

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

**Regular Meeting  
June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
7:00 P.M.**

The board met in a regular meeting pursuant to notice in the local newspaper and called to order at 7:07 PM. by Chairman Tom Ray. The Chairman called the roll, and the following members were present: Trustees: Tom Ray, Glenn Cheesman, and Russell Sellman; Absent - Fiscal Officer Brett Young. Also attending were Zoning Inspector Rick Jeffrey.

The minutes of the regular meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**June Check Register**

68-2025	Columbia Gas of Ohio	162.18
69-2025	Delta Dental	174.06
70-2025	Truly Nolen	65.00
71-2025	City of Galion Utilities	264.01
72-2025	Vector Security	56.40
75-2025	Auditor of State	762.00
76-2025	MedMutual Life	94.50
77-2025	OH Public Employees Deferred Comp	750.00
78-2025	Frontier	143.85
79-2025	Park National Bank	4,119.49
10385	Ryan Lee Bash	330.43
10386	Glenn Ellis Cheesman	193.38
10387	Kevin Furr	477.28
10388	Rickey E. Jeffrey	542.39
10389	Thomas William Ray	934.02
10390	Russell Addison Sellman	934.02
10391	Brett Alan Young	1,331.56
10392	City of Galion Auditor	18,331.25
10393	Anatra Graphic Art, Inc.	555.00
10394	Cole Distributing Inc.	365.03
10395	Keller Auto Parts, Inc	47.86
10396	Crawford County Emergency Management Ag.	392.20
10397	Stacey Ferguson	85.00
10398	Amie Roseborough	175.00
10399	Jennifer Frazier	180.00
10400	Cori Collins	175.00

10401	John Beach	60.00
10402	Public Employee Retirement System	1,564.94
10403	Nicole Holt	175.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>33,440.85</b>

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

**RESOLUTION 7-2025:** Russell Sellman moved to accept the adoption of Resolution 7-2025 to approve the beginning Check No. 10385 as the check number following the last Check No. 10384 from the last months check register, Glenn Cheesman seconded the motion and the roll called with the following results; Russell Sellman, 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:**

<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	
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			.
<b>EOY Total:</b>	<b>34/104</b>	<b>F-0/EMS- 0</b>	<b>\$14,227.13</b>

**‘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	\$1,375.74
<b>EOY Total:</b>	<b>70/228</b>	<b>F-0/EMS- 0</b>	<b>\$39,452.31</b>

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

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

### **CITIZENS REQUEST/COMPLAINTS:**

#### **Guest:**

Ray Trudeau (1105 Fairview Rd) He stated that he has had people going in and out of the Cemetery through his property quite a lot, even a couple times scaring his wife. Ray gave examples of how and the tings that were going on. A 4-foot fence was placed in hopes to keep people out and off his property. He has called the Sheriff's Office several times without any help. Discussion about a solution was presented before Trustees. Owner and Trustees came to an agreement on a 1-foot mound with a 6-foot fence on top of his property.

### **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Health Board Assessment for 2026: \$18,935.70 up from \$18,816.93. Difference of \$118.77

#### **OTA Legislative Alert:**

**HB 28: Elimination of Replacement Levies:** Eliminates the use of replacement levies by any political subdivision.

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

**HB 96: State Operating Budget:** The Ohio Senate passed its version of HB 96, the state operating budget, earlier this week. The budget will now move to conference committee to work on the final version of the bill.

**HB 355: 60% Levy Threshold** (King, Thomas, D.) - HB 355 would require any property tax levy to be approved by 60% majority rather than current law, which is a simple majority. **The OTA opposes this legislation.**

**HB 113: Regarding Annexation and Financial Disclosures** (Bird, Newman) - The House Local Government committee held opponent testimony on HB 113 earlier this week. HB 113 makes changes to annexation procedures and community reinvestment areas (CRA).

**HB 335: Property Tax Relief Now** (Thomas, D.) - HB 335 would end the collection of inside millage for all entities except townships. It would also provide County Budget Commissions more authority to reduce voted millage. HB 335 received an informal hearing in the House Ways & Means committee

## **Constitutional Amendments**

Two proposed constitutional amendments in Ohio have been approved to take the next step in the process—signature collection.

The first would **ban all property taxes in the state**; the Ohio Attorney General recently approved the summary language, allowing the group behind the initiative to begin gathering signatures. To qualify for the ballot, the group must collect at least 413,487 valid signatures from registered Ohio voters, including signatures from at least 44 of Ohio's 88 counties, with each of those counties meeting a 5% threshold based on the most recent gubernatorial vote.

The second proposal would **eliminate qualified immunity**. The amendment advanced following a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that affirmed the right to pursue such changes through ballot initiatives. Supporters may now begin collecting signatures to place this amendment before voters.

If both proposals meet all constitutional and procedural requirements, they could appear on a future statewide ballot.

