

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

**Regular Meeting  
March 19th, 2025  
7:00 P.M.**

The board met in a regular meeting pursuant to notice in the local newspaper and called to order at 7:04 PM. by Chairman Tom Ray. The Chairman called the roll, and the following members were present: Trustees: Tom Ray, Russell Sellman and Fiscal Officer Brett Young. Absent - Glenn Cheesman. Also attending were Zoning Inspector Rick Jeffrey; Visitors: Steve Ries, Jeannie Tucker, Ray Trudeau and Jeff Price.

The minutes of the regular meeting on February 19th, 2025 were read and approved. Russell Sellman made a motion to accept minutes and Tom Ray seconded the motion. The roll call Vote: Russell Sellman, and Tom Ray, 'aye'. Motion was passed.  
meeting.

The minutes of the special meeting on March 10th, 2025 were read and approved. Russell Sellman made a motion to accept minutes and Tom Ray seconded the motion. The roll call Vote: Russell Sellman, and Tom Ray, 'aye'. Motion was passed.

**March Check Register**

26-2025	Elan Financial Services	381.24
27-2025	Columbia Gas of Ohio	685.45
28-2025	Truly Nolen	65.00
29-2025	United Bank	2,404.99
29-2025	Refund-United Bank	-115.72
30-2025	City of Galion Utilities	454.39
31-2025	MedMutual Life	94.50
32-2025	Vector Security	56.40
35-2025	Park National Bank	4,119.49
36-2025	Frontier	143.77
37-2025	OH Public Employees Deferred Comp	750.00
40-2025	Rita Income, Tax(Galion City Tax)	4.64
41-2025	Treasurer of State of Ohio	280.86
42-2025	Department of Taxation – School District	7.54
10329	Skipped Warrants 10329 to 10329	0.00
10330	Ryan Lee Bash	199.64
10331	Lejagn E. Berry	371.17
10332	Glenn Ellis Cheesman	193.38
10333	Kevin Furr	557.93
10334	Rickey E. Jeffrey	542.39

10335	Thomas William Ray	934.02
10336	Russell Addison Sellman	934.02
10337	Sharon Kempf	201.43
10338	Brett Alan Young	1,404.10
10339	Rinehart, Walters, Danner Insurance	7,006.00
10340	Gledhill Road Machinery	1,464.53
10341	Cole Distributing, INC	587.21
10342	Bucyrus Road Materials	396.25
10343	Huntsman Trucking	201.44
10344	Keller Auto Parts	256.10
10345	Crawford County Engineering Dept.	1,632.42
10346	Stacey Ferguson	85.00
10347	City of Galion Auditor	18,331.25
10348	Municipal Court	148.50
10349	Polk Township	3.00
10350	Public Employee Retirement System	1,764.33
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>46,546.66</b>

**Resolution for Transfer of Funds:**

**Resolution: 3-2025:** Russell Sellman moved the adoption of resolution 3-2025 to approve the transfer of funds from:

**1000-110-330-000 to 1000-110-380-000 for \$750**

**2021-330-323-000 to 2021-330-380-000 for \$1,500**

**For insurance and bonding for the 2025 year. Tom Ray seconded the motion. The roll call Vote: Russell Sellman, and Tom Ray, ‘aye’. Motion was passed.**

**Resolution for beginning and ending check numbers:**

**RESOLUTION 4-2025:** Russell Sellman moved to accept the adoption of Resolution 4-2025 to approve the beginning Check No. 10329 as the check number following the last Check No. 10328 from the last months check register, Tom Ray seconded the motion and the roll called with the following results; Russell Sellman and Tom Ray voted ‘Aye’. So, the resolution was adopted and the motion carried.

