 11.) Trustee Alt moved to approve Resolution 3-2026 making the Fiscal Officer the designee for Certified Public Records Training per ORC 109.43 for the Trustees. Trustee Bader seconded the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Alt-yes

Bader-yes

Kemmerer-yes

- 12.) Trustee Bader moved to approve Resolution 4-2026 authorizing the Fiscal Officer to use signature stamp when approved. Trustee Alt seconded the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Bader -yes

Alt-yes

Kemmerer-yes

- 13.) The Chairman called for nomination for liaison to the Road Department. Trustee Bader nominated Trustee Alt. Trustee Alt moved the nominations be closed. Trustee Bader seconded the motion.

**Roll call for each Trustee's choice by name:**

Bader-Alt

Alt-Alt

Kemmerer-Alt

- 14.) The Chairman called for nomination for liaison to the Cemetery Department. Trustee Alt nominated Trustee Bader. Trustee Kemmerer moved the nominations be closed. Trustee Alt seconded the motion.

**Roll call for each Trustee's choice by name:**

Alt-Bader

Kemmerer-Bader

Bader-Bader

15.) The Chairman announced that Trustee Alt had been appointed to the Fire Board in December 2025 and no nominee is needed at this time.

16.) The Chairman called for nominations for representative to Fairfield County Health District Council for 2026. Trustee Alt nominated Trustee Kemmerer. Trustee Keller moved the nominations be closed and Trustee Bader seconded the motion.

**Roll call for each Trustee's choice by name:**

Alt-Kemmerer

Bader-Kemmerer

Kemmerer-Kemmerer

17.) The Chairman called nominations for a representative to Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission for 2026. Trustee Alt nominated Jarrod Mahaffey. Trustee Kemmerer moved the nominations be closed. Trustee Bader seconded the motion.

**Roll call for each Trustee's choice by name:**

Alt-Mahaffey

Kemmerer-Mahaffey

Bader-Mahaffey

18.) The Chairman called nominations for a representative to the Village of Baltimore for 2026. Trustee Bader nominated John Daft. Trustee Kemmerer moved the nominations be closed. Trustee Alt seconded the motion.

**Roll call for each Trustee's choice by name:**

Bader-Daft

Alt-Daft

Kemmerer-Daft

19.) The Chairman called for nominations for Liberty Township Zoning Commission (Edwin Miller's term expired 12-31-2025). Trustee Alt nominated Edwin Miller to a 4-year term. Trustee Kemmerer moved the nominations be closed and Trustee Bader seconded the motion.

**Roll Call for each Trustee's choice by name:**

Alt-Miller

Kemmerer-Miller

Bader-Miller

Terms are:

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| Shane Hamilton | 12-31-2026 |
| Clint Morris   | 12-31-2027 |
| Cathy Smith    | 12-31-2028 |
| Kyle Schrader  | 12-31-2029 |
| Edwin Miller   | 12-31-2030 |

- 20.) The Chairman called for nominations to the Liberty Township Zoning Commission as an alternate, (Russell Henestofel's term expired 12-31-2025) for a one-year term expiring 12-31-2026. Trustee Alt nominated Russell Henestofel. Trustee Kemmerer moved the nominations be closed and Trustee Alt seconded the motion.

**Roll Call for each Trustee's choice by name:**

Alt-Henestofel  
Bader- Henestofel  
Kemmerer-Henestofel

- 21.) The Chairman called for nominations to the Liberty Township Zoning Commission as an alternate, (John Daft's term expired 12-31-2025) for a one-year term expiring 12-31-2026. Trustee Alt nominated John Daft. Trustee Kemmerer moved the nominations be closed and Trustee Bader seconded the motion.

**Roll Call for each Trustee's choice by name:**

Alt-Daft  
Kemmerer-Daft  
Bader-Daft

- 22.) The Chairman called for nominations to the Liberty Township Zoning Board of Appeals (Rob Stilwell's term expired 12-31-2025). Trustee Alt nominated Rob Stilwell to a 4-year term. Trustee Kemmerer moved the nominations be closed and Trustee Bader seconded the motion.

