Minutes of the Urbana Board of Trustees Meeting
held Monday, May 18, 2026

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

Present:
Karen Bailey, Champaign County Auditor
Nicole Doyle
Dean Ortlieb, Fire Chief, City of Urbana
Buddy Ballard
Aubrey Ward, RWE

The April 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes and the Financial Status Reports were reviewed and accepted with no additions or corrections. Mr. Stinson moved, seconded by Mr. Harrigan to approve the April 20, 2026 meeting minutes and current Financial Status Reports.

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

Chief Ortlieb – Provided quarterly report. 56 EMS runs, 20 rescue, and 1 fire for a total of 77. EMS someone is sick hurt, they are evaluated and taken to the hospital if they want to go. Fire – smells, bells and something burning, if someone smells something, a fire alarm's going off, or something is burning. Rescue – evacuating something. Gases or hasmat, auto accident – rescue, fire, ems. Predominant reason is how it is counted. Trying to let people know what a call for service is. It is the fire truck that carries the rescue equipment. We don't use run totals, we use incident.

This is the stats that are on our facebook, respond in two minutes or less out the door. On the scene within ten minutes. Average on scene time is 5 minutes. 95% of time on scene within 10 minutes even all the way out to the trailer park, unless have multiple services. If we have two, three runs going on, and we have to call each grade, we always try to, even once we clear up, send a vehicle because you're paying for a band of service. We want to make sure those people are taken care of.

More than happy to do a town hall. Remember those are historical inflations. The per capita stayed the same. We charge you on the per capita.

Trucks have doubled in price in the past five years. Almost the same one we ordered five years ago went from $570 to $1.2 million. The ladder truck we just purchased was at $1.9 million. We started trying to get rates for that when it was at $1.2 million.

Mr. Stinson – how much does a ladder truck go out of the building.

Mr. Ortlieb – we have areas in our district where we need a ladder truck. We call it a MUT truck. Multi use truck. We're going to put rescue equipment on it, and also, we built it so that it can be a smaller backup fire truck.

Where the risk is really increased is when people on the second and third floor downtown. It goes out about once a month.

Understand this. What we do is critical infrastructure. We don't know, when we are going to need it.

Mr. Stinson – what are the ladder truck increments.

Dean – we got the smallest ladder truck, we didn't get a bucket. We but a lot of thought in to it. We have people driving that vehicle who are very familiar with that vehicle. Even our tools are battery operated tools.

Mr. Stinson – height?

Chief – the new one is 75. It will be used more and as a backup fire truck.

Mr. Harrigan – EMS total 624 and we had 56 of those.

Chief – we aggregate everything. It is very similar to what an insurance company does. City of Urbana people pay the capital end of that. That is the base service. If you use us more for EMS, we are going to charge you more.

We do soft billing. We will send you a bill 3 times. And if you don't pay then we aren't sending you to collections. If you live outside our district we will send you to the AG's office.

Mr. Harrigan – next is Karen Bailey, County Auditor.

Ms. Bailey – the township asked me to certify revenue for a new estimate on the fire levy. It comes up to $525,000 from a 4 mill levy. That would start first year collection in 27, which is captured in 26.

Ms. Perry – would you explain to me, if we got $525, we still get more on rollback and what rollback is?

Ms. Bailey – That would include the rollback. They just take it off because it's getting paid by the State. It's being reimbursed to you.

Mr. Stinson - is inside millage included in that?

Ms. Bailey – That one is not. There was, a reimbursement for like an owner occupancy credit and not business credit or homestead. Those are the 3 things that the taxes, we take that off a tax bill, but the state, the state will calculate that. They have us calculated, we tell the how much that is, and the state reimburses the entities, which is the townships.

Ms. Perry – I thought you had told me at one time that Union Township's levy is different than our levy, and ours is, a fixed rate. I thought you said theirs was different and theirs would change based on that value and homes that are built in and theirs would continue to increase.

Ms. Bailey – no. I call it a fixed sum. So if you go to the voters and you say, we need $525,000, and the voters say yes, then the state takes the 4 mill, and the first year it will pay $525. Second year, the values might go up, so then the rate gets dropped down. So then we're collecting it at like 3.875 or something, and it drops down that way to keep that. The only addition would be is if you did have a large new construction project, they do allow new construction to be added to that total. But we really don't have a lot of those that make a difference. It has to be something big, like a factory being built.

Mr. Stinson – right now we have a 4 mill levy that's only collecting at 1.8 mill.

Ms. Bailey – there is a difference between that and the inside that goes up and down with valuations.

Is inside millage in addition to?

Ms. Bailey – everybody has inside millage. It's always a full rate. It's never affected by values going up or down.

Ms. Perry – So when it gets worded in a levy, it's going to not show as a replacement, or an you word it in a way that this will eliminate the other levy and replace it with the same millage?

Ms. Bailey – This one is now called a new. It's either a new or an addition. It's going to say new. People want to know what's that mean when you do in addition to. The PR side of that is when you guys say if this levy passes, we are going to allow this one to expire.

Ms. Perry – but you can't, when you're putting it on the ballot, you can't say that the old one if for 4 mills and the new one is for 4 mills and we are allowing the old one to expire?

Ms. Bailey – no. They did away with replacements because sometimes on really old ones like this, they didn't realize and then all of a sudden their taxes went up like 3 times on that specific one.

So the next step, you've got the resolution where you ask the auditor to certify, so you'll need that copy, which you do. Then you need the actual certification, which I've now given you. Your next step then is to compare the ballot language that you actually submit to the Board of Elections, and they want all three pieces of that.

Mr. Stinson – what is the date on that?

Ms. Bailey – August. All language has changed. I think I have a rough one. I don't normally give them out because I'm not an attorney. Jane said she would help.

Ms. Perry – so what about the fees? Will they come off of the $525?

Ms. Bailey – yes.

Mr. Harrigan – Aubrey Ward. The Hillclimber Solar application was pulled.

Aubrey Ward - Aubrey reported the formal statement and notified that you can call Hackett with questions, but at this time, the application is being withdrawn from the OPSD for the Hillclimber Solar project.

Mr. Ballard – was the reasoning behind it financial or economic push or community pressure?

Ms. Ward – I am not entirely sure.

Ms. Doyle – are we going to be looking over our shoulder?

Mr. Stinson – OPSB recommended denial.

Ms. Ward – I don't know what the pulling of the project would do, but I believe it would not be grandfathered in. I am not sure what the reasoning is because I am a consultant.

Mr. Stinson – PJM only has so much capacity.

Ms. Ward – que positions are so expensive to hold.

Ms. Doyle – it was interesting to hear about what the grandfathered situation was. It seemed pretty loopholed.

Mr. Stinson – the true grandfathered was only two property.

Mr. Ballard – when they realized the more they were going to produce the less they had to do for approval, the more they did.

Aubrey – partially grandfathered projects that have gone to the Supreme Court because everybody is really confused by the implications of what the Senate and House passed.

Mr. Harrigan – Hackett called and wanted to be here. He privied that information along. There is more to it.

Ms. Doyle – the grandfathering thing itself, isn't that concluded for 2026.

Mr. Stinson – they paid for that lease option for ten years.

Road and Maintenance Report

Mr. Harrigan - First round of spraying is completed and road mowing started after that. Was done within a week. Stressfull because you have to avoid poles, culverts, etc. It is not easy to get that mowed. We have also been doing cleaning, sharpening blades, pressure washing.

Zoning and Cemetery

Mr. Stinson – he has met with two or three people about zoning permits. We've got three footers that have been dug and formed up, and we will pour them when the city pours.

Ms. Perry – there is another one we got that I put on his desk but took the check.

Mr. Stinson – do you know who it was?

Ms. Perry – Stephens.

Mr. Stinson – we already did that one. We dug that one.

Unfinished Business

Ms. Perry passed out a draft copy of our audit. The draft confidential report should remain confidential until it's public release in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Stinson further discussed the issues with fire and EMS in the township.

Mr. Harrigan – met with Chris at Cintas. Basically it is a contract until May 10th of 2028. Signed right before Matt got on. They can move the rugs, take the rugs out of the equation. They can reduce the rugs. Uniforms, if we want to shorten the amount that he gets or move it to a one time deliver, it's still gonna be the same amount of money.

Mr. Stinson – before when I wasn't using it they didn't take it off.

Mr. Harrigan – I asked what the buyout situation is. I told him we don't use the rugs as often. It doesn't make sense to have a contract that we can't get out of it.

New Business

Mr. Harrigan – any new business? There was no further business.

