

HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
45955 STATE ROUTE 162 WELLINGTON OHIO 44090

Minutes of November 17, 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, Jed Lamb, Sheila Lanning, Amanda Jerore, Colleen Dull, Dannie Gannon, Mary Gannon, Jamie Rollin, Lyn Ickes and Tim Markley. **Motion** by Holmes with a second by Rollin to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2025 regular scheduled meeting as written. Roll call: three yeas. **Motion** by Lamb with a second by Rollin to authorize a new depository agreement with Civista Bank covering November 7, 2025 to October 31, 2026. Roll call: three yeas. Checks 11173-11178 and payments totaling \$6,005.76 were approved for payment. **Motion** by Holmes with a second by Rollin to authorize **Resolution 2025-16** executing an MOU with Lorain County Storm Water for a grant covering a McMillan Road ditch. Roll call: three yeas.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Resident Dannie Gannon asked Trustees plans as the community grows. Trustees just want to let it grow and people do what they want. Holmes: not really growing, went from 1400 to 1300. Gannon: what about all these new houses, I don't know about children but what about all these new houses. Lamb: I am sure you know how we are structured; Trustees, Zoning Board of Appeals and Zoning Commission Board that function to address needed changes as the community grows. Zoning Commission creates rules for the community. They meet every month to work, they have a comprehensive plan. Gannon: who enforces these laws, ordinances. Lamb: Zoning Inspector. Gannon: They must not be doing their job, tall grass in a front yard, I talked to a Trustee over 2 years ago. I live here on SR 58, weeds and grass growing this high, the zoning Inspector told me that the Trustees have to put something in the ordinances that you have to mow your lawn once in a while. Lamb: I can't tell you off the top of my head if there is something in our zoning regulations about having to cut your grass. Gannon: she said there is not and she would address the Trustees that they work to include that. Now, like I said, if your neighbor has grass up this high, is that going to bother you. Yes or no, or you don't care. Lamb: it doesn't matter if it bothers me or not, we have a Commission that has volunteered to put their time in, go through and meet every regulation. It is on what the community decides, I am not a ruler or a dictator. Gannon: All I asked is if there is an ordinance to where you have to mow your lawn to where it looks presentable. Lamb: I don't think there is. Gannon: you don't care, your neighbor lets their whole yard look junk yard, what does that do to my value. It drives down the value of my home. I say let them all move by you and see what you say. Lamb: I care, it would be really nice if everyone was a good neighbor. (Showed the Zoning Inