

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF POLK TOWNSHIP
CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO**

**Regular Meeting
May 21st, 2025
7:00 P.M.**

The board met in a regular meeting pursuant to notice in the local newspaper and called to order at 7:02 PM. by Chairman Tom Ray. The Chairman called the roll, and the following members were present: Trustees: Tom Ray, Glenn Cheesman, and Fiscal Officer Brett Young; Absent was Russell Sellman. Also attending were Zoning Inspector Rick Jeffrey.

The minutes of the regular meeting on April 16th, 2025 were read and approved. Glenn Cheesman made a motion to accept minutes and Tom Ray seconded the motion. The roll call Vote: Glenn Cheesman and Tom Ray, 'aye'. Motion was passed.
meeting.

May Check Register

56-2025	Columbia Gas of Ohio	300.37
57-2025	Elan Financial Services	1,543.26
58-2025	Delta Dental	174.06
59-2025	Vector Security	56.40
60-2025	Truly Nolen	65.00
61-2025	City of Galion Utilities	311.65
62-2025	Willig's Tire Recycling LLC	228.75
63-2025	MedMutual Life	94.50
64-2025	Park National Bank	4,119.49
65-2025	Frontier	143.85
67-2025	OH Public Employees Deferred Comp	750.00
10367	Stacey Ferguson	85.00
10368	Crawford County Township Association	340.00
10369	City of Galion Auditor	18,331.25
10370	Crawford County Sheriff's Department	3,368.56
10371	Crawford County Engineering Dept.	2,643.44
10372	Roderick Linton Belfance, LLP	250.00
10373	John Beach	90.00
10374	Saunders Excavating	2,130.00
10375	Ryan Lee Bash	323.55
10376	Glenn Ellis Cheesman	193.38
10377	Rickey E. Jeffrey	542.39
10378	Sharon Kempf	201.43
10379	Thomas William Ray	934.02
10380	Russell Addison Sellman	934.02

10381	Brett Alan Young	1,404.10
10382	Public Employee Retirement System	1,500.81
10383	Sarah Fraser	175.00
10384	Patty Clevenger	175.00 VOID
TOTAL		41,209.28

Resolution for beginning and ending check numbers:

RESOLUTION 6-2025: Glenn Cheesman moved to accept the adoption of Resolution 6-2025 to approve the beginning Check No. 10367 as the check number following the last Check No. 10366 from the last months check register, Tom Ray seconded the motion and the roll called with the following results; Glenn Cheesman and Tom Ray voted 'Aye'. So, the resolution was adopted and the motion carried.

'2025' Galion Fire Department Run and EMS Response Report:

<u>FIRE/Ems</u>	<u>Fire/EMS</u>	<u>Mutual Aid</u>	<u>Collected</u>
January	11/25	F-0/EMS- 0	\$0
February	2/25	F-0/EMS- 0	\$0
March	12/22	F-0/EMS- 0	
April	3/15	F-0/EMS- 0	
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
EOY Total:	28/87	F-0/EMS- 0	\$0.00

'2024' Galion Fire Department Run and EMS Response Report:

<u>FIRE/Ems</u>	<u>Fire/EMS</u>	<u>Mutual Aid</u>	<u>Collected</u>
January	4/16	F-0/EMS-0	\$4,864.59
February	6/16	F-0/EMS-0	\$6,043.83
March	7/20	F-0/EMS-0	\$4,076.99
April	5/16	F-0/EMS-0	\$4,766.83
May	2/19	F-0/EMS-0	\$4,410.68
June	6/25	F-0/EMS-0	\$3,462.48
July	5/14	F-2/EMS-0	\$4,155.21
August	6/14	F-5/EMS-0	\$1,763.06

September	6/11	F-3/EMS-0	\$1,032.37
October	11/29	F-0/EMS-0	\$637.64
November	7/24	F-0/EMS-0	\$3,062.89
December	5/24	F-0/EMS-0	\$0
EOY Total:	70/228	F-0/EMS- 0	\$38,076.57

Galion millage for fire is .39% and 50%=.89% total.

EMS calls are about .60% and the Fire .40%.

