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HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

45955 STATE ROUTE 162 WELLINGTON OHIO 44090

Minutes of December 15, 2025

The regular scheduled Trustee meeting called to order at 7:00 PM with the pledge of Allegiance. In attendance: Jed Lamb, Walter Rollin, Robert Holmes, Matt Combs, Amanda Jerore, Christine Novak, Troy Pitts, and Ron Maxwell. **Motion** by Rollin with a second by Holmes to approve the meeting minutes of the December 1, 2025 regular scheduled meeting as written. Roll Call: three yeas. **Motion** by Holmes with a second by Rollin to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes from November 22, 2025 and November 24, 2025 as written. Roll Call: three yeas.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Troy Pitts from the Wellington Fire Department discussed the fire hydrants on McMillan Road. The hydrant is pulling black water full of silt even after the lines were blown out. The fire department cannot use hydrants if they are pulling black water with silt because it will cause costly damage to the pump; therefore, they will consider the hydrants dead. This means that during a fire-water will have to be shuttled from the intersection of Route 58 and Bursley Road, which could cause an increase in insurance premiums and/or difficulty getting fire coverage insurance altogether for the residents on McMillan. It is the property owner's responsibility to maintain the pond but cleaning it out will be costly. There may be an option for the county to take responsibility for maintenance on both the ditch on McMillan Road along with the pond that feeds the hydrants and assess that cost to the residents on the road that benefit. The residents would have to agree to be assessed. Troy states that he doesn't mind to go take to the homeowner and the residents on McMillan and explain the options to them. Although neither the homeowner nor the other residents can be forced to agree to take or share responsibility, it does benefit all of them to have working hydrants in the street.

Lamb asked how many people this would help specifically, and if all residents on McMillan would have to agree to be assessed. Troy answered that Lynn would know better but he believes all would have to agree. Holmes asked if the homeowner could pull the hydrants. Troy answered that even though it is his responsibility to maintain the pond, the hydrants are not his property and he cannot pull them out. Jed stated that he doesn't think there is anything here for them to approve and they cannot make the homeowner maintain the pond. Troy shared that

this was more for information than approval and it would come down to the county to enforce but we owe it to the homeowners to inform them first.

Ron Maxwell from Whitaker Myers in Wooster, representing The Ohio Plan discussed the proposals for the renewal quote. The new premium is \$2,142.00 but a current \$650.00 credit brings the premium to \$1,492.00, which is \$27 more than what was paid last year. Ron states that property coverage always increases due to inflation. There was a total increase in coverage of \$98,480.00. Special equipment increased \$29,741.00. However, the request to remove the roller that was scrapped was received after the quote was written. There is also an excavator in the works to be sold. Once Betsy receives an endorsement, they can both be taken off of the policy. Ron discussed the Trustees' decision to go with the Employee Dishonesty Plan vs having individual Surety Bonds. **Motion** by Lamb with a second by Holmes to approve Resolution 2025-19 to go with the Employee Dishonesty Plan. 3 yea, motion passes

Ron continued that Novak will be added and Lanning will be removed from the policy. He also discussed a new Cyber product this year that will reduce the deductible from a cyber incident from \$25,000.00 to \$5,000.00. Ron requested a decision to renew the policy. **Motion** by Lamb with a second from Holmes to renew the insurance policy with The Ohio Plan. 3 yea, motion passes.

Rollin asked Ron about McMillan Road residents being affected by not having fire hydrants nearby. Ron responded that every personal lines carrier will want to know how far a home is from a hydrant- and that if it is too far some insurances may not want to cover the home at all. Troy pitched in that distance is key and the nearest water source is about 5 miles from the end of McMillan Road.

Jerore responded to a public comment from a previous meeting regarding using email as an alternative form of communication along with the currently used Facebook, Website, Bulletin Post, and Chronicle announcements. The free version of Google that the Township uses only allows up to 500 recipients per email thread. If the Township decided to add email as a communication avenue, they would have to either send multiple threads for each announcement, or pay for a version of Business Google that allowed a larger recipient count.

Novak mentioned that she still needs access to the buildings, Combs to put her code in tomorrow; December 16, 2025.

LORCO- Lamb: The meeting was canceled due to the weather and sickness.