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

The following bills were approved:

Check No.	Date	Payee	Total Amount
	05/18/2026	US Treasury	$1,575.84
	05/18/2026	City of Urbana	$96.09
	05/18/2026	BWC	$102.46
	05/18/2026	Pioneer	$117.26
	05/18/2026	CT Communication Co.	$146.18
	05/18/2026	Ohio Auditor of State	$588.00

21087	05/18/2026	Matt Harrigan	$910.00
21088	05/18/2026	Roger Koerner	$802.38
21089	05/18/2026	Richard McCain	$1,368.08
21090	05/18/2026	Sandi Perry	$1,300.83
21091	05/18/2026	Blair Stinson	$899.71
21092	05/18/2026	Sean Tullis	$869.67
21093	05/18/2026	OPERS	$2,097.41
21094	05/18/2026	Champaign County Twp Assn	$55.00
21095	05/18/2026	Roberts Refuse	$73.00
21096	05/18/2026	Sean Tullis	$25.00
21097	05/18/2026	Richard McCain	$25.00
21098	05/18/2026	Sandi Perry	$251.59
21099	05/18/2026	Blair Stinson	$425.00
21100	05/18/2026	Roger Koerner	$425.00
21101	05/18/2026	Matt Harrigan	$425.00
21102	05/18/2026	Ward Excavating	$270.00
21103	05/18/2026	Heritage	$522.29
21104	05/18/2026	VOID	
21105	05/18/2026	VOID	
21106	05/18/2026	Cintas	$364.98
21107	05/18/2026	County Engineer	$1,616.13
		Total	**$**

Announcements
Mr. Harrigan - next month's meeting is June 15th at 5:00 P.M.

Public Comments
Mr. Ballard – nothing.
Ms. Doyle – nothing.

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

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

Matt Harrigan _____________________________ Matt Harrigan, President

Sandra V. Perry _____________________________ Sandi Perry, Fiscal Officer

Fire Division 1st Quarter 2026 Highlights

News

- Lieutenant Nitchman completed the National Fire Academy's Command and Control of Incident Operations course.
- Probationary Firefighter Newman completed his onboarding and was assigned to C Shift.
- All division members participated in two driver's training courses from the Ohio Fire Academy.
- The division extended it's Firefighter eligibility and certified list for six months.
- Members of the division presented several life safety and emergency awareness programs.
- The division installed six car seats and seat inspections.
- The division issued 30 CPR cards.
- The division created five community paramedic referrals.

Administrative

2026 1st Quarter Inspections by Inspection Type	Amount
Building	110
Complaint	9
Day Care	0
Fire Alarm	47
Fire Protection	57
Food Truck/Festival	0
General	25
New Business	1
Occupancy	31
Plan Review	11
Pre & After School Programs	0
Re-inspection	184
Total	**475**

Operations

2026 1st Quarter Incidents				
Incident Type	Amount	Quarter Daily Average	2026 Daily Average Year to Date	2025 Daily Average
EMS	624	6.93	6.93	6.92
Fire	70	.78	.78	.70
Rescue	97	1.08	1.08	.83
Totals	**791**	**8.79**	**8.79**	**8.45**
Multiple incidents in progress	158	1.76	1.76	1.63
Transports	487	5.41	5.41	5.18
Mutual aid received	20	.22	.22	.28
Mutual aid given	19	.21	.21	.20

Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue

DTE 140R
Rev. 01/26
R.C. 5705.01, 5705.03

Use this form when a taxing authority certifies a millage rate and requests the revenue produced by that rate.

The county auditor of Champaign County, Ohio, does hereby certify the following:

1. On May 13th, 2026, the taxing authority of the Urbana Township (political subdivision name) certified a copy of its resolution or ordinance adopted April 20th, 2026, requesting the county auditor to certify the current taxable value of the subdivision and the amount of revenue that would be produced by (4.0) mills, to levy a tax outside the 10-mill limitation for Fire & EMS purposes pursuant to Revised Code § 5705.19(I), to be placed on the ballot at the November 3rd, 2026, election. The levy type is New.

2. The property tax revenue that will be produced by the stated millage, assuming the taxable value of the subdivision remains constant throughout the life of the levy, is calculated to be $ 525,000.00.

3. The total taxable value of the subdivision used in calculating the estimated property tax revenue is $ 135,801,300.

4. The millage for the requested levy is (4.0) mills per $1 of taxable value, which amounts to $ 140.00 for each $100,000 of the county auditor's market value.

5. Applicable only if this form is being completed by a school district with a current expense levy. The amount by which the carry-over balance in the school district's general operating budget from the preceding fiscal year exceeds the school district's general fund expenditures made in the preceding fiscal year, is $________, and ______% of those expenditures.

