

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

**Regular Meeting
May 20th, 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, Glenn Cheesman and Russell Sellman; Fiscal Officer - Brett Young. Also attending were Zoning Inspector - Rick Jeffrey; Guest: Jeff Sutton (275 Buckeye Rd), Cathy Moneysmith (210 Chevy Chase Dr) and Mike Mateer (324 Neumann St).

The minutes of the regular meeting on April 15th, 2026 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, voted 'aye'. Motion was passed.

May Check Register

50-2026	Columbia Gas of Ohio	445.76
51-2026	Elan Financial Services	1,000.63
52-2026	Delta Dental	276.24
53-2026	Vector Security	61.89
54-2026	City of Galion Utility Office	302.77
55-2026	Park National Bank	4,119.49
56-2026	MedMutual Life	94.50
57-2026	Frontier	144.53
59-2026	OH Deferred Comp	750.00
60-2026	Truly Nolen	65.00
10584	Natasha Rhodes	175.00
10585	Cassandra Harvey	175.00
10586	City of Galion, Auditor	18,331.25
10587	Stacey Ferguson	85.00
10588	Huntsman Trucking, Inc.	446.16
10589	A Cut Above Tree Service	2000.00
10590	National Lime & Stone	956.80
10591	Allen Laferty	175.00
10592	Sherry Cottrell	175.00
10593	Glenn Cheesman	299.84
10594	Ricky Jeffrey	559.90
10595	Sharon Kempf	289.79
10596	Thomas Ray	1,069.65
10597	Russell Sellman	1,069.65
10598	Brett Young	1,658.97

10599	Public Employee Retirement System	1,637.98
10600	Bucyrus Road Material	292.50
10601	A Cut Above Tree Service	1,000.00
10602	John Beach	140.00
10603	Dreama Mills	175.00
10604	Nancy Mousseau	120.00
Total Payments		\$38,093.14

Resolution for Beginning and Ending Checks

RESOLUTION 8-2026

Russell Sellman moved to accept the adoption of Resolution 8-2026 to approve the beginning Check No. 10583 as the check number following the last Check No. 10584 from the last months check register, Glenn Cheesman seconded the motion and the roll called with the following results; Tom Ray, Glenn Cheesman 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-2/EMS-4	\$4,165.97
March	13/16	F-0/EMS-0	\$2,779.67
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
EOY Total:	21/41	F-2/EMS-4	\$10,613.43

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

<u>FIRE/Ems</u>	<u>Fire/EMS</u>	<u>Mutual Aid</u>	<u>Collected</u>
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

<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:

Cathy, Jeff and Mike are all part of the Fairview Cemetery Association. They are having an issue with water build-up around the ditch area in front of the South-West entrances into the cemetery. A conversation ensued about possible issue and solutions. The Trustees mentioned they would check on it and see if there is anything they can do in our right away.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:

Complaints:

Miscellaneous:

OTA Legislative Alert:

CC Cards that have processing fees will be recognized as normal cost of doing business in today's environment.

Grant to help fight illegal dumping sites.

Legislation in Committee

HB 646: Data Centers (Click, Deeter) - HB 646 creates a Data Center Study Commission within the Department of Development to study the effects of data centers coming into Ohio. The bill includes an OTA requested amendment to include a township representative on the Study Commission. **The House passed HB 646 by a vote of 97-0. The OTA supports this legislation.** HB 646 will now head to the Senate for further consideration.

HB 361: Local Regulations (Lorenz, Fischer) - The House Local Government Committee held its fifth hearing on HB 361 earlier this week. OTA Director of Governmental Affairs, Kyle Brooks, provided interested party testimony on the bill. HB 361 changes timelines for zoning decisions. To read the OTA's testimony, please click [**here.**](#)

SB 219: RUMAS (Landis) - The House Natural Resources Committee held its second hearing on SB 219, which revises oil & gas laws. OTA Director of Governmental Affairs, Kyle Brooks, provided interested party testimony on the bill. To read the OTA's testimony, please click [**here.**](#)

Request for Information

Water Surcharges

The OTA is requesting information regarding water rates and municipal surcharges on water. If your township residents are charged a surcharge for receiving municipal water, please contact OTA Director of Governmental Affairs, Kyle Brooks, via email at brooks@ohiotownships.org with the percentage rates.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector (Rick Jeffrey) Report April 2026/May2026

Permits: #00087 Brooke Stamper (595 Chiswick Pl, Galion); Acc. Building Permit \$50 CK#01008
 #00088 Ed Kline (460 Laughbaum Dr, Galion); Fence Permit \$50 CK#10188
 #00089 Michael Corney (531 Clarendon Ave, Galion); Culvert/ Driveway Permit \$150 CK#2015
 #00090 Jeff Saunders (1143 Nazor Rd, Galion); Building Permit \$150 CK#3879

4/28: Issued Permit #00087 to Brooke Stamper @ 595 Chiswick Pl for 30x30 Garage. Paid Ck #01008 \$50

4/30: Issued Permit #00088 to Ed Kline @ 460 Laughbaum Dr. for fence permit. Paid Ck #10188 \$50

5/5: Issued Permit #00089 to Michael Corney @ 531 Clarendon Ave. for Culvert/Driveway Concrete. Paid Ck #2015 \$150

5/6: Call from Scott Gates about shed (419-631-7552). Spoke with Steven Hodges about letter saying the township was OK with Kitchen Remodel @ Gospel Baptist Church.

5/19: Issued permit #00090 to Jeff Saunders @ 1143 Nazor Rd for 55x80 pole barn. Paid CK #3879 \$150

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***

Glenn mentioned about Biddle/County Line Rd Property. He also mentioned that in the same area there is a culvert under the railroad that he contacted the railroad and we should be receiving a call back on them fixing that. He mentioned the old Township building has several cars in the yard and driveway. Glenn mentioned that he talked to the Pest Control Guy and that our couch by the dumpster is covered with bed bugs and to be careful.

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

BWC Safety Consultation Request: Scheduling a Safety Consult for the Township. June 3rd.

Issue 2, Round 41 Grant: Roads are due by June 30, 2026

Salt Bin Roof Estimate from Strickler Enterprises: Quote and Pictures were submitted to Claims Adjustor; Adjuster wants another quote from another contractor. Tom said he would talk to adjuster and see what is going on.

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

911 Board: Motion to approve Glenn Cheesman to the 911 Board by Russell Sellman, 2nd by Tom Ray. Russell Sellman and Tom Ray voted ‘aye’, Glenn Cheesman abstained. Motion approved.

No new business at this time

ROAD REPORT:

Glenn:

Tom: Kevin got cold patch for patching roads

Russell: Asked about Maintenance on Mower, Tom said he would contact the Company and see if it is something covered under Warranty or they can do it.

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: Glenn Cheesman, Russell Sellman and Tom Ray, “aye”, motion carried.

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

Adjourned @ 19:36.

Chairman Tom Ray: _____

V-C Glenn Cheesman: _____

Trustee: Russell Sellman: _____

Attest: _____

Next meeting: June 17th, 2026