AMBULANCE-Holmes: Mileage in November was 5,464. Year-to-date mileage at 49,010. Maintenance costs for November were \$121.34. Year-to-date costs at \$11,095.87. Runs for November were 149. Year-to-date runs at 1,684.

Runs for November in Huntington Township were 17. Year-to-date runs in the Township at 128. No overdoses. The next meeting is the end of the year meeting on December 29, 2025. The New Year meeting is January 6, 2026 for the organizational and training meeting. Next Board Meeting January 13, 2026. New Board member Don Jackson will be replacing Duane Johnson. Teresa Bosela is retiring after 40 years!

FIRE- Rollin: New truck will be going into full service after the first of the year. They are currently getting people trained in it, it drives a little differently.

SHERIFF- Lamb ran into Sheriff at Chet & Fran's. They disbanded the Township Unit and won't pay overtime for him to attend meetings.

OPWC/SWAC- Combs: No new report.

LCOOA- Rollin: No new report.

CEMETARY- Rollin: Did Wreaths Across America on Saturday, December 13, 2025. 186 wreaths were laid and enough people showed up to help that it was finished within 30-35 minutes.

Lewis Land sent new maps and projected layout for new sections. Combs is currently in possession; Rollin needs to look over. Still need price of having them pin vs them referencing and the Township pinning themselves.

ROADS- Combs: Everything looks great.

EQUIPMENT- Combs: Everything working well. **Motion** by Lamb with a second by Rollin to approve Resolution 2025-20 to allow Wellington Township to dispose of the Gradall in which we have joint ownership. Wellington to take the lead on disposal, other Townships with joint ownership already in agreement. 3 yea, motion passes.

RECYCLING- Holmes: Had their first annual Lorain County meet and greet at the Recycle Center. They gave tours, it was well attended. Got to meet new people and new Trustees that attended.

ZONING INSPECTOR- no new report.

LCTA- Butch: Door prizes for the banquet are bought and packaged for the banquet on December 18, 2025. Banquet to include swearing in of recently elected Township Trustees. Novak asked if she will also be sworn in at the banquet. Lamb states he believes she won't be sworn in until after her position goes up for vote next year. Novak to call prosecutor's office to find out correct process.

ZONING SECRETARY- Jerore: Zoning Public Forum on December 16, 2025 to discuss Amendments to Section 11 regarding telecommunications towers.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS- Will take a look at Pickleball in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS- No new business.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS- Holmes: Anne Heczko from the Commissioner's office requested a Township logo from all Townships in the county for the 250 year anniversary. Decided to use the logo on website and the Township's other correspondence.

Motion by Rollin with a second by Holmes to adjourn. Roll Call: 3 yeas.
Meeting adjourned 7:46 PM.

Signed Chairman

Attest, Fiscal Officer

Payment Listing

December 2025

Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount	Status
183-2025	12/29/2025	12/15/2025	CH	CHASE CARD SERVICES	\$1,347.00	O
184-2025	12/30/2025	12/15/2025	CH	ARMSTRONG	\$178.90	O
185-2025	12/23/2025	12/15/2025	CH	COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO	\$476.26	O
187-2025	12/19/2025	12/15/2025	EW	UNITED STATES TREASURY	\$383.91	O
188-2025	12/17/2025	12/15/2025	EW	Ohio Child Support Payment Central	\$820.21	O
189-2025	12/24/2025	12/21/2025	CH	LORAIN MEDINA RURAL ELECTRIC	\$676.64	O
11203	12/15/2025	12/15/2025	AW	JUDCO INC	\$80.00	V
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11204	12/15/2025	12/15/2025	AW	SUNRISE COOP INC	\$876.24	O
11205	12/15/2025	12/15/2025	AW	Whitaker-Myers Group - WOO	\$1,492.00	O
11206	12/15/2025	12/15/2025	AW	P & J SANITATION INC.	\$125.00	O
11207	12/15/2025	12/15/2025	AW	POLEN IMPLEMENT INC	\$123.42	O
11208	12/15/2025	12/15/2025	AW	JUDCO INC	\$80.00	O
11209	12/15/2025	12/15/2025	PR	Robert Leroy Bort	\$1,056.97	O
11210	12/15/2025	12/15/2025	PR	MATTHEW A COMBS	\$764.15	O
					Total Payments:	\$8,400.70
					Total Conversion Vouchers:	\$0.00
					Total Less Conversion Vouchers:	\$8,400.70

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.