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HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

45955 STATE ROUTE 162 WELLINGTON OHIO 44090

Minutes of July 6, 2026

The regular scheduled Trustee meeting called to order at 6:58 PM with the pledge of Allegiance. In attendance: Robert Holmes, Jed Lamb, Walter Rollin, Matt Combs, Nora Klebow, Amanda Jerore, Christine Novak, Carl Strekely, Lynn Ickes, Peggy Vasu, and Bruce Hager.

Motion by Holmes with a second by Lamb to approve the meeting minutes of the June 15, 2026 meeting as written. Roll Call: three yeas.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Novak- June Revenue \$24,645.66. June Expenditures \$39,175.22. June Fund Balance \$741,163.63. **Motion** by Lamb with a second from Holmes to approve the Fiscal Report. Roll Call: three yeas

Novak presented a new time sheet form for the Township employees to use. Combs in agreement

Novak discussed that the medical reimbursement had previously been included in the regular paychecks, but going forward it will be paid separately.

Novak is submitting to the County Prosecutor for reimbursement \$26.57 in Medicare overpayment.

RESOLUTION: 2026-09 for the 2027 budget. Novak presented to the Trustees the planned budget for 2027. She projects a 1% revenue increase with a 0% property tax increase. She took into consideration a health insurance increase, as well as an increase in the maintenance of the roads (tariffs, materials, and gas increasing 10-15%). Novak also discussed that money coming in from recycling is down so the Trustees may want to increase prices. **Motion** by Lamb with a second from Holmes to approve Resolution 2026-06 for the 2027 budget and present it to the county. Roll Call: 3 yeas, motion passes

2026-10 to opt-out of Lorain County's Urban Designation. Trustees discussed concerns about not having enough information to determine what the implications of the new designation means for the Township, or to even answer basic questions from concerned residents of the Township. The Trustees made the decision to opt-out of the Urban Designation until they had enough information to make an informed decision. **Motion** by Lamb with a second from Holmes to pass Resolution 2026-10 to decline participation in Lorain County's Urban Designation. Roll call: 3 yeas, motion passes.

2026-11 to pay \$67,277.25 for emulsion spraying and chip & seal. **Motion** by Holmes with a second from Lamb to approve Resolution 2026-11. Roll call: 3 yeas, motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment

RURAL WATER- Lamb: Training meeting Wednesday at Put-in-Bay if they're still having it after the rain. Meeting Wednesday.

LORCO- Lamb: Meeting coming up

AMBULANCE-Holmes: Training meeting July 7, 2026. Board meeting July 14, 2026.

FIRE- Rollin: The refurbished truck should be done by the first of August. The pond on McMillan feeding the dry hydrant has been pumped and they plan to rework the end of the pipes. There are concerns that it has not been done properly. The pond was mucked around the pipes but the whole pond was not.

SHERIFF- no new report

OPWC/SWAC- Combs: No new report.

LCOOA- Rollin: No new report.

CEMETARY- Rollin: Purchased pins. Should be manufactured this upcoming week. Got rebar delivered from Denes Concrete. Will need to contact Lewis Land once numbering for the pins are received.

ROADS- Combs: Spoke with Ben from Rochester Township; plans to start shimming this week. Hawley Road signs have been replaced after someone drove over them. With no proof, there was no report made to the Sheriff. A roller was rented for a month from Chemong, the same company used last time. Huntington Township is splitting the cost of the rental with Rochester Township. Plans to fix potholes on Hawley Road caused by manure trucks. Still unsure when the bridge work will start so can't plan on doing too much on Hawley Road. Plans to chip & seal 3.5 miles of Clark Road from Griggs to Bursley and Hawley Road from Stewart to the railroad tracks. Combs has a quote for emulsion spraying parts of Stewart Road and Pratt Road to lock the stones in and reduce the dust particles; which should last two years. Quote for \$67,277.25 for emulsion spray and to chip & seal roads, which can be done once shim work is done. Combs discussed with the Trustees that he believes the cost is worth it due to reducing the purchase of stone and labor costs. Lamb stated that he trusts Combs as the Township's road guy and would like to try it. Resolution 2026-11 passed.

EQUIPMENT- Combs: Everything working well.

RECYCLING- Holmes: Going well.

ZONING INSPECTOR- Klebow: Presented spreadsheet dated July 6, 2026. Discussion around junk equipment versus junk cars. Agricultural equipment is exempt from the Zoning that applies to junk vehicles. Discussion with Trustees regarding a junk bulldozer on a property and whether it is considered agricultural. Klebow to look into. The house across the street from the church has shown progress. Holmes requested Klebow go through spreadsheet and re-visit some of the longer standing line items.

ZONING SECRETARY- Jerore: Zoning Commission voted to keep the current Land Use plan and revisit it in five years. They are now moving forward with addressing items and clean-up in the Blue Book. The last Zoning meeting ended with an agreement they will all look through the book and Lynn's suggestions and regroup at the next meeting to discuss. Klebow also going through Blue Book and coming to next meeting with suggestions and recommendations. The Zoning Board of Appeals met and approved the last three outstanding Conditional Use permits. All Conditional Use permits in the Township are now up to date.

LCTA- Upcoming meeting July 16, 2026 at Pittsfield Township. This meeting will be the annual Storm Water meeting.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS- Still working out the donation to Wreaths Across America from the Memorial Day BBQ. Will at least be \$500.00 but most likely more.

NEW BUSINESS- No new business.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS- There will only be one meeting in August on the first Monday.

Motion by Holmes with a second by Lamb to adjourn. Roll Call: 3 yeas. Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM.

Signed Chairman

Attest, Fiscal Officer