

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

**Regular Meeting  
March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
7:00 P.M.**

The board met in a regular meeting pursuant to notice in the local newspaper and called to order at 7:05 PM. by Chairman Tom Ray. The Chairman called the roll, and the following members were present: Trustees: Tom Ray and Russell Sellman; Fiscal Officer -Brett Young. Absent- Glenn Cheesman. Also attending were Zoning Inspector - Rick Jeffrey; Guest: Steven Hodges (2182 St Rt 19, Bucyrus, OH 44820), Mike Cullen (9386 Co. Rd. 50, Mansfield, OH) and Kane Wagner (1355 Biddle Rd, Galion, OH 44833).

The minutes of the regular meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 and February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 were pushed to next meeting due to members not present to pass.

**March Check Register**

24-2026	Columbia Gas of Ohio	1,121.19
25-2026	Elan Financial Services	539.92
26-2026	Delta Dental	276.24
27-2026	Vector Security	65.72
28-2026	City of Galion Utility Office	436.45
29-2026	MedMutual Life	94.50
30-2026	Park National Bank	4,119.49
31-2026	Frontier	144.53
33-2026	OH Deferred Comp	750.00
34-2026	Department of Taxation – School District	7.98
35-2026	Treasurer of State of Ohio	449.14
36-2026	RITA Income Tax (Galion CityTax)	6.84
37-2026	Truly Nolen	65.00
10550	Carri Vaughn	175.00
10551	Chaylse Gayheart	175.00
10552	City of Galion, Auditor	18,331.25
10553	Fox Plumbing Heating INC	3,441.70
10554	Crawford County Engineering Dept	928.97
10555	Stacey Ferguson	85.00
10556	Rinehart, Walters, Danner Insurance	7,456.00
10557	Santmyer	1,227.50
10558	Crawford County Recorders Office	79.00
10559	Crawford County Auditor	1.00
10560	Crawford County Commissioners	1.48
10561	Ryan Bash	53.41

10562	Glenn Cheesman	299.84
10563	Kevin Furr	85.90
10564	Ricky Jeffrey	559.90
10565	Sharon Kempf	236.85
10566	Thomas Ray	1,069.65
10567	Russell Sellman	1,069.65
10568	Brett Young	1,658.97
10569	Public Employee Retirement System	1,662.48
10570	Internal Revenue Service	1,380.46
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>\$48,056.01</b>

**Resolution for Transfer of Funds**

**RESOLUTION 5-2026:** Russell Sellman moved the adoption of 5-2026 to Transfer Funds from 110-110-599-0000 to 110-110-223-0000 for \$1,025 for Dental Premium Payments. Tom Ray seconded the motion and the roll called with the following results; Tom Ray and Russell Sellman voted ‘Aye.’ So, the resolution was adopted and motion carried.

**Resolution for Beginning and Ending Checks**

**RESOLUTION 6-2026**

Russell Sellman moved to accept the adoption of Resolution 6-2026 to approve the beginning Check No. 10550 as the check number following the last Check No. 10549 from the last months check register, Tom Ray seconded the motion and the roll called with the following results; Tom Ray and Russell Sellman voted ‘Aye’. So, the resolution was adopted and the motion carried.

**‘2026’ Galion Fire Department Run and EMS Response Report:**

<u>FIRE/Ems</u>	<u>Fire/EMS</u>	<u>Mutual Aid</u>	<u>Collected</u>
January	4/17	F-0/EMS-0	\$3,667.19
February	4/8	F-0/EMS-4	
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			

**EOY Total:**                    8/25                                    F-0/EMS-4    \$3,667.79

**'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>
January	11/25	F-0/EMS-0	\$ 3,812.06
February	2/25	F-0/EMS-0	\$ 749.79
March	12/22	F-0/EMS-0	\$ 5,481.32
April	3/15	F-0/EMS-0	\$ 4,183.96
May	6/17	F-0/EMS-0	\$ 3,826.37
June	9/20	F-0/EMS-0	\$ 4,116.37
July	3/20	F-0/EMS-0	\$ 3,360.03
August	8/17	F-0/EMS-0	\$ 5,801.45
September	5/19	F-0/EMS-0	\$ 2,206.05
October	8/18	F-0/EMS-0	\$ 4,244.65
November	5/13	F-0/EMS-0	\$ 5,197.84
December	4/15	F-1/EMS-0	\$ 4,567.28
<b>EOY Total:</b>	<b>76/226</b>	<b>F-0/EMS-0</b>	<b>\$47,547.17</b>

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

**GUEST:** Steven Hodges (2182 SR 19, Galion, OH) Gospel Baptist Church wanted to receive information in regards to changing the back building from residential to commercial. Spoke to Rick and Trustees, they stated that they would have to file for a variance with the Board and get it approved through them. Rick stated he would get the paperwork and get ahold of the Chairman to let them know a variance application is coming.

