

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

**Regular Meeting
January 22nd, 2025
7:00 P.M.**

The board met in a regular meeting pursuant to notice in the local newspaper and called to order at 7:01 PM. by Chairman Tom Ray. The Chairman called the roll, and the following members were present: Trustees: Tom Ray, Russell Sellman and Glenn Cheesman; Absent-Fiscal Officer Brett Young. Also attending were Zoning Inspector Rick Jeffrey.

The minutes of the regular meeting on December 18th, 2024 were read and approved. Russell Sellman made a motion to accept minutes and Glenn Cheesman seconded the motion. The roll call Vote: Rusty Sellman, Glenn Cheesman and Tom Ray, 'aye'. Motion was passed.
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The minutes of the 2025 Appropriations meeting on December 18th, 2024 were read, corrected (Date at the top was December 23rd, 2023. It was corrected to December 18th, 2024) and approved. Russell Sellman made a motion to accept minutes and Glenn Cheesman seconded the motion. The roll call Vote: Rusty Sellman, Glenn Cheesman and Tom Ray, 'aye'. Motion was passed.
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January Check Register

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| 1-2025 | Columbia Gas of Ohio | 357.73 |
| 2-2025 | Delta Dental | 174.06 |
| 3-2025 | Vector Security | 56.40 |
| 4-2025 | City of Galion Utilities | 444.95 |
| 5-2025 | MedMutual Life | 94.50 |
| 6-2025 | OH Public Employees Deferred Comp | 750.00 |
| 7-2025 | United Bank | 2,420.13 |
| 8-2025 | Park National Bank | 4,119.49 |
| 9-2025 | Frontier | 133.77 |
| 10282 | Kevin Rinehart | 175.00 |
| 10283 | City of Galion Auditor | 18,331.25 |
| 10284 | Stacey Ferguson | 85.00 |
| 10285 | Cole Distributing, INC | 261.66 |

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| 10286 | Kurtzman Sanitation | 58.61 |
| 10287 | National Lime and Stone | 1,245.83 |
| 10288 | Huntsman Trucking | 589.07 |
| 10289 | HR Wolf, LLC | 25.22 |
| 10290 | Crawford Country Treasurer | 43.82 |
| 10291 | Galion-Crestline Area Chamber of Commerce | 185.00 |
| 10292 | Robert Britton | 175.00 |
| 10293 | Lejagn E. Berry | 222.67 |
| 10294 | Glenn Ellis Cheesman | 193.38 |
| 10295 | Kevin Furr | 859.58 |
| 10296 | Rickey E. Jeffrey | 539.06 |
| 10297 | Sharon Kempf | 320.29 |
| 10298 | Thomas William Ray | 1,009.04 |
| 10299 | Russell Addison Sellman | 1,009.04 |
| 10300 | Brett Alan Young | 1,399.56 |
| 10301 | AIM Media Midwest | 100.00 |
| 10302 | Municipal Court | 89.38 |
| 10303 | Polk Township | 3.00 |
| 10304 | Public Employee Retirement System | 1,788.74 |
| TOTAL | | 37,110.19 |

**** 10302 was printed as Withholding Voucher. ****

**** Checks 10303-10305 are 10302 through 10304 ****

RESOLUTION 1-2025: Rusty Sellman moved to accept the adoption of Resolution 1-2025 to approve the beginning Check No. 10282 as the check number following the last Check No. 10281 from the last months check register, Glenn Cheesman seconded the motion and the roll called with the following results; Rusty Sellman, Glenn Cheesman and Tom Ray voted 'Aye'. So, the resolution was adopted and the motion carried.