**‘2025’ Galion Fire Department Run and EMS Response Report:**

<b><u>FIRE/Ems</u></b>	<b><u>Fire/EMS</u></b>	<b><u>Mutual Aid</u></b>	<b><u>Collected</u></b>
<i>January</i>	<i>11/25</i>	<i>F-0/EMS- 0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>2/25</i>	<i>F-0/EMS- 0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<i>March</i>			
<i>April</i>			
<i>May</i>			
<i>June</i>			

July  
August  
September  
October  
November  
December

---

**EOY Total:**                      **13/50**                      **F-0/EMS- 0**    **\$0.00**

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

<b><u>FIRE/Ems</u></b>	<b><u>Fire/EMS</u></b>	<b><u>Mutual Aid</u></b>	<b><u>Collected</u></b>
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
<b>EOY Total:</b>	<b>70/228</b>	<b>F-0/EMS- 0</b>	<b>\$38,076.57</b>

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

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

**CITIZENS REQUEST/COMPLAINTS:**

**Guest:**

Steve Ries is the Brother in law of Jeanie Tucker who owns the Iberia Road property. He states that he has tried to cleanup the property now that he knows about the situation. He is asking for additional time to help with cleanup and removal of equipment on the property to get it in compliance. Trustees stated that since that there is progress they won't go after the fine on the property. Steve stated he wanted some guidance on what needs done and what can be done with burning. Trustees stated to contact the fire department for burning regulations and as long as there is progress, then the trustees would be willing to work with the property owners. Russell mentioned about getting his number to Steve as a contact point.

Jeff Price in one of the County Commissioners wanted to inform about blocking Senate Bill 52 that deals with Solar Fields. He mentioned that if Townships want to be excluded to provide notice. Trustees mentioned that the Township already has a Resolution pertaining to both Solar and Wind, so we already have limitations. He mentioned if there was anything else that the Commissioners needed to be aware of and the Trustees stated not at this time.

Ray Trudeau (1105 Fairview Ave) gave an update on the properties that he has listed around Knorr Rd and Elmwood Dr. He stated that there is a total of 8 new homes in total that are being built of which 6 are in Polk Township. The NE home property has a draining issue that is flooding out a farmer's land on the SouthWest corner of the property. Ray is worried that the farmer will have to double and triple plant because of this issue. Trustees mentioned about getting out there and looking at it and possibly get the county involved to see about possible solutions. Trustees will be back in contact with Ray on possible solutions.

Ryan mentioned about getting a larger load of patch fill and placing it in the empty bay by the Salt Bay. Tom mentioned that he can look at getting ahold of Mitchell's and seeing what the cost would be for a larger load. He also mentioned about the Bee situation that we have as well, but he is able to work around them currently. Russell mentioned about a few small holes on Iberia Rd that need filled. Russell also mentioned about getting with the Paver about doing it earlier because the last bit of Iberia Road that they paved in October is not doing well and holding up good. Tom mentioned that he would mention it again and get it handled. Ryan also brought up about the needing of street signs. Tom mentioned about getting the list together and getting it to the County Engineer's office for pricing.

### **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Brett mentioned about a letter/email received from David Naysmith and his company Mid-Ohio Cemetery Services and their services. Trustees mentioned that we don't have any within the Township besides Private ones.

Brett mentioned about a Facebook message from a lady who was wondering about a location for a Cemetery on Biddle. Trustees mentioned that they don't know of any Cemetery location on Biddle beside the one in Jefferson Township.

Brett mentioned about a lady named Mary who owns and operates a Food Truck. She was wondering if she could park her Truck in the lot a couple days a week. Trustees mentioned about what liabilities that we would have with her Truck being on the lot. Trustees mentioned about checking in on it.

**Complaints:** Received a complaint from Khristie Cox (419-566-3162) about vehicles flying up and down on Cherrington. She wanted to know if the township could put speed bumps similar to the park. Trustees stated that they couldn't because of the plow trucks but she should continue to

contact the Sheriff's Office.

### **OTA Legislative Alert:**

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

**Township Omnibus Bill (315)** – becomes effective April 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are a lot of benefits to this bill for the Township.

**Senate Joint Resolution 40:** Public Works Improvement Program. Going for voter approval on May 6<sup>th</sup>, Vote Yes

**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.

### **ZONING:** Zoning Inspector (Rick Jeffrey) Report February 2025/March 2025

Mentioned about the US Census Bureau's Report needing done and asking for some help. Trustees gave input.

