

HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
45955 STATE ROUTE 162 WELLINGTON OHIO 44090

Minutes of November 3, 2025

The regular scheduled Trustee meeting called to order at 7:00 PM with the pledge of Allegiance. In attendance: Matt Combs, Walter Rollin, Robert Holmes, Sheila Lanning, Nora Klebow, Amanda Jerore, Bruce Hager, Paula Eaton and Colleen Dull. **Motion** by Holmes with a second by Rollin to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2025 regular scheduled meeting as written. Roll call: two yeas. **Motion** by Holmes with a second by Rollin to approve the Financial Report of October 2025 with Revenue of \$598,701.43, Expenditures \$408,966.93 and Bank balances \$711,632.82. Roll call: three yeas. Checks 11156-11172 and payments totaling \$89,398.65 were approved for payment. No Resolutions to sign, however, the Moskal Ditch Storm Water MOU was signed again by Walter and Butch. The original was signed 5/19/2025 and is **Resolution 2025-11**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Resident Colleen Dull thanked the Trustees for allowing her to speak. Dull: A postcard sent by the Campaign to elect Christine Novak Trustee was received. It raised some questions about the legality of the Fiscal Officer signing the postcard with a personal message and her title. The issue was brought to the attention of a Trustee with no follow up. Dull: asked if the Fiscal Officer had the permission of the Board of Trustees to endorse the candidate. Holmes: no Dull: it is against the law. Did the Fiscal Officer appropriate funds to print and mail the postcards? Lanning: Are you talking about Christine Novak, no, she has a campaign finance committee. Paula Eaton: it looks like the board of trustees is endorsing her. We didn't get 3 postcards stating Walt, Jed and Christine are running. There should have been 3 postcards. Dull: by signing the postcard Sheila is in violation. Eaton: on my postcard it said reducing frivolous spending and I want to know if you are talking about reducing these guys salaries or insurance, I am against it and I want it known. Lanning: no, I think you misunderstood a little, Christine Novak has a campaign finance committee and they paid for the postcard. I signed the postcard because I am endorsing her with a personal message identifying who I am, nothing was part of my official duties. Dull: you can not use your public office to endorse a candidate, that is against the law. Lanning: I did sign my name and the message I wrote was personal to my neighbors in Huntington and I added my current title. I did not use the office. Dull: you violated the law. Lanning: I am endorsing her. Eaton: ok guys weigh in. Holmes: I was upset about it and talked to quite a few other people who are upset about it too. I think it is a little late to do anything about it. Dull: your comments on this are deceptive in this community and that is wrong. Lanning: I included my phone number; you can always call me and ask me what I meant by that. Dull: no, I am not going to call you, individual candidates should go door to door to ask residents what they want. Eaton: we agree, Butch agrees that it is not a good idea to use your office to promote one candidate when you have three. Lanning: Endorsing Christine Novak is my personal preference; Holmes was at dumpster days passing out literature to re-elect Lamb and Rollin. That was on Township time at a Township event and I am guessing the paper and ink were paid for by the Township. Holmes: but I did not sign it or put Township Trustee on them. Eaton: right, that is the issue. Lanning: when you endorse in the newspaper, they also include your title. Holmes: no, I don't put in my title the newspaper does. Eaton: so, we are asking you to not use your title to endorse one publicly unless you are going to endorse the other two. Hager: perhaps she did that with her name because people don't know who she is. Eaton: that does not make it legal, I have been in this community for years, married Russ Eaton. I am pleased with our trustees. I have been helped by every one of you. Klebow: I am asking for the citation for where you looked it up. Dull: it is in the Township guidelines or the Ohio State guidelines. Klebow: is it in ORC 519. Holmes: It shouldn't have been signed with your title, just Huntington Township personnel or resident. I did not care for the way you handled that, Cricky hasn't been to a meeting, she doesn't care and it is all you that has pushed her into this. Lanning: that is not accurate Butch, Cricky does care and she is not here today for this very reason. She did not want to be "jumped" upon by the people who are here. Holmes: what if she wins, she will have to come here. No one jumped on her at all, its all you. They are jumping on you Sheila. Lanning: I realize that. Eaton: I don't know her, she may be a very good Trustee, my concern is that Walt and Jed get equal time. I was going to get postcards and walk them all about for Walt and Jed. My daughter asked me not to do that.