**Kane Wagner (1355 Biddle Rd) Wanted to know about tile in yard requirements and if someone could look at the Culvert that's near the roadwork. Its starting to fall apart and the washout rocks and going away. Trustees stated that would have someone out and look at it.**

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:**  
**Complaints: Potholes out of Jackson and County Line Rd.**

**Miscellaneous:**

**OTA Legislative Alert:**  
**Legislation in Committee**

**HB 646: Data Centers** (Click, Deeter) - The House Technology & Innovation committee held its third hearing on HB 646 earlier this week. The committee adopted a substitute bill that included an OTA request to include a township representative on the Study Commission. The goal of the Commission would be to study the effects of data centers in the state of Ohio. The committee reported out the bill, and it now awaits a full House vote. **The OTA supports this legislation.**

**HB 592: Municipal Incorporation** (Thomas, D., Mathews, A.) - HB 592 changes the law on incorporation of a township. The legislation decreases the population threshold from 25,000 to 5,000 and eliminates the requirement to obtain approval from all existing cities and villages within three miles. HB 592 had its second hearing in the House Local Government Committee. An amendment was adopted that would allow a board of township trustees to adopt a resolution to place the question of incorporation on the ballot.

**HB 314: Public Record Requests** (Isaacsohn, Ray) - The House Judiciary committee held its third hearing on HB 314. HB 314 makes changes to public records laws that would allow a court order to deny a public records request that are deemed intended to harass or disrupt the functions of the office.

**SB 340: Traffic Cameras** (Patton) - The Senate Local Government Committee held its second hearing on SB 340. SB 340 would allow a municipality to ask its voters to approve the use of traffic cameras within its jurisdiction. If your township would like parity, and have the ability to ask the voters for the approval to use traffic cameras, please contact OTA Director of Governmental Affairs, Kyle A. Brooks, at [brooks@ohiotownships.org](mailto:brooks@ohiotownships.org).

## **Zoning: Zoning Inspector (Rick Jeffrey) Report February 2026/March 2026**

**Permits: #00083 Austin Johnson 1357 St Rt 602; Fence Permit \$100 CASH  
#00084 Herbert Cox Cherington Dr; Pool Permit \$50 CASH**

**2/20: Call from Kevin Frye @ 577 Biddle Rd; Wants Shed/Garage Info**

**Jason Mitchell 9.73 acres @1238 Biddle Rd, called about 12x40  
Accessory Building \$100 425-404-9944**

**2/27: Call from Don Baker @ Baker Surveying about 7610 St Rt 309- 122  
acres wanted to know about splitting into 3 parcels. 330-674-4788;  
Emailed [Bakerssurveying@gmail.com](mailto:Bakerssurveying@gmail.com)**

**Call from Mike Anderson 1861 Alayne Ave; wants to build Garage for  
his truck. ½ acre lot, pole barn. Told him no. (419)571-1861**

**3/9: Fence Permit #00083 Austin Johnson, 1357 St Rt 602, \$100 Cash**

**3/10: Called Erin Miller about 165 acres farm on 309. 330-473-7359; Wants to  
possible split into 3 parcels, 1-90.6, 2-50.7 and 3-24 acres each.**

**Call from John Brady, 419-961-3902, about 2 acres on county line rd**

**(Home x 30x30 Shop); wanted to know if he could use shop for a cabinet shop; Zoned R1**

**3/12: Permit #00084 Herbert Cox, Cherington Dr, Pool Permit \$50 Cash**

**3/16: Call from Jessica Damron, 419-512-3594, about 560 St Rt 19 Gospel Baptist Church 4 offices. Told her it was R1, wanted to know if it could be rezoned Commercial for back Half.**

**Call from James Ailes with Integrity Appraisal about zoning @ 457 Biddle R and 7775 Millsboro Rd.**

***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***

***Stopped and spoke with property owner about Fence @ 6175 Brandt Rd. Will get it taken care of.***

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

**Fire Levy: Paperwork complete and done. Will be on Ballot in May.**

**Taylor Steamers: Will be here March 26<sup>th</sup> to Clean Carpet and Chairs.**

**When: Wednesday, March 25, 2026**

**Where: Crawford County Fairgrounds - Youth Building**

**Time: Doors open 5:30 PM; Dinner served 6:00 PM**

During our portion of the meeting, we will receive your requests for road project estimates and review other information of interest. Our "Estimate and Request" worksheet is attached for you to use. If there are specific issues you would like to have addressed at the meeting, please let us know as soon as possible.

Dinner will be served to begin the meeting, and presentations and discussion will follow. Spouses and significant others are welcome to attend. Please contact our office with the number of dinner reservations for your Township by March 18, 2026.

**BWC Safety Consultation Request: Scheduling a Safety Consult for the Township. No date yet.**

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

**No new business at this time**

**ROAD REPORT:**

**Glenn: Absent**

**Tom:**

**Russell:**

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 @ 19:39.**

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

**V-C Glenn Cheesman:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Absent** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Next meeting: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**