

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

**Regular Meeting
August 19th, 2026
7:00 P.M.**

The board met in a regular meeting pursuant to notice in the local newspaper and called to order at 7:00 PM. By Chairman Tom Ray. The Chairman called the roll, and the following members were present: Trustees: Tom Ray and Glenn Cheesman; Fiscal Officer- Brett Young; Russell Sellman – absent. Also attending were Zoning Inspector - Rick Jeffrey; Guest: Jeff Pennington.

The minutes of the regular meeting on June 17th and July 15th were moved to September Meeting due to appropriate members not present.

August Check Register

87-2026	Columbia Gas of Ohio	192.24
88-2026	Vector Security	61.89
89-2026	Delta Dental	276.24
90-2026	MedMutual Life	94.50
91-2026	Park National Bank	4,119.49
92-2026	City of Galion Utility Office	469.97
93-2026	Frontier	144.89
95-2026	OH Deferred Comp	750.00
96-2026	Truly Nolen	65.00
10635	Brett Young	360.00 Voided
10636	A Cut Above Tree Service	1,450.00
10637	Santmyer	233.89
10638	Keller Auto Parts, INC	320.83
10639	Stacey Ferguson	85.00
10640	Arnold's :andscaping & Gardening Center	875.00
10641	City of Galion, Auditor	18,331.25
10642	20/20 Enterprises. Inc	18,687.33
10643	John Beach	175.00
10644	Ryan Lee Bash	458.73
10645	Glenn Cheesman	300.62
10646	Ricky Jeffrey	561.04
10647	Sharon Kempf	276.59
10648	Thomas Ray	1,071.81
10649	Russell Sellman	1,071.81
10650	Brett Young	1,601.29
10651	Public Employee Retirement System	1,764.00

10652	National Lime & Stone	924.00
10653	Estela Bravo Vasquez	125.00
10654	Sabrina Ranch	150.00
Total Payments		\$54,278.01

Resolution for Beginning and Ending Checks

RESOLUTION 12-2026

Glenn Cheesman moved to accept the adoption of Resolution 12-2026 to approve the beginning Check No. 10636 as the check number following the last Check No. 10620 from the last months check register, Tom Ray seconded the motion and the roll called with the following results; Tom Ray and Glenn Cheesman voted 'Aye'. So, the resolution was adopted and the motion carried.

'2026' Galion Fire Department Run and EMS Response Report:

<u><i>FIRE/Ems</i></u>	<u><i>Fire/EMS</i></u>	<u><i>Mutual Aid</i></u>	<u><i>Collected</i></u>
<i>January</i>	<i>4/17</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$3,667.19</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>4/8</i>	<i>F-2/EMS-4</i>	<i>\$4,165.97</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>13/16</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$2,779.67</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>4/10</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$1,870.77</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>3/18</i>	<i>F-2/EMS-1</i>	<i>\$3,294.40</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>7/21</i>	<i>F-2/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$4,923.25</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>5/21</i>	<i>F-1/EMS-1</i>	<i>\$2,161.87</i>
<i>August</i>			
<i>September</i>			
<i>October</i>			
<i>November</i>			
<i>December</i>			
<i>EOY Total:</i>	<i>40/102</i>	<i>F-7/EMS-6</i>	<i>\$22,863.72</i>

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

<u><i>FIRE/Ems</i></u>	<u><i>Fire/EMS</i></u>	<u><i>Mutual Aid</i></u>	<u><i>Collected</i></u>
<i>January</i>	<i>11/25</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$ 3,812.06</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>2/25</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$ 749.79</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>12/22</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$ 5,481.32</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>3/15</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$ 4,183.96</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>6/17</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$ 3,826.37</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>9/20</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$ 4,116.37</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>3/20</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$ 3,360.03</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>8/17</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$ 5,801.45</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>5/19</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$ 2,206.05</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>8/18</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$ 4,244.65</i>

<i>November</i>	<i>5/13</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$ 5,197.84</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>4/15</i>	<i>F-1/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$ 4,567.28</i>
<i>EOY Total:</i>	<i>76/226</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$47,547.17</i>

*Galion millage for fire is .39% and 50%=.89% total.
EMS calls are about 60% and the Fire 40%*

GUEST: Jeff Pennington(Galion Fire Chief) 344 Garverick Ct Galion

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:

Complaints: 7809 Reed Road Broken Window(Robert Bishop 419-561-7849) – Trustees stated they are moving on from this. They don’t believe that we had any involvement nor any response back from home owner; Troy (Glade Ave) Drainage Issues – Saunders stopped out and found nothing. Bennett – Saunders is stopping out to investigate issue.

Miscellaneous:

OTA Legislative Alert:

Dewine announces \$72 Million to Upgrade Roadway Safety

No Update on Laws/Bills

Zoning: Zoning Inspector (Rick Jeffrey) Report July 2026/August 2026

Permits: #00098 Michelle Ashbough (1165 Knorr Rd); Pond \$75 Cash
#00099 Matthew Muchler(705 Jackson Rd); Barn \$75 CK#1552
#00100 Sandra Ferina (350 Evans Dr); Demo/House \$250
CK#28140
#00101 Tom Garverick(1114 Knorr Rd); Acc. Building \$50 Cash

7/29: Call from Michelle Neumeyer an appraiser about 595 Biddle Rd; She wanted to know how the property was zoned; Called 8/4 and left voicemail

7/31: Call from 89 homes about 350 Evans Dr (330-641-3123); Explained needed a demo permit and new permit for house