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Dull: in the future if you have candidates like this, you need a candidate forum where the community can come, ask questions and get answers. Holmes: this is my 18th year; I have 2 more years on this stint. When I ran against Denny's brother was the only time it has ever been. All the other times I have had two people run against me. Eaton: right, because it's a small community and now we are getting younger blood in. Hager: lesson learned, move on. Paula: live and learn and move on. Holmes: anymore to add to that. Dull: not on that subject no. Rollin: I think Butch and I are concerned; Sheila did nothing wrong in endorsing but she should not have used her Fiscal Officer in the title. Eaton: that is the only thing we are protesting. Lanning: I am curious as to why you did not call me about your questions when I gave you my phone number. Holmes: I don't think it was the explanation of anything you said just the use of your title. Eaton: I wasn't going to call for something she did, it could be brought up, resolved and gone on. Rollin: anything else Colleen, you have got the floor. Dull: residents don't attend meetings for many reasons, personal touch has vanished. Like when someone passes away in the community. Holmes: if I know the person dying, I feel obligated to go. Dull: no communication, can't rely on the website it is not updated properly. I addressed this last year with you guys. Holmes: as far as the web site, we don't use it to announce things like the Halloween walk or whatever you want to call it. No one came here to ask us about it and the lady running it did not even show up. Dull: Carrie Coates Holmes: right, she did not even show up over there. Dull: I wasn't involved but I got a lot of phone calls asking if they are doing Harvest Fest this year. I told them, here is two people, call them. Holmes: I saw it once on Facebook and a sign at the recycle building. Eaton: what if we make a committee and they make a calendar of stuff. Holmes: if you can raise a committee, it would be great. The Historical Society used to have an ice cream social, they don't do that because no body wants to be in the Historical Society, it's old. The BBQ used to be great, this time we tried to resurrect it. We had 100 tickets and sold 70, left over chicken was sold to Eagles so we broke even. I have looked at other Townships and it is going downhill. Eaton: when I was a kid in North Ridgeville my parents were active in everything. Dull: I mentioned a newsletter before, you said people throw it in the trash. I talked to people who said they put it on the refrigerator, it reminds of things. You mentioned the cost, think outside the box, put it up at the recycling center and at the store. Holmes: it takes time and energy Dull: I have done newsletters; in Greensboro it was my job. Holmes: the only newsletter around here is Black River. Hager: the library also. Dull: I will take it on, I love to do stuff like that. You could take donations for the newsletter or a small fee, so everyone sees the meetings and dates. Rollin: meeting dates are posted out front. Dull: not everyone looks at that board. Holmes: you have one more down here, there are no community events to rally residents. Dull: would like to see the Easter Egg hunt come back, more events up here. Eaton: my daughter teaches Jazzercise, wanted to know if you guys want a class up here. I think we should have a committee first. Holmes: the spinners were up here last week; the boy scouts and I don't know about the girl scouts. Get the committee together and we can talk about it. You also put down here that if you want more support from the community you must care. We do care. Dull: I know you care. Holmes: we care about the roads, equipment, snow plowing. When I first became a Trustee, we were lucky to do a mile or mile and half, this year we did 5 miles. It used to cost five thousand a mile of road and now costs twenty thousand. We worked a deal and did it for less. Rollin: easter egg hunt was put on by AMVETS. Eaton: we brought it to you and asked about a committee so we could get it together. Dull: concern with these events is the Township liability. Rollin: we have positions on the Zoning that we can not fill. Holmes: this is a bedroom community; people are happy coming home and do not attend these functions. Hager: what is Rural Water building up there. Rollin: a new water tower.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AMBULANCE- Holmes: training 11/4/2025, board meeting 11/6/2025.

FIRE- Rollin: Chili cook off went well, Grafton got first place and Wellington got second place. Money raised went to Well Help.

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OPWC/SWAC- Combs: Lyn Ickes closed out the Hawley Road Culvert #105 reimbursement Storm Water Grant. Signed another Moskal Ditch Storm Water MOU. Finishing up McMillan ditch application, won't start till we get the MOU.