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

| <u>FIRE/Ems</u> | <u>Fire/EMS</u> | <u>Mutual Aid</u> | <u>Collected</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>January</i> | <i>4/16</i> | <i>F-0/EMS-0</i> | <i>\$4,864.59</i> |
| <i>February</i> | <i>6/16</i> | <i>F-0/EMS-0</i> | <i>\$6,043.83</i> |
| <i>March</i> | <i>7/20</i> | <i>F-0/EMS-0</i> | <i>\$4,076.99</i> |
| <i>April</i> | <i>5/16</i> | <i>F-0/EMS-0</i> | <i>\$4,766.83</i> |
| <i>May</i> | <i>2/19</i> | <i>F-0/EMS-0</i> | <i>\$4,410.68</i> |
| <i>June</i> | <i>6/25</i> | <i>F-0/EMS-0</i> | <i>\$3,462.48</i> |
| <i>July</i> | <i>5/14</i> | <i>F-2/EMS-0</i> | <i>\$4,155.21</i> |
| <i>August</i> | <i>6/14</i> | <i>F-5/EMS-0</i> | <i>\$1,763.06</i> |
| <i>September</i> | <i>6/11</i> | <i>F-3/EMS-0</i> | <i>\$1,032.37</i> |

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| <i>October</i> | <i>11/29</i> | <i>F-0/EMS-0</i> | <i>\$637.64</i> |
| <i>November</i> | <i>7/24</i> | <i>F-0/EMS-0</i> | <i>\$3,062.89</i> |
| <i>December</i> | <i>5/24</i> | <i>F-0/EMS-0</i> | <i>\$0</i> |
| <i>EOY Total:</i> | <i>70/228</i> | <i>F-0/EMS- 0</i> | <i>\$38,076.57</i> |

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|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>January</i> | <i>04/19</i> | <i>F-0/EMS-0</i> | <i>\$2,693.98</i> |
| <i>February</i> | <i>01/21</i> | <i>F-0/EMS-0</i> | <i>\$3,143.91</i> |
| <i>March</i> | <i>06/22</i> | <i>F-0/EMS-0</i> | <i>\$3,600.64</i> |
| <i>April</i> | <i>11/18</i> | <i>F-0/EMS-0</i> | <i>\$2,657.34</i> |
| <i>May</i> | <i>04/18</i> | <i>F-0/EMS-0</i> | <i>\$5,963.91</i> |
| <i>June</i> | <i>05/24</i> | <i>F-0/EMS-0</i> | <i>\$2,322.56</i> |
| <i>July</i> | <i>05/31</i> | <i>F-2/EMS-43</i> | <i>\$3,441.52</i> |
| <i>August</i> | <i>09/27</i> | <i>F-5/EMS-53</i> | <i>\$3,830.14</i> |
| <i>September</i> | <i>07/24</i> | <i>F-3/EMS-29</i> | <i>\$3,788.33</i> |
| <i>October</i> | <i>06/31</i> | <i>F-0/EMS-3</i> | <i>\$5,317.94</i> |
| <i>November</i> | <i>06/22</i> | <i>F-0/EMS-0</i> | <i>\$8,177.75</i> |
| <i>December</i> | <i>07/33</i> | <i>F-0/EMS-0</i> | <i>\$5,080.45</i> |
| <i>EOY Total:</i> | <i>71/290</i> | <i>F-10/EMS-128</i> | <i>\$50,018.47</i> |

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

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

CITIZENS REQUEST/COMPLAINTS:

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

OTA Legislative Alert:

OTA Conference January 29-31st, 2025.

Township Omnibus Bill (315) – Passed House and Signed By Dewine.

HB 315 includes 14 provisions that will help townships with flexibility, funding, and governing their communities more efficiently.

Senate Joint Resolution 40 State Capital Improvement Program (Public Works)-Increases funding by \$50 million to \$250 Million. 1st hearing.

[HB 491: Government Expenditures](#) (Young, Peterson) To require entities to provide information to the Government Expenditure Database.

HB 344: Property Levies, Complaints – Voted out of Committee April 30th

SB 245: Revise Laws Governing Real Property – revise laws governing eviction, real estate representation agreements, residential building code enforcement and real property transfers.

Open Dumping Grant Funding

The Ohio Attorney General's office has allocated \$1 million in grant money to address open dumping through the "Shine a Light on Dumpers" initiative. County and local governments can apply for funds to clean up dump sites and take preventative action to deter future dumping.

The application period opened on December 5 and runs through February 28, 2025, or until the money runs out. Applicants may email StopEnvironmentalCrimes@OhioAGO.gov with questions.

ZONING: Zoning Inspector (Rick Jeffrey) Report December 2024/January 2025

1-2: Call from Adam Engle real estate appraiser. He wants to know zoning of 6023 St Rte 19 419-618-1223.

