

**Minutes of the Urbana Board of Trustees Meeting  
held Monday, March 16, 2026**

The Board of Urbana Township Trustees met on this date with Trustee Roger Koerner, Trustee Blair Stinson, and Trustee Matt Harrigan present.

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Present:

Nicole Doyle

Aubrey Ward

Buddy Ballard

Hackett Landefeld, RWE

Jane Napier, Asst. Prosecutor

Dean Ortlieb, Urbana Fire Chief

The February 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes and the Financial Status Reports were reviewed and accepted with no additions or corrections. Mr. Stinson moved, seconded by Mr. Koerner to approve the February 17, 2026 meeting minutes and current Financial Status Reports.

Roll call was as follows: Mr. Stinson, yes; Mr. Koerner, yes; Mr. Harrigan, yes.

Chief Dean Ortlieb – Fire Report. See attached.

Spoke of the new fire contract. Contract is ending in 2026.

Mr. Stinson – Is meeting Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 1:00 P.M.

Mr. Harrigan – the reason why we need the fire and EMS contract is so that the city of Urbana will cover the township for fire and EMS.

Mr. Ortlieb – we average one run a day of the 8.5 EMS runs that the city has.

Mr. Stinson – what do you think about this?

Ms. Napier – if you have a meeting with them then you have to have it called for a special meeting 24 hours in advance.

It is difficult on a non-census year to know what your per capita is.

Mr. Stinson – we will do a record request on the charges for rescue work.

Ms. Napier – wherever they would go to pick someone up, there should be a record of a refusal. Because there is some liability there. If someone makes a determination that after a fall that they are fine, there needs to be some type of waiver.

We may or may not be liable but one, it is a terrible thing for that to fall in the cracks.

Mr. Stinson – Just talk about rescue. Car wreck, there are 45 this quarter. But there is no billing. They should at least attempt to bill.

Ms. Napier – That's a good question to ask.

Ms. Napier - a couple of things for you. I talked with Andrea about the demolition program. It would have to be like a stick built home or affixed to a foundation. You had asked about a mobile home. They either want a court order to demolish, or a nuisance. Or you can do a voluntary demolition. If you have any places that may be able to be demolished, without something that the township puts on the taxes. They also do the asbestos remediation.

The commission tries to do a few in town, and at least one for each township. So they ask for two or three of the properties that are able to be demolished.

Ms. Napier – Since data centers are something that Champaign County is talking, these resolutions are something that the LUC has provided about data centers. There is interest in Union, Champaign, Clark counties, all places looking for locations for data centers. We want to give your zoning commission, Board, LUC time to decide how you want to regulate data centers. We want to stop anyone for applying while in the process of regulating data centers. This would put a 12 month moratorium on receipt, processing, issuance or approval of any application for zoning for data centers.

Attorneys are all over the map about the enforceability of those. Usually if they are reasonably combined with taking action in the future, you don't want someone who is not ready to go to come in and apply to get in front of your zoning laws. This is our sample for every township in our county.

If you pass this, LUC has some sample legislation that they will get out to your zoning commission about changes to your zoning resolution.

Mr. Stinson – if we pass this, this enables the zoning commission to convene.

Ms. Napier – Yes. This states that you are going to refer this to the zoning commission for consideration. Most townships are doing 12 months moratorium in order to give time for the zoning commission to meet.

If you do have something that is implemented through zoning, you can rescind this.

Mr. Stinson – I think this is something we should get the zoning commission involved in. We need to have some parameters on this. It is vague is the problem. Its fine if that is what the public wants. They should have to go through the same process that someone building a new house does. We don't have anything written for data centers.

Mr. Stinson moved for a 12 month moratorium for data centers. Mr. Koerner seconded the request. Roll call was as follows: Mr. Koerner, yes; Mr. Stinson, yes; Mr. Harrigan, yes.

Ms. Napier – Right now they are using municipal treated water for their cooling. They may move to wells.

Mr. Stinson – you are saying for discharge?

Ms. Napier – basically capacity for water. Because they utilize water to cool. Discharge is an issue too but it's basically water capacity. I think the one in Urbana they are not going to use a lot of water. The others in Union is the 4 data centers will use 2 million gallons of water capacity. Which is all that Marysville has. So they will use it all. At the very least what I would like to see is a conditional use. So you have on the record what is being used.

Ms. Napier – one last thing, for the county and Urbana Township, we have intervened in the Hillclimber Solar Project. They put their application in February 9<sup>th</sup>. We want to let them know we are interested and have issues here in Urbana Township and at the Commissioner level. The Commissioners also passed a resolution as well.

Mr. Stinson – and ad hoc?

Ms. Napier – if the application is deemed complete there will be a little bit of time, but at some point it will go to hearing and you need to appoint an ad hoc representative. It can be anyone you believe will act on what the trustees would like to see. It could be a citizen or someone else. You have a little time on that. We don't need to have an ad hoc right now.

It will be a nomination and a vote. It could be a citizen. It doesn't have to be one of you. There is some time spent up in Columbus at the Power Siting Board. The commissioners have not done theirs yet either.

### **Road and Maintenance Report**

Mr. Harrigan – February 17<sup>th</sup> we had the county engineers come and cut some trees down on Dugan Road. Richard got a call about the Rooney Drive sign. It was knocked down during the snow so it was replaced. Truck spinner was leaking so we replaced that. Childrens Home Road had some pot holes that were patched. Had an evaluation with Danny Boggs of the county engineer's office about some of the roads to decide on chip and seal this summer. Childrens Home Road is one we want to do some improving on some drainage issues. We are going to repair Singing Wind Way berm that needs to be built back up. County Line Road between Moorefield and Prairie is another area that needs chip and sealed. Post Road will be chip and sealed. Those are the four main ones.

Plowing February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, another snow. In between, desalting the trucks. Picked up a couch on Knight Road during the snow storm. Picked up trash on all of the township roads. Picked up some fallen trees in Pullins Woods and the cemetery from the high winds. More trash dumped on Moore's Run Road. Dumpster full of trash.

Mr. Stinson – 36 bags of trash plus a whole dumpster of trash have been picked up.

### **Zoning & Cemetery Report**

Mr. Stinson – update on Mike Pullins cemetery. The abandoned cemetery is now part of the township. So we have to mow at least twice a year now. It could also be a green space. It is right at the end of Adell Drive.

The wind did havoc on the cemetery. We did do spring cleanup. People have to secure their flowers. If we can't see where they go to, and that is a shame, because I am sure they cost a lot. See Attached.

### **Unfinished Business**

Ms. Perry – we got the \$850.00 from the Joyce Bowman indigent cremation.

Ms. Perry – I had asked about the Cable Concrete bill. I will send a letter and ask him to resubmit it. Sean said he tried to call.

Mr. Koerner – checked on the CD renewal at four different banks. Peoples is the best at 4%.

Ms. Perry – I got the renewal and I gave it to Roger to check since it is up tomorrow so if we could get a motion on that, it will renew.

Mr. Koerner moved seconded by Mr. Stinson to renew the CD at 12 months at Peoples Savings Bank at 4%. Roll call was as follows: Mr. Koerner, yes; Mr. Stinson, yes; Mr. Harrigan, yes.

### **New Business**

Ms. Perry – We need to appoint an OTARMA representative and an alternate. It's the risk pool management. When they visit they will want to offer policies and will offer samples and job descriptions.

Mr. Stinson moved, seconded by Mr. Koerner to have Mr. Harrigan as the OTARMA representative and Mr. Stinson as the Alternate. Roll call was as follows: Mr. Koerner, yes; Mr. Stinson, yes; Mr. Harrigan, yes.

Mr. Harrigan – what they helped us with is the signs. That is why people now come through the front rather than the side.

Mr. Stinson – Jim Heiser passed on the Zoning Appeals Board and we need to have a replacement as well as a first alternate. Jim was great at his job and served the township. I think he just got renewed. He passed suddenly.

Mr. Harrigan - can you embellish on the rolls?

Mr. Stinson – BZA meets with whenever Sean calls them for a variance. The commission sets policy and BZA enforces policy. It has more action than the commission. We will be looking for two candidates.

Mr. Koerner – we have Buddy and Nicole here tonight.

Mr. Stinson – Nicole is that something that you would be interested in?

Nicole Doyle – I would be hesitant to do something that I don't know anything about.

Mr. Stinson – would you like to be an alternate and learn?

Ms. Doyle – I would be happy to discuss.

Mr. Stinson – we won't put you on the spot because there aren't any BZA meetings on right now. Other thing Jane talked about the grants. We have a couple of ideas but if anyone else has any ideas that they see that looks abandoned and needs addressed, they can reach out through email or a call. There is usually one or two in each township.