8/3: Issued permit #00098 to Michelle Ashbough @1165 Knorr Rd for pond \$75 pd Cash

Issued permit #00099 to Matthew Muchler @ 705 Jackson Rd for 40x43 Pole Barn pd \$75 CK#1552

8/4: Called Chad @ 89 Homes about 350 Evans Dr. Told him needed demo permit & house permit for house

8/10: Call from Hillary Syfe (910-523-0735); 8/12 Called Back

8/11: Issued Permit #00100 to Sandra Ferina @ 350 Evans Dr for house and Demo Permit pd \$275 CK#28140

Issued Permit #00101 to Tom Garverick @ 114 Knorr Rd for 24x25 Acc. Building pd \$50 Cash

Call from Ray from Ion Solar (801-854-7447)

8/12: Called Margret Ditwyler from Clayton Homes about Modular Home (614-716-9305)

8/13: Text from Justin McDaniels on Redding Rd (419-569-4383)

8/18: Met with Gary and Bill about ditch tile and told them 10" Dbl Wall pipe & 2/3 Drops on South Side of Driveway; Probably more like 4 Drops/ Bill

8/19: Call from Betty a lender has questions about property in Polk Twp (480-631-8142) non working; will check #again

Called Jesse Toler about 595 Biddle Rd-1/2 acre wants to park garbage trucks and dumpsters/commercial so no (419-569-1020)

PROPERTIES IN NONCOMPLIANCE AFTER POSTING:

- ***Penn property on SR309.***
- ***Nickler property on Hosford Rd.***
- ***Brammer Property on Greenbrier/Chiswick***
- ***Brandt Road Property - fence on property***
- ***Biddle/County Line – Trucks and other things***
- ***6175 Brandt Rd. – Fence Property***

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

Issue 2, Round 41 Grant: Needs approved and signed; Roads are Westmoor and Laughbaum; Countyline was removed due to amount of applicants. Motion to

approve Issue 2 Grant by Glenn Cheesmen, 2nd by Tom Ray. On Vote: Tom Ray and Glenn Cheesman voted 'Aye'. So Motion Passed.

Salt Bin Roof: Work was completed week of August 8th; waiting on Bill then submit to Insurance for Reimbursement.

Ray Trudeau Variance – Scheduled for June 24th 1030 @ Commissioners Office **(Update)** – No update given.

Letter and Resolution from Schrader: Resolution 13-2026 imposing a 6-month moratorium in regards to data centers. Brett explained that according to the paperwork from AI, this is to impose a ban on Data Centers in the township for 6-months. Glenn made a motion to approve Resolution 13-2026 "Data Center Ban", 2nd by Tom Ray. On vote: Glenn Cheesman and Tom Ray vote 'Aye'; retroactive to July 15, 2026.

POLK TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2026

**RESOLUTION TO IMPOSE SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM
ON ZONING PERMITS FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF DATA CENTERS**

Motion made by Glenn Cheesman; Seconded by Tom Ray

WHEREAS, data centers have recently been proposed in neighboring communities to Polk Township; and

WHEREAS, data centers impact the community in numerous ways including substantial uses of electricity and water services; and

WHEREAS, data centers affect the population of Polk Township; and

WHEREAS, the Polk Township Board of Trustees and zoning authorities need time to review the Polk Township Zoning Resolution in order to best regulate data center uses in Polk Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Polk Township Board of Trustees:

1. The Polk Township Board of Trustees impose a moratorium on the issuance of any zoning permits for the establishment of any data centers anywhere in Polk Township for a period of six (6) months commencing the date that this resolution is passed, and ending six (6) months thereafter on or about January 8, 2027. During this time the Board of Trustees and the zoning authorities will study the issue of data centers and determine whether any changes are required to the zoning resolution of Polk Township, Crawford County, Ohio.
4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Polk Township Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an

open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board resulted in such formal action, were in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Upon roll call on the adoption of the Resolution, the vote was as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Glenn Cheeseman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Tom Ray	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Rusty Sellman	Absent	<u> </u>

ADOPTED this 19th day of August, 2026.

Board of Trustees
Polk Township
Crawford County, Ohio

FISCAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution duly passed by this Board of Trustees in session this 19th day of August, 2026 and filed with the Polk Township Fiscal Officer.

Brett Young
Polk Township Fiscal Officer

Resolution 13-2026 is adopted.

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

CCTA Meeting: August 26th @ 6pm; Doors Open at 530pm

Crawford Soil and Water Meeting is scheduled on August 19th.

Hearing on Thatcher Ditch: August 20th @ 11am in Commissioner's Office; Brett gave the information to Trustees. Trustees stated this is done every so often to help with water flow.

BWC Audit: Brett conducted a BWC audit for the Township; Findings were presented and Township was in compliance and no findings were reported. Form was signed and returned to the Auditor.

Audit: Audit is being done for 2024/2025. Auditor took records, paperwork and information to complete.

No new business at this time

ROAD REPORT:

Glenn: Issue 2 Chevy Chase is done; Driveway issue, Bucyrus Road Material placed gravel to smooth out, but only so much they can do. Beck Road Chip/sealed. Get a Quote for Sealing Blacktop @ Township Hall.

Tom: Alayne Ave and Cherrington work is supposed to start next week.

Russell: Absent

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

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

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

Adjourned @ 19:59.

Chairman Tom Ray: _____

V-C Glenn Cheesman: _____

Trustee: Russell Sellman: _____ Absent _____

Attest: _____

Next meeting: September 16th, 2026