CEMETERY- Rollin: No word from Lewis Land Planning on the number of lots or the layout. Email received asking about burial of Kenneth Twining and Roy Twining. Dull: can look up "find a grave.com".

ROADS- Combs: can't find a roller, would still like to get some patch down. Need to mow field banks.

EQUIPMENT- Combs: Batteries in the backhoe needed.

RECYCLE- Question on how much money received from scrap metal on dumpster days, Lanning to send to Trustees.

ZONING INSPECTOR- Klebow: Presented a spreadsheet of zoning activities dated 11.3.2025. Kozik vehicle removal was discussed. Inspector found (2) vehicles that need removed. Inspector to return to inventory further and report status. Zoning Inspector will be unable to attend the Zoning Commission meeting 11/18/2025. A request for information of several options related to moving in with daughter, building onto residence or bringing in tiny house was reviewed. Mr. James on SR 58 passed away so another letter will be sent to whomever gets the mail regarding clean up. Dull: that is an issue, almost caused an accident by backing out onto the road. Klebow: Mr. Banks is living in his newly built home without a sewage system. I will contact the Health Department. Mr. Jeff Myers has an administrative issue because he needs to apply for an occupancy permit. Spoke with Bob Yost today on burned down house being reconstruction. The house will be smaller than the previous one so there will be no fee. They will use the existing septic system. Eaton: I have been fighting with Health Department, I have Norwalk Concrete come twice a year to clean and/or repair my system I don't think I should have to pay this \$200.00. They talked, I got \$108.00 of my \$200.00 back and they said I probably wouldn't have to pay again. Klebow: which property and what was the issue. Eaton: they gave us all a bill of \$200.00 and said they would come out and inspect my septic system. I said no you are not, my septic system is up to date, taken care of by a company and you're not touching it. They finally talked to the guy; I don't know if they are going to bill me again but if they do, we will have the same battle. Do they notify you guys that they have these bills? Klebow: I knew about it because I went to a seminar that educated me. I am not involved in the process. The bill was for a three-year time period, intended to support a database they are constructing. Called the Sherriff to do welfare check on Mr. Jones and have not heard back. Dull: the business district is 1000 feet from the center, if that is so, how can my brother have 2 semi-trailers at his place when he is not in the business district. I removed the container that was on my property. Rollin: I brought that up a couple meetings ago. Combs: it is right across from Eaton. Dull: his place is starting to look like a dump, I have nothing against my brother. If he wants those trailers, he can tote them down to the homestead which is a business. Klebow: I will look when I am out on Sunday. Combs: one has a square hole cut in the side of it. Klebow: there is only a prohibition if it is used for storage. Rollin: new garage being built down here on SR 162 on the north side of the road. Combs: I will give you the address, 45717 SR 162.

ZONING SECRETARY- Jerore: George Webb is resigning from the Zoning Commission Board effective 12/31/2025. Suggest restrictions as they may relate to the proposed Mega Site being North of here. Holmes: you said they will need some people next year. Eaton: I will talk to my daughter; she has the masters degree in government.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS- Harvest Festival was 10/25/2025, RelaDyne drums were picked up by Combs 9/19/2025, Combs: nothing uploaded to the OPWC online portal by close on 10/24/2025. Lanning: scrap amounts for roller = \$496.00, Gradall = \$2,713.60. Cybersecurity training attended on 10/23/2025 along with State Auditor FIA required training. Suggested the website be changed to a .gov for the extra security. The Township must have a cybersecurity policy adopted by 7/1/2026, will need to determine what we have before developing the policy. Cost of salt is \$54.78 per ton for winter season.

NEW BUSINESS- Lanning: Received BWC invoice \$2058.00 and gave posting requirement to Combs. LMRE recycling drive is 11/6/2025 requesting authorization to donate: printer, keyboard, monitor and associated cables. *Motion* by Holmes with a second by Rollin to authorize the donation of a keyboard, printer

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and monitor to LMRE recycling Program. Roll call: two yeas. Received request for diesel pricing from the Township Vendor Website, Holmes gave to Combs. Lanning: OPERS minimum salary for 2026 increasing to \$770.77 a month to earn a full month credit. End of year meeting set for December 29th at 10:00 AM. Combs: don't need the CINTAS outdoor AED quoted at \$701.09 because Hank at Ambulance will get us replacement pads and is looking for an outdoor cabinet. We are buying the cabinet from them, if we need refills I just call them. Eaton: let me know if there is something you need I can get them.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS- 1) Operation green light for Veterans, COLA for 2026 is 2.8%. Rollin: did we mention the health care was going up 13% next year. Lanning: yes that was mentioned in the last meeting.