Mr. Harrigan – Mr. Koerner moved to pay bills and distribute checks. Mr. Stinson seconded the request. Roll call was as follows: Mr. Koerner, yes; Mr. Stinson, yes; Mr. Harrigan, yes.

The following bills were approved:

Check No.	Date	Payee	Total Amount
	03/16/2026	US Treasury	\$1,592.76
	03/16/2026	City of Urbana	\$92.68
	03/16/2026	BWC	\$102.46
	03/16/2026	Pioneer	\$158.32
	03/16/2026	CT Communication Co.	\$146.75
	03/16/2026	Ohio Dept of Tax	\$354.67
21035	03/16/2026	Matt Harrigan	\$910.00
21036	03/16/2026	Roger Koerner	\$802.38
21037	03/16/2026	Richard McCain	\$1,456.47
21038	03/16/2026	Sandi Perry	\$1,300.83
21039	03/16/2026	Blair Stinson	\$899.71
21040	03/16/2026	Sean Tullis	\$869.67
21041	03/16/2026	Matt Harrigan	\$425.00
21042	03/16/2026	Blair Stinson	\$425.00
21043	03/16/2026	Roger Koerner	\$425.00
21044	03/16/2026	Sandi Perry	\$271.59
21045	03/16/2026	Sean Tullis	\$25.00
21046	03/16/2026	Richard McCain	\$25.00
21047	03/16/2026	Cintas	\$517.02
21048	03/16/2026	Williams Hardware	\$40.03

21049	03/16/2026	Lantz Sales	\$85.17
21050	03/16/2026	Heritage Cooperation	\$991.10
21051	03/16/2026	Roberts Refuse	\$73.00
21052	03/16/2026	AIM Media	\$36.24
21053	03/16/2026	County Engineer	\$2,631.57
21054	03/16/2026	MegaCity Fire	\$55.00
21055	03/16/2026	AutoZone	\$28.01
21056	03/16/2026	OPERS	\$2,124.68
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$16,865.11</b>

### Announcements

Mr. Harrigan – The next meeting is Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00.

Mr. Stinson – if you do have loved ones in the cemetery, it is getting time for seasonal removal.

### Public Comment

Mr. Harrigan – explained the public comment process.

Aubrey Ward – passed.

Mr. Landefeld RWE – RWE Americas as of March 1<sup>st</sup>. Also publicly announced natural gas generation here in the US as well. Not here, but we are adding that.

First everything that Ms. Napier said was correct. This is my first time going through an OPSB process. Happy to answer any more questions about that. Second I heard the news about the data center in the City of Urbana. We had nothing to do with that. We have no connection to that and we don't know anything about any data centers in this township.

Also with the Chief here, we are looking at an preliminary emergency action plan for these projects. In it's final form it will be what we use to train the emergency responders on the procedures for those on site and for emergency responders. We will work with Chief Ortlieb for the final plan with fire and EMS, sheriff's dept, etc.

Mr. Stinson – I have had a couple of people ask me where the battery storage would be. Have you locked that down?

Mr. Landefeld – I apologize I don't have a map here. The site plan that we submitted to OPSB I believe is close to final. I believe the approximate location is as close to its final location. Just going on memory, we have two roads, the battery facility is in that main square, the northeast corner. Then we have one access road that goes directly out to Route 54 and another one north to 54.

Mr. Stinson – so a right angle. If there would be a fire at the battery center, would it be quick access?

Mr. Landefield – That's a great point. I don't know all of the details. I can get some more information to you and follow up with you. It is a very common concern.

Mr. Ballard – thanked trustees for the snow removal and trash pickup.

Ms. Doyle – with the data center moratorium one of the things she didn't mention was the noise.

Mr. Stinson – she didn't mention it but it was on there.

Ms. Doyle – On the EMS/fire. When they come with no billing, is that delineated in that report? No?

Mr. Harrigan – we can get you a copy of that.

Ms. Doyle - My accounting brain says we should be counting the billable and not billable.

Mr. Stinson – we have been saying that for years.

Ms. Doyle – I think that would probably change our 1 in 8.5 runs? Because when you have a car accident we can't say we don't need that. They show up anyway.

The solar and wind, Matt you were talking about how high the winds were they were 60 – 70.

Mr. Harrigan – just from the news, 60-70.