CITIZENS REQUEST/COMPLAINTS:

Guest:

Dan & Rachel Akers (260 Chevy Chase Dr) – Came into address an old item of business from May 15, 2024 about animals on their property. Owners state that they never received an answer or any information of that since the meeting. Recently, they received a certified letter explaining that they needed to resolve the issue or they would be fined. Owners stated that they are requesting copies (2) of the minutes from the May 15th, 2024 meeting. They would like those sent by certified mail as well (Brett will handle sending the minutes to them). Second, owners are requesting an appeal in writing for the issue. Discussion amongst trustees and owners commenced about situation and appeal process. Township officials stated that the Zoning Board of Appeal application that the owners filled out doesn't relate to the issue; therefore, there is no ability to appeal the issue. Owners stated that they wanted put into the minutes that their right to appeal was denied. Trustees once again stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals application deals with issues in building items (Fences, buildings or homes) not what this issue in which they are dealing with. Brett mentioned to owners that the minutes are available online if they would like to view them, but he could send them copies if they wanted. Owners stated that they would like them sent still. Discussion amongst Zoning Board of Appeal application commenced some more. Owners stated that they would like to file another complaint against the Zoning Inspector as they did last year, as well as, an investigation into his knowledge of subject matter with the zoning laws and regulations. Discussion amongst topic commenced. Trustees mentioned that the Zoning Inspector follows what they tell him to do and everything in writing which is set by the Zoning Board. The Trustees thanked the owners for their time.

John Peifer (6214 Monnett New Winchester Rd) Owner wanted a Culvert in front of his property on SR 309. Trustees explained that since the property is on a State Highway he would have to contact the State (ODOT) for further help on the issue. Owner had an additional question in regards to a tiny home. Trustees explained that the minimum sq ft for any new build is 1600.

Ray Trudeau (1105 Fairview Rd) He started by thanking the Trustees for dipping the ditch and mentioned it has helped a bit, he is worried about the water running from the north across the

road and back down into the field. Discussion ensued about what to do and what is happening. Owner stated he would like to know if he could split the cost of dipping the north side of the ditch. Trustees mentioned about that they will look at the area again and see if there is anything that they can do. Trustees stated that they can't be dipping all ditching just to benefit farms, that the main purpose would be to protect the roads. The owner understood and discussion was done.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

OTA Legislative Alert:

Brett gave an update on Legislature and Bills that are in hearings

Senate Joint Resolution 40: Public Works Improvement Program. Increases funding by \$50 Million to \$250 Million was approved on May 6th.

HB 28: Elimination of Replacement Levies: This eliminates the use of replacement levies by any political subdivisions.

HB 113: Regarding Annexation and Financial Disclosures: changes the process and procedures under which Type II annexation occur.

HB 96: State Operating Budget: House Finance Committee Passed and Ohio House Passed.

Two proposed Constitutional Amendments in works:

- 1) Ban on all Property Tax in the State
- 2) Eliminate qualified Immunity – Police Officers and other Government Employees.

ZONING: Zoning Inspector (Rick Jeffrey) Report April 2025/May 2025

- 4/25** Call from Marlin about 540 Brookview Dr; wanted to know if it was a buildable lot. (315-694-1131)
- 4/27** Call from Jacob McMillen @ 6170 Crawford/Morrow Line Rd about a neighbor complaining that involved the Sheriff's and Rick stated it was a civil issue.
- 4/28** Call from Nate Harding @ 952 S. Market St (719-237-3904) about building a pole barn.
- 4/30** Call from Jeff Bessinger (419-563-5980) wanted to know about having livestock; told

him no he is not allowed.

5/6 Call from Lori Hernandez about splitting lots & farm animals-7.5 acres on SR602 (909-525-6101)

5/9 Mailed Certified letter to Dan Akers @ 260 Chevy Chase Dr in regards to the zoning violation according to our zoning ordinances..

5/10 Spoke with Seth Williams @ 5641 St. Rt 19 about keeping yard mowed

Issued Permit #00066 to Michael Lantz on Millsboro Rd for a room addition pd \$50 Cash.