2/19 Called Jeff Zeisler about Fruad Training

2/21 Called Eugenia Tucker left voicemail on Larry's phone

2/22 Call from Larry about 1050 Iberia Rd-Tucker Property told him they have 30 days to get it in compliance or Township will impose a \$100 day fine.

2/24 Call from Amy Reem from Huge Realty about 540 Brookview Dr. that if it was buildable. Rick mentioned to Realty that there is a variance on the lot.

2/28 Call from Reece Walker about property on Biddle Rd. He wanted to know to know if he could build a Barndominium on it. Rick stated that there is a certain amount of living area and that it can't be a one room house (1600 sq ft) 419-512-6062.

3/3 Call from Justin McDaniels about property he is building on. He is getting deployed so Rick told him to wait until he gets back.

Called John Pfeifer about title on 309 State. It is a State problem.

3/10 Called Troy Smith (614-506-1193) @ 6279 Glade Ave about drivewat Culvert replacement. Told him minimum 10" double wall with 22' Driveway. Suggested talking to Sauder's Excavating.

**3/12 Issued Permit #00062 to Zane Ekin @ 561 Laughbaum Dr. for a 12x24 Accessory Building. CK #328.**

**Emailed permits to Auditor**

**3/17 Called Ken Tanner @ 506 St Rt 97 about demolition of a garage(from a fire). Stated it was \$150 Demo permit fee. 419-564-8787**

**Called Tom Gaverick 419-566-3820 about question's about address plaque as well as well & Septic permit as well.**

**Rick mentioned that he forgot to call Brammer about his property but he will look into doing in soon. Trustees mentioned that he moved the boats from the front to the back. Trustees mentioned to say on him about it. Russell mentioned about Chevy Chase property will their excessive amount of animals. He stated that looked like their were building a rabbit cage. Rick mentioned about getting help when meeting out there. Russell stated that they should get the Sheriff's Office involved and deliver a letter to them. Jeff Price mentioned about getting the Health Department involved as well. Russell agreed about looking into that, but Rick mentioned that they were pets. Trustees mentioned about getting both Health Department and Sheriff's office both involved when he goes out. Rick mentioned about getting information to Jeff Price and seeing if he can get ahold of someone for him.**

***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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 completed by Marty Faulds and Jeff Zeisler.

Jefferson Twp road Agreement – Revisited Topic next meeting (April) to make sure Glenn is ok with it.

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

Bees in Salt shed. Price mentioned that Chris Heydinger is a local guy that might be able to help. (419-562-5771 ext 1144). Brett mentioned that he would make contact and trying to get issue resolved.

Brett mentioned about Ethics issue with Employee working on Trucks. Brett gave an update and opinion from the Ethics Board and Commission. It stated that it prohibits a township employee from selling services to the township. The exclusion was if the employee was doing business with the Township prior to being hired, then it would be allowed. Tom mentioned that we will have Gledhill fix the issue.

Sunrise Fuel – Brett spoke to Scott from Sunrise. The Township currently has an account with them and that the current price is \$3.19 and currently we are paying \$2.95 with Cole's. Trustees stated that we should stay with Cole's since the price is better, but to keep up with Cole's to make sure that the tank is full.

Brett mentioned that the breaker that was just replaced was tripped again. Brett mentioned that there are coming in for yearly service for the generator and that he can mentioned it then when they come.

**ROAD REPORT:**

**Glenn: Absent**

**Russell: ODOT (Railroad St) state will fill in a bit more. Mentioned about Countyline Rd ditches being dug out a bit to help with the water runoff. Tom mentioned that he will look at it when driving around and come up with possible solutions to the issue before being paved.**

**Tom: Nothing just patching.**

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

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

**There being no further business, Motion to adjourn meeting by Russell Sellman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Ray. On vote Russell Sellman and Tom Ray, “aye”. Motion carried.**

**Adjourned @ 20:03.**

**Chairman Tom Ray:** \_\_\_\_\_

**V-C Glenn Cheesman:**          Absent    

**Trustee: Russell Sellman:**      \_\_\_\_\_

**Attest:**      \_\_\_\_\_

**Next meeting: April 16th, 2025**