**Roll Call for each Trustee's choice by name:**

Alt-Stilwell  
Kemmerer-Stilwell  
Bader-Stilwell

Terms are:

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Dale Jagger  | 12-31-2026 |
| Jack Shafer  | 12-31-2027 |
| Tom Marsh    | 12-31-2028 |
| David Stone  | 12-31-2029 |
| Rob Stilwell | 12-31-2030 |

- 23.) The Chairman called for nominations to the Liberty Township Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate (Shawn Smith's term expired 12-31-2025) for a one-year term expiring 12-31-2026. Trustee Bader nominated Shawn Smith. Trustee Kemmerer moved the nominations be closed and Trustee Alt seconded the motion

**Roll Call for each Trustee's choice by name:**

Bader-Smith  
Kemmerer-Smith  
Alt-Smith

- 24.) The Chairman called for nominations for Road Supervisor for 2026. Trustee Alt nominated David Keller. Trustee Kemmerer moved the nominations be closed and Trustee Bader seconded the motion.

**Roll Call for each Trustee's choice by name:**

Alt-Keller  
Bader-Keller  
Kemmerer-Keller

- 25.) The Chairman called for nominations for Assistant Road Supervisor for 2026. Trustee Bader nominated David Leith. Trustee Kemmerer moved the nominations be closed and Trustee Alt seconded the motion.

**Roll Call for each Trustee's choice by name:**

Bader-Leith  
Kemmerer-Leith  
Alt-Leith

- 26.) Trustee Alt made a motion to keep the same Zoning Permit Fee's and Public Record fee's that were adopted on November 3, 2025 the same for 2026 Trustee Bader seconded the motion. (See Attached Fee Schedule)

**Roll Call:**

Alt-yes  
Bader-yes  
Kemmerer-yes

- 27.) Trustee Alt made a motion to make the following changes to the 2026 Wage Rates. David Keller \$2.00 per hour. David Leith \$4.00 per hour. Greg Vannatt \$2.00 per hour. Staci Vannatta \$300.00 per month. Jeff Austin increase to \$20,000 per year. Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals members \$75.00 per meeting. Only 1 member of Zoning Board and 1 member of Zoning Board of Appeals will be paid for attending Trustee Meetings, unless invited. Trustee Bader seconded the motion. (See Attached Fee Schedule)

**Roll Call:**

Alt-yes

Bader-yes

Kemmerer-yes

28.) The Fiscal Officer gave his report.

- a.) The report is attached.
- b.) Trustee Bader made a motion to approve Warrants 19942-19958, Payment Vouchers 1,2,3-2026, Regular PO's 1 thru 9-2026, and Blanket PO's 1 thru 12-2026. Trustee Alt seconded the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Bader-yes

Alt-yes

Kemmerer-yes

29.) Road Supervisor Report:

- a.) Requesting a PO for Road Salt, 100 tons for \$7600.
- b.) Trustee Alt made a motion to create a PO to Cargill Salt for \$7600. Trustee Bader seconded the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Alt-yes

Bader-yes

Kemmerer-yes

- c.) Requesting a PO for wheels for truck #2 from Wilson Tire for \$1910.
- d.) Trustee Alt made a motion to create a PO for \$1910 to Wilson Tire. Trustee Bader seconded the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Alt-yes

Bader-yes

Kemmerer-yes

- e.) The red truck that Enterprise worked on is still having issues.

30.) Zoning Inspector Report: by Secretary

- a.) 1 permit so far this year

31.) Reports:

- a.) Health Board-Nothing to report.
- b.) Fire Board-Station #611 rebuild was a disaster. New metal bought by contractor was not needed and could not be returned. It was used to line the inside of the building. Firefighters received a 7% raise. 3 new Board members will be needed. One from Village Council, one from the Village and one at-large member.
- c.) Regional Planning-Nothing to report.
- d.) Village of Baltimore-Nothing to report.

32.) Old Business:

- a.) Bright Cemetery on Havensport Rd. was discussed.
- b.) Trustee Alt not happy with the new truck bed from Hughes.

29.) New Business:

- a.) None

30.) Correspondence:

- a.) None to view

31.) Trustee Alt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bader

**Roll Call:** All in favor

\_\_\_\_\_, Trustee

\_\_\_\_\_, Fiscal Officer  
attest