Auditor's signature: Kan T. Bailey | Date: May 13, 2026

Instructions

1. "Total taxable value" includes the taxable value of all real property in the subdivision as indicated on the tax list most recently certified for collection and estimates of the taxable value of public utility personal property for the first year the levy will be collected as set forth on the worksheets prescribed in conjunction with this form. If the subdivision is located in more than one county, the home county auditor (where the greatest taxable value of the subdivision is located) shall obtain the assistance of the other county auditors to establish the total tax valuation of the subdivision.
2. For purposes of this certification, "subdivision" includes any agency, board, commission or other authority authorized to request a taxing authority to submit a tax levy on its behalf. See R.C. 5705.01(A) & (C).
3. "Levy type" includes the following: (1) additional, (2) renewal, (3) renewal with an increase, (4) renewal with a decrease.
4. In completing Lines 1 and 4 of this form, mills should be identified in whole numbers or fractions thereof, i.e., 5 mills or 5.25 mills, rather than as a fraction of a dollar, i.e., $0.005. This expression is consistent with the prior practice of identifying mills in whole numbers or fractions thereof per $1 of valuation.
5. "The county auditor's market value" means the true value in money of real property. R.C. 5705.01(P).
6. For any levy or portion of a levy, an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest dollar, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list most recently certified by the county auditor under R.C. 319.28(B). See R.C. 5705.03(B).
7. Line 5 of the form should only be completed if the purpose of the tax is for current expenses or current operating expenses and the resolution is by a city, local, or exempted village school district. Any amounts designated in the school district's resolution for current or future permanent improvement must be excluded in determining the school district's carry-over balance. See R.C. 5705.03(B)(2)(f).
8. Please file this certificate with the subdivision as soon as possible, so the taxing authority can pass a resolution to proceed not later than 90 days before the election.

Board of Trustees of Urbana Township, Champaign County, Ohio
Resolution Asking the Auditor to Certify

During the regular meeting of the Board of Urbana Township Trustees held Monday, April 20, 2026, a motion was made by Trustee Roger Koerner, and seconded by Trustee Blair Stinson to adopt the following Resolution to:

Request the Champaign County Auditor to provide a Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue for a NEW 4.0 mill Fire & EMS Levy for the purposes of providing and maintaining fire protection and emergency medical services in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §5705.19(I).

Whereas; the Board of Urbana Township Trustees will need to submit a new levy for Fire & EMS a Fire to be collected for a five year period of time on in TAX year(s) 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030. And that the first year of collection to be calendar year 2027.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Urbana Township Trustees requests that the County Auditor certify to the Board of the Township Trustees, the total current tax valuation and the dollar amount of revenue that will be generated by a new 4.0 mill Fire & EMS levy.

The roll call was as follows:

Matt Harrigan

Matt Harrigan, Trustee

Roger Koerner

Roger Koener, Trustee

Blair Stinson

Blair Stinson, Trustee

I hereby certify the above to be taken from the minutes of the Board of Urbana Township Trustees meeting held on Monday, April 20, 2026.

Sandra G. Perry

Sandra G. Perry,
Urbana Township Fiscal Officer

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF HILLCLIMBER SOLAR, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR A SOLAR FACILITY IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, OHIO.

CASE NO. 25-904-EL-BGN

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on May 22, 2026

{¶ 1} Hillclimber Solar, LLC (Hillclimber or Applicant) is a person as defined in R.C. 4906.01.

{¶ 2} R.C. 4906.04 provides that no person shall construct a major utility facility in the state without obtaining a certificate for the facility from the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board). In seeking a certificate, applicants must comply with the filing requirements outlined in R.C. 4906.04, as well as Ohio Adm.Code Chapters 4906-2 and 4906-4.

{¶ 3} On September 24, 2025, Hillclimber filed a pre-application notification letter with the Board regarding its proposed project.

{¶ 4} On February 9, 2026, Hillclimber filed its application (Application) with the Board for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to construct the Facility.

{¶ 5} By Entry dated April 1, 2026, the administrative law judge (ALJ) ordered that a local public hearing would be held on May 13, 2026. Additionally, the ALJ scheduled an adjudicatory hearing at the offices of the Board to commence on May 26, 2026.

{¶ 6} On May 13, 2026, the local public hearing was held in Urbana, Ohio.