September 21, 2026

Regular Meeting was called to order by Scott Markley followed with Pledge of Allegiance.
Present were Fiscal Officer Cheryl Welch, Trustees Kay Wright, Scott Markley, Rick Witucki
Zoning Inspector: Lilly Peak Road Worker: Scott Warner

Minutes of 8/10/2026 business meeting; Rick made motion to approve, Kay 2nd: Scott in agreement.

ROAD REPORT [Scott Warner]

- Cheryl asked for discussion on the purchase of salt for budgeting purposes; and dollars that should be allocated to purchasing more road patch. Holmes Supply $87,808 to date + Melway 74,748 for a total spend of $162,556 First half of property tax revenue was $56,857.

ZONING REPORT [Lilly Peak]

- Victor Dubina presented a summation of the proposed zoning changes to the resolution.

FIRE DEPARTMENT [Trustee Scott Markley]

- Hired a full-time EMT. Now have 1 on staff

CEMETERY [Trustee Kay Wright]

- Nothing to report.

FINANCIAL REPORT [Fiscal Officer Cheryl Welch]

- Receipts between 8/11/2026 and 9/21/2026 totaled $21,462.80
- Expenses totaled $227,684.05
- Fund balances totaled $145,691.15 (Primary account is $134,725,75)
- $95,000 or 28% of the fund balance is money from ARPA earmarked for Spectrum internet project has been paid out at the request of Trustee Markley.
- Rick made motion to accept the financial report; Kay 2nd; Scott in agreement.
- Valerie Bluhm, Palmer Energy Rep, conveyed in an email, sent to all board members, that they are putting together regional RFPs. Current rate is .0896/kwh compared to AEP at .1097/kwh and Ohio Edison at .1092/kwh.
- Paying for prescription drugs. Strict Out-of-Pocket Restrictions: Townships are generally prohibited from directly reimbursing employees' raw, out-of-pocket medical costs (such as individual pharmacy copays or deductibles) outside of a structured insurance plan or an approved Internal Revenue Code Section 125 "cafeteria plan". The Ohio Auditor of State frequently flags the improper reimbursement of individual, out-of-pocket health care costs as a negative financial audit finding. The restriction on out-of-pocket costs is derived from two primary sections of the law: ORC 505.60 & 505.601 Explicitly Limit Reimbursement to "Premiums"

PARK [Trustee Rick Witucki]

- Cheryl presented idea on dumpster at the park being moved to township house to eliminate illegal dumping. Rick will call Rumpke and have the dumpster moved to the township house – the road crew will dump the trash bins at the park as needed.
- Cheryl received a $50 donation from Walmart which will be put towards the purchase of 3 swings to replace broken ones.
- Cheryl advised if the parking lot expansion idea is going to be pursued; she would like to start putting together the NatureWorks grant application for 2027.

OLD BUSINESS

- Salt is available to township at $91.45/ton
- Discussion regarding signage – Kay presented quote and design ideas from Medina Sign.

NEW BUSINESS

- Trustee Markley reported completion of the Spectrum fiber optic project.
- Next township business meeting will be October 19th.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 42 south of the Liberty Church resident Brian Dill would like to have a no jake brake sign posted. Rick will follow-up on this request.

Rick made motion to adjourn, Kay 2nd; Scott in agreement.
Meeting minutes submitted by Cheryl Welch.

J. Scott Markley Rick Witucki Kay Wright