Ms. Doyle – it was bad out there. 73 is an F1. Right? One just rolled through Indiana and decimated their solar installation. What are the contingency plans for that? What would the cleanup look like for that? It would go everywhere. What would the liability be for RWE as compared to the township for that cleanup. Would we be responsible for any of that? I don't know. As for the cemetery that is now the townships, can we do like a playground? I don't know how large it is or if it would be convenient for people to go to. Just a thought.

Mr. Harrigan – thank you lots of good ideas.

Being no further business, Mr. Stinson moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Koerner.

Roll call was as follows: Mr. Stinson, yes; Mr. Koerner, yes; Mr. Harrigan, yes.

Immediately following the close of the meeting, Mr. Ballard voiced interest in the Board of Zoning Appeals open seat as the result of the death of Jim Heiser. As a result, Mr. Koerner moved to re-open the meeting. Mr. Stinson seconded the request. Roll call was as follows: Mr. Harrigan, yes; Mr. Stinson, yes; Mr. Koerner, yes.

The Board discussed the Board of Zoning Appeals duties with Mr. Ballard and Ms. Doyle. Ms. Doyle agreed to be an alternate on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Stinson moved, seconded by Mr. Koerner to appoint Albert Ballard to fill the vacant Board of Zoning Appeals position through November 2030 of Jim Heiser, and for Nicole Doyle to be the alternate to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Roll call was as follows: Mr. Harrigan, yes; Mr. Stinson, yes; Mr. Koerner, yes.

Mr. Stinson moved, seconded by Mr. Koerner to close the meeting. Roll call was as follows: Mr. Harrigan, yes; Mr. Stinson, yes; Mr. Koerner, yes.

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Matt Harrigan, President

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sandi Perry, Fiscal Officer

### **3-16-26 Zoning**

1. 2-27-26 Zoning permit (26-006) Clayton Colbert for a 20'x20' car port at 1245 W US Rt 36.
2. 3-12-26 Lot split (#25-007) updated variance for a 16' rear and front setbacks for Richard Bowman at 189 Rooney Drive. BZA is going to schedule a public meeting.
3. Per the county auditor office, Mike Pullins does not actually own the 1.0 ac cemetery on 3 Mile Road. The township will have to maintain that property at least twice per year.
- 4.

### **3-16-26 Cemetery**

1. None

# **FIRE & EMS**

**Chief Dean Ortlieb**



The Urbana Fire Division (UFD) is a 24-hour organization that responds to EMS, fire, and rescue emergencies. The division is led by a fire chief and is operational organized into three shifts, each consisting of a captain, lieutenant, and five firefighters. The captain is in charge of the crew's daily operations. The division serves the city of Urbana and surrounding areas, including all of Urbana Township and parts of Concord and Salem Townships. UFD is responsible for protecting a population of approximately 14,840 people and covering 74 square miles. At minimum manpower, the division maintains a staff of five people per day.

## **Mission**

The mission of UFD is to establish a scalable framework that encourages excellence in fighting fires and saving lives, promotes the cultivation of intellectual and organizational profitability, maximizes individual and organizational performance, and supports continual individual and organizational growth to meet the needs of the community.

UFD aims to fulfill its mission through five dimensions of risk reduction, including minimizing negative economic impact, public education, emergency operations, safety engineering practices, and code enforcement. These efforts have resulted in an Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating of 3 out of 9, with 1 being the highest rating. ISO uses data and analytics to evaluate fire agencies, with lower scores indicating a higher ability to manage property and casualty risks. Insurance companies may use these scores to determine insurance premiums for residential and commercial properties. There are three main obstacles to further improve the division's ISO rating:

- Capacity of having the appropriate amount of trained personnel to respond to calls within 10 minutes
- The lack of reliability of our mutual aid partners
- Growing residential and industrial risks

## **Personnel**

Training remains a high priority for UFD, with 897 logged training hours in 2025. In addition, the following personnel have obtained individual certifications to help improve the division:

- Captain Croker: Fire Officer IV, from Bowling Green University
- Lieutenant Nitchman: Leadership in Supervision, from the Ohio Fire Academy

UFD is at full staffing with the addition of its newest Probationary Firefighter Dylan Newman. Additionally, during 2025 Firefighters Fulling and Lawton successfully completed their yearlong probationary training. Further, Firefighter Sidders was named firefighter of the year and Firefighter Perry received the division's fitness award.