5/12 Call from Tammy Adkins Realty about 0 Bennett Dr (614-735-8375)

Call from Megan Kelly about 0 Bennett Dr (419-632-5014); Left Message

Call from Tony Woods (719-237-7479) about 7 acres on Crawford Morrow Line Rd; wanted to know about building a second home on it; I told her she would have to contact the County Auditor's Office for that.

5/14 Call from Jerika Young @ Sluss Realty about 0 Bennett Dr.

Called Tiara about fence permit; 6' privacy fence along driveway @ 6170 Crawford Morrow Line Rd.

Rick mentioned that he once again has talked to Brammer about his property and explained all the issues with what's going on.

Glenn mentioned that the property on Biddle must be getting cleaned up because there is a dumpster out front now.

PROPERTIES IN NONCOMPLIANCE AFTER POSTING:

- ***Penn property on SR309.***
- ***Rufus property on SR 19***
- ***Nickler property on Hosford Rd.***
- ***Aller Property on SR 19***
- ***Tucker Property Iberia Rd***
- ***Brammer Property on Greenbrier/Chiswick***
- ***Akers Property on Chevy Chase***

Zoning Board Meeting Update: Meets every 2nd Monday of each quarter at 6:30 PM unless meeting is changed and advertised in the newspaper.

There being no further zoning business, the chair called for the consideration of old business.

Fraud Training still needs to be completed by Marty Faulds and Jeff Zeisler. Brett mentioned that he has not received anything from those two yet.

Jefferson Twp Agreement- Agreement can't be found. Trustees state that they thought they signed it. Brett mentioned that he was unable to find it nor was he giving a copy. Tom mentioned about contacting Jefferson and getting the agreement again. Contact was made with a Trustee from Jefferson and they will sign another agreement and give it to us. Once the agreement is received from Jefferson, Trustees will approve and sign agreement next meeting.

Breaker Update: Tom mentioned that he let Thomas electric in, but hasn't heard of what the outcome was. Brett mentioned he would reach out to Thomas Electric and find out what is going on.

There being no further old business, the chair called for the consideration of new business:

Culvert Replacement on County Line Rd West of 97 – Glenn Cheesman made a motion to approve the agreement for the County to perform the work of the Culver; Tom Ray seconded the motion; On Vote Glenn Cheesman and Tom Ray voted “aye”. Motion passed.

Audit Agreement – Brett mentioned that Tom needed to sign paperwork and he would send it back in. Once approved, the Audit will be released and we will be able to discuss and talk about it.

Meeting @ Commissioners Officer on June 6th, 2025 @ 2PM in Crawford County Courthouse-Lower Level Conference Room in discussion about Proposed Restrictions (50 Watt and larger solar facilities). Brett mentioned this is in reference to the what Commissioner Price was taking about at our meeting a couple months ago. Glenn mentioned that he was going to attend the meeting.

SLFRF Report was filled on April 25th.

Birds in Building – Brett mentioned that there has been birds in the building. Brett mentioned that he spoke to Ryan about it last year but he believes we didn't have a ladder tall enough to reach the nest. There is a nest in the NorthEast corner by the Office. Brett feels they are getting through the HVAC system and into Building. Brett mentioned he has a ladder and that he will get ahold of Ryan to possibly get the issue resolved.

ROAD REPORT:

Glenn: Mentioned about potholes on Knorr Rd.;

Russell: ABSENT

Tom: Asked if Ryan needed anymore patch and he said not yet but soon; The mower is acting funny and not working properly, supposedly the controls are backwards from when the did the last update. Tom mentioned that he would get ahold of MowerMax about the Issue and he'll ask about another key.

The trustee certified that there was money in the funds to pay the bills.

MOTION: Glenn Cheesman moved the motion to pay the township bills and Tom Ray seconded the motion, on vote: Glenn Cheesman and Tom Ray “aye”, motion carried.

There being no further business, Motion to adjourn meeting by Glenn Cheesman, 2nd by Tom Ray. On vote Glenn Cheesman and Tom Ray, “aye”. Motion carried.

Adjourned @ 19:58.

Chairman Tom Ray: _____

V-C Glenn Cheesman: _____

Trustee: Russell Sellman: _____

Attest: _____

Next meeting: June 18th, 2025