Motion by Holmes with a second by Rollin to adjourn, two yeas, meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Signed Chairman

Attest, Fiscal Officer

Payment Listing

UAN v2025.2

November 2025

Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount	Status
156-2025	11/17/2025	11/02/2025	CH	RURAL LORAIN COUNTY WATER AUTHORI	\$58.26	O
157-2025	11/03/2025	11/02/2025	CH	CHASE CARD SERVICES	\$476.98	O
158-2025	11/03/2025	11/02/2025	CH	BP	\$658.97	O
160-2025	11/07/2025	11/02/2025	EW	UNITED STATES TREASURY	\$1,121.73	O
161-2025	11/07/2025	11/02/2025	EW	Ohio School District Tax	\$46.43	O
162-2025	11/07/2025	11/02/2025	EW	TREASURER OF STATE OF OHIO	\$265.12	O
163-2025	11/05/2025	11/02/2025	EW	Ohio Child Support Payment Central	\$820.21	O
164-2025	11/07/2025	11/02/2025	EW	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTE	\$3,278.40	O
11156	11/03/2025	11/02/2025	AW	NeilCo LLC	\$251.09	O
11157	11/03/2025	11/02/2025	AW	Rural King	\$379.38	V
11157	11/03/2025	11/02/2025	AW	Rural King	-\$379.38	V
11158	11/03/2025	11/02/2025	AW	WELLINGTON IMPLEMENT	\$63.00	O
11159	11/03/2025	11/02/2025	AW	P & J SANITATION INC.	\$125.00	O
11160	11/03/2025	11/02/2025	AW	Southeastern Equipment	\$160.37	O
11161	11/03/2025	11/02/2025	AW	Melway Paving	\$74,400.00	O
11162	11/03/2025	11/02/2025	AW	FARM & HOME HARDWARE	\$332.48	O
11163	11/03/2025	11/02/2025	AW	RURAL LORAIN COUNTY WATER AUTHORI	\$379.38	O
11164	11/03/2025	11/02/2025	PR	Robert Leroy Bort	\$1,018.31	O
11165	11/03/2025	11/02/2025	PR	MATTHEW A COMBS	\$763.35	O
11166	11/03/2025	11/02/2025	PR	JILL DEMARCO	\$118.93	O
11167	11/03/2025	11/02/2025	PR	ROBERT DUGALD HOLMES	\$943.56	O
11168	11/03/2025	11/02/2025	PR	Amanda Jerore	\$353.75	O
11169	11/03/2025	11/02/2025	PR	Nora Klebow	\$484.69	O
11170	11/03/2025	11/02/2025	PR	Jed Lamb	\$660.73	O
11171	11/03/2025	11/02/2025	PR	SHEILA D. LANNING	\$1,564.35	O
11172	11/03/2025	11/02/2025	PR	WALTER C ROLLIN	\$1,053.56	O
Total Payments:					\$89,398.65	
Total Conversion Vouchers:					\$0.00	
Total Less Conversion Vouchers:					\$89,398.65	

Type: AM - Accounting Manual Warrant, AW - Accounting Warrant, IM - Investment Manual Warrant, IW - Investment Warrant, PM - Payroll Manual Warrant, PR - Payroll Warrant, RW - Reduction of Receipt Warrant, SW - Skipped Warrant, WH - Withholding Warrant, WM - Withholding Manual, WS - Special Warrant, CH - Electronic Payment Advice, IL - Investment Loss, EP - Payroll EFT Voucher, CV - Payroll Conversion Voucher, SV - Payroll Special Voucher, EW - Withholding Voucher, POS ADJ - Positive Adjustment, NEG ADJ - Negative Adjustment, POS REAL - Positive Reallocation, NEG REAL - Negative Reallocation

Status: O - Outstanding, C - Cleared, V - Voided, B - Batch

* Asterisked amounts are not included in report totals. These transactions occurred outside the reported date range but are listed for reference.