## Equipment

In late 2025, Medic 1 was involved in an accident and is currently undergoing evaluation for repair. Additionally, UFD is in the process of replacing Engine 2, a 2004 Pierce fire engine and Truck 1, a 1997 Pierce bucket ladder truck. In 2025 the division secured \$4,785.14 in grant funding to purchase equipment that supports and enhances operational capabilities.

## Operations

UFD divides its operations into three main categories and assigns each shift officer to oversee one of these areas. Captain Croker is responsible for EMS, Captain Beverly is responsible for rescue, and Captain Countryman is responsible for fire operations. On average, all three operational sectors take over 30 minutes per incident. However, some incidents may take several hours, while others may last a few minutes. To manage these incidents effectively, the division maintains minimum staffing levels of one shift officer in a command vehicle, two firefighters on EMS, and/or three firefighters on a fire apparatus.

UFD receives compensation for EMS incidents. In 2025, UFD updated its EMS billing policies by implementing a dynamic billing model based on usual and customary fees. Billing is processed through a third-party provider, and in 2025 the division received more than \$700,000 in EMS revenue.

In 2025, UFD responded to 69% more incidents than in 1992, the last time the division increased its manpower. Table 1 shows a summary of UFD's operations since 1992. The population of the community served by the division has remained relatively constant over this period.

**Table 1 Historic Operational Summary for the Urbana Fire Division**

<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2025</u>
EMS	1431	1564	1885	2408	2524
Rescue	N/A	145	148	130	303
Fire	396	418	515	357	256
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>1827</b>	<b>2127</b>	<b>2548</b>	<b>2895</b>	<b>3083</b>

Table 2 presents a comparison of the division's EMS, rescue, and fire incidents between 2024 and 2025. In 2025, out of a total of 2,524 EMS incidents, 1,892 involved transports, representing over a 75% transport rate.

**Table 2 2024 to 2025 Division Incident Summary**

<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>		<u>Percent of Total</u>		<u>Daily Average</u>	
<u>Year Comparison</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
EMS	2438	2524	80%	82%	6.66	6.92
Rescue	303	303	10%	10%	.83	.83
Fire	291	256	10%	08%	.80	.70
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>3032</b>	<b>3083</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8.29</b>	<b>8.45</b>
Multiple Incidents in Progress	570	594	19%	19%	1.56	1.63

## Townships

UFD has contracts with several township agencies to provide services to these communities. UFD uses a service fee calculator (SFC) to calculate fees in a fair and consistent manner. If a township only requests one of the services offered, the SFC is reduced by half. These contracts with the township agencies roughly increase the population served by the division by approximately 4,000 people, accounted for 17% of all the divisions incidents, and generated an additional \$471,683 in contract revenue. Table 3 compares the number of incidents in the townships from 2024 to 2025.

**Table 3 2024 to 2025 Township Incident Summary**

<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>Urbana Township</u>		<u>Salem Township</u>		<u>Concord Township</u>		<u>Total Townships</u>	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
EMS	403	360	44	39	16	24	463	423
Rescue	59	45	17	11	N/A	N/A	76	56
Fire	69	38	9	7	N/A	N/A	78	45
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>524</b>

### Identified Risks Impacting Operational Capacity

UFD has identified several risks that may limit our ability to respond effectively with appropriately trained personnel and sufficient capacity during incidents:

- Urbana is experiencing upward trends in both industrial and housing growth, increasing demand on EMS, fire, and rescue resources.
- Staffing shortages of qualified personnel in mutual aid departments are reducing their reliability, which in turn increases delay in response and competency concerns upon their arrival. In 2025 the division asked for and received mutual aid 103 times and provided mutual aid 73 times.
- Current trends indicate that qualified personnel are becoming increasingly difficult to find. The division currently has five EMTs; it takes approximately 15 months to educate an EMT to become a paramedic. The trend could influence our EMS competency level or the care we provide on incidents.
- Senior communities typically result in increased demand for services. With approximately 20% of the City's population either at or nearing the senior age group, EMS demands is expected to rise.
- The NFPA staffing standard to fight a residential structure fire safely is 17 firefighters available within the first 10 minutes. The division averaged 1.63 multiple incidents in progress a day, with a minimum staffing level of just five personnel.

### Risk Reduction

UFD employs various EMS and fire risk reduction measures to ensure the safety of our community. Some of these measures can be quantified and are listed in Table 4.