1-4: Called Adam Engle told him 6023 St Rte 19 is R1.

1-6: Received a text from Paul @ Freedom Forever Solar Called him told him only roof mounted panels.

1-7: Bobby from Noble Energy. Called regarding Solar Installation @ 1135 Bucyrus Rd.

1-8: Called Jessica McCabe about hair Salon @ her residence. Under Sec. 8.16 of zoning, she can do it.

1-8: Call from Matt Muchler @ 705 Jackson Rd. He is wanting to build a 32x32 Ag Barn 419-569-1759. Lot size $\times 2.5\%$ = 2395- 1320 sq ft home = 1079 sq ft. So, I told him a 32x32 = 1024 sq ft could be built of that lot. $95,823 \text{ lot size} \times .025 = 2395- 1320 \text{ home} = 1076 \text{ sq ft left}$.

1-16: Call from Judy Williams an appraiser about 5503 st rt 19 and how it was zoned.

1-18: Called Judy Williams and told her its residential. 419-565-6267

1-20: Call from Dan George about 2 acres on 309 on 1-26 going up for auction and he wanted to know if it was buildable. I told him yes it is but I didn't know how City Water/ Sewer or if he needed to put a well/septic in. 419-651-3760

Rick said he called the Sheriff's Office about Iberia Rd Property and finding out what is going on. Rick stated he is off this upcoming week and he'll try to find out more about what is going on. Tom stated that Rick should go and contact the Health Department as well and have them go with you.

Glenn mentioned if Rick had been out to Brammer's House and he said he has not. He told him to go and check out his property and stay on him. He has moved some things but there is still a lot of things on his property.

PROPERTIES IN NONCOMPLIANCE AFTER POSTING:

- ***Penn property on SR309.***
- ***Swalley property on Monnett New Winchester Rd***
- ***Rufus property on SR 19***
- ***Nickler property on Hosford Rd.***
- ***Aller Property on SR 19***
- ***Tucker Property Iberia Rd***
- ***Brammer Property on Greenbrier/Chiswick***

Zoning Commission 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.

Breaker for panel. Russell stated it has been fixed as far as he knew.

Jefferson Twp road Agreement – Revisited Topic. Trustees moved to approve Agreement with date changes to 2025. Russell Sellman made a motion approve the Service Agreement between Jefferson Twp and Polk Twp, 2nd by Glenn Cheesman. Rusty Sellman, Glenn Cheesman and Tom Ray voted 'Aye'. Motion for passed and agreement will be signed by Tom Ray once the dates are changed.

Board Members – Look to replacement for members not completed requirements as a member. ie Fraud Training. Glenn mentioned that we may want to look at replacing these individuals if they haven't completed the training. Glenn mentioned to bring some names to the next meeting.

Insurance Renewal – Tom Mentioned that the Paperwork was on his tool box. He stated that usually they come in and talk about the insurance, so he was unaware of why it needed signed.

AT Mower Max- Tom stated that he left the Mechanic Guy in from AT Mower Max to fix the handle. It was broken when a change was being made. Tom will look at getting another set of Keys.

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

Trustees signed the paperwork for Brett to send in. Russell Sellman made a motion to accept the Township Road mileage certification for 2025, Glenn seconded the motion. On Vote: Russell Sellman, Glenn Cheesman and Tom Ray, voted ‘aye’. The motion was passed and carried.

ROAD REPORT:

Glenn:

Russell: ODOT(Railroad St) No Update; left message but haven’t heard back. He’ll try to get ahold of him because Spring will be coming soon and we’ll be hearing from people.

Tom: Grit was frozen solid, workers were told to use salt until it unfreezes. Received a few calls from Sheriff’s Office but told them they were out and about. Red truck needs hydraulic hoses fixed and rear pinion seal is leaking. Tom will look at trying to find someone to fix it. Russell stated he would check with a few people as well.

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

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

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

Adjourned @ 19:31.

Chairman Tom Ray: _____

V-C Glenn Cheesman: _____

Trustee: Russell Sellman: _____

Attest: _____

Next meeting: February 19th, 2025