### **ZONING: Zoning Inspector (Rick Jeffrey) Report May 2025/June 2025**

**Permits:**      **#00067 Jason Fry – Fence**  
                     **#00068 Ryan Bowman – Pole Barn**  
                     **#00069 Ray Trudeau - Fence**

**5/27    Issued Permit #00067 to Jason Fry, 216 Chevy Chase Dr; Fence \$50 Cash**

**Wayne Hough on Crawford Morrow County Line Rd; 1 acre told him No.  
419-560-2498**

**5/28    Email from Nicole Feilon attorney. Attorney for Mr. Akers.**

**5/31    Picked up Variance paperwork from Ray Trudeau for 7' Privacy Fence**

**6/4      Call from Tom about a Contractor trying to get ahold of Myself. Don Estep  
419-961-2389.**

**Called Don Estep about 40x80 pole Barn for**

**Call from Jeff Reise about 32x36 Pole Barn @ 1200 Winchester Rd- 1152 sq ft.  
Home is 1100sq ft. was told no before by Jett. 419-295-9109**

**6/5 Issued Permit #00068 for Pole Barn to Ryan Bowman @ 1120 Winchester Rd 2200  
sq ft Home. \$50.00 Ck#1148**

**6/11 Issued Permit #00069 for Fence to Ray Trudeau \$50.00 Cash**

**6/16 Call from Amy Rehm about 540 Brookview Dr. 1-602-370-3842  
Call from Jay Van Pelt about 540 Brookview Dr. Barn can't be modified; its  
Grandfathered. Mr. Van Pelt was told that the shed is only suppose to be allowed  
once there is a residence on the property.**

**6/17 Sent Certified Letter to Dan Akers.**

**Brett sent 2 copies of Minutes via Certified Mail to Mr. & Mrs. Akers**

**Rick gave Trustees a letter that he was going to send to Mr. Akers (260 Chevy Chase) in  
regards to his property being in noncompliance. His time was up as of June 10<sup>th</sup>, in  
which he will be fined \$100/day until he is in compliance. Rick has taken pictures  
and will send copies to Brett to be placed into a file. Rick mentioned about a letter  
and email received for their attorney. Trustees mentioned to contact Al Schrader  
and let him know of the issue and problem.**

**Rick mentioned that he Iberia Rd property that was the Tucker's residence has been sold.  
Rick needs to get with the new owner. Russell mentioned that the camper is gone.**

**Rick mentioned that he talked to Brammer about his property again. He is not being vary  
cooperative with the situation. Trustees mentioned to send him a letter to get the  
property in compliance and if he doesn't to start accessing the \$100/day fine to him.**

**Glenn mentioned that the property on Westmoor near the creek (Bostic Residence). Rick  
mentioned that it looks like toys not junk.**

***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 – Property has been sold; Rick to get new owner  
information***

- **Brammer Property on Greenbrier/Chiswick**
- **Akers Property on Chevy Chase; Certified Letter Sent 6/17**

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

Jefferson TWP agreement. The agreement is done; both copies were signed by Tom. Tom is giving our copy to Brett to hold on to.

Breaker Update: Brett Called Thomas and they mentioned, the issue involved one of their breakers. It was replaced and covered under warranty.

Audit: Completed, Paperwork was filed. Full Report is available in packet and will be posted online as well.

Paperwork for Culvert Replacement on CountyLine West of 97 was filed. (Waiting for Time it will be scheduled). (Side Note: Glenn mentioned about the corner of SR 97 and Millsboro Rd were they had the county go out and they told the home owner no; Travis from the County was going to go and look at it again, but they don't think it'll happen due to the property being unlevel. The property is lower than the ditch. Glenn mentioned he would follow back up with Travis on the Issue.

Crawford County Commissioners Meeting Update: June 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting about Large Solar Facilities (Glenn was planning on attending)

Birds in Building Update: Two birds found in Fiscal Officer office and Inspector Office. Ryan was able to complete sealing of the area; hopefully, the issue is resolved.

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

Roth Option for 457 Ohio Deferred Comp: Glenn explained the purpose of the ROTH. Glenn made the motion to approve the ROTH Option for Ohio Deferred Comp, Russell Sellman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. On Vote: Glenn Cheesman, Russell Sellman and Tom Ray voted "aye". Motion Carried. Paperwork will be given back to Brett to fill out, sign and send the information in.

**ROAD REPORT:**

**Glenn:**

**Russell:** Mentioned about going around a 2<sup>nd</sup> time already.

**Tom:** The Mower is fixed; it was a programming issue. They are back to mowing with it.

Russell mentioned about Iberia Road is Chuck got back with Tom about the base. Tom mentioned that it will have to be cut out and rebased before paved. It will get done before paving starts.

Glenn mentioned about the Chip and Seal; Russell mentioned that if there is anything to do we should do the North end of Beck Rd. Side roads like Westmoor, Monat, Alayne and others around the area are started to need done. Glenn mentioned to Russell to get the measurements for Beck and he'll get a quote for Chip and Seal and Brett can let us know if we can do it.

Glenn mentioned to the other Trustees to get an idea on roads that we can do for next year.

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 Russell Sellman seconded the motion, on vote: Glenn Cheesman, 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 Glenn Cheesman. On vote Russell Sellman, Glenn Cheesman and Tom Ray, “aye”. Motion carried.**

**Adjourned @ 19:50.**

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

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

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

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

**Next meeting: July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**