**Table 4 2025 Summary of EMS and Fire Risk Reduction Activities**

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CPR Cards Issued	EMS	99
Car Seats Installed	EMS	37
Community Paramedic Referrals	EMS	30
Safety Inspection	Fire	1769

**Sharing Our Vision for 2026 and Beyond**

In 2026, UFD plans to submit specifications for a new fire engine and ladder truck to update the age of our fleet and to enhance our operational capabilities.

Our vision for our personnel is to create and maintain a positive work environment where they take pride in their work and strive to exceed community expectations in their efforts to fight fires and save lives.

Furthermore, we are actively developing and implementing contingency plans to ensure consistent core operations in EMS, fire, and rescue.

2025 Urbana Township Incident Statistics								
Quarter	EMS	Avg	Fire	Avg	Rescue	Avg	Total	Avg
1st	140	1.6	11	0.1	8	0.1	159	1.8
2nd	105	1.2	7	0.1	16	0.2	128	1.4
3rd	40	0.4	8	0.1	7	0.1	55	0.6
4th	75	0.8	12	0.1	14	0.2	101	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>1.2</b>

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-002-W**

**A RESOLUTION TO ENACT A TWELVE-MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE RECEIPT, PROCESSING, ISSUANCE OR APPROVAL OF ANY APPLICATION FOR A ZONING CERTIFICATE FOR DATA PROCESSING, HOSTING AND RELATED SERVICES (DATA CENTERS) TO ALLOW THE ZONING AMENDMENT PROCESS TO PROCEED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE URBANA TOWNSHIP ZONING RESOLUTION**

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Township Trustees of Urbana Township, Champaign County, Ohio, (the "Board"), has adopted the Urbana Township Zoning Resolution (the "Zoning Resolution") which contains numerous zoning districts with respect to residential, business, commercial and other land uses; and

**WHEREAS**, west central Ohio has experienced a recent surge in land being used for data centers and related services; and

**WHEREAS**, a recent study has shown that Ohio ranks fourth in the nation in the volume of data centers; and

**WHEREAS**, data centers and related services consume vast amounts of land, electricity and often water depending upon their cooling technology, thereby creating a tremendous strain on public resources and infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, data centers may also have an adverse impact of non-compatible surrounding land uses such as noise and other related development issues; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board also recognizes that due to such demand for land in Urbana Township and Champaign County for data centers and related services, the current Zoning Resolution needs to be reviewed and updated to ensure proper development can occur within Urbana Township and that the township has the necessary processes, resources and infrastructure in place to address such growth and demand for data centers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board, zoning commission, LUC Planning Commission and legal counsel need time to review, evaluate, revise, and implement certain textual revisions and determine related planning decisions, processes and resources in order to address the recent growth of data center demand in Champaign County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board hereby finds that significant legitimate public interests exist and that a temporary preservation of the status quo by suspending the receipt, processing, issuance or approval of any application for a Zoning Certificate for the current permitted uses as is necessary to achieve the legitimate public interests and will further promote the health, safety and general welfare of Urbana Township and its residents.

**RESOLUTION**

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Urbana Township, Champaign County, Ohio, that:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board believes it is in the best interest of the Township to institute a temporary twelve (12) month moratorium until March 16, 2027 on the receipt, processing, issuance and approvals of any applications for a Zoning Certificate for Data Processing, Hosting and Related Services (Data Centers) as set forth in the Zoning Resolution. This moratorium is necessary to ensure such future developments align with the intent of the Board and to ensure proper development can occur within Urbana Township and that the township has the necessary processes, resources and infrastructure in place to address such growth and demand for data centers and that such interests are a legitimate public interest necessary to protect the public health, safety and general welfare.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board may rescind this moratorium at any time prior to the expiration of the 12 months.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby directs the township zoning commission, with the assistance of legal counsel and LUC Regional Planning Commission, to review the Zoning Resolution with respect to data centers and to take such steps as necessary to recommend any textual revisions to the Zoning Resolution.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Mr. Stinson moved and Mr. Koerner seconded the motion and, the roll being called upon the question of adopting the Resolution, the vote resulted as follows:

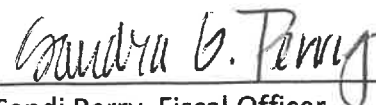
Adopted: March 16, 2025

**URBANA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, OHIO**

  
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Matt Harrigan, Trustee

  
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Blair Stinson, Trustee

  
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Roger Koerner, Trustee

Attest:   
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Sandi Perry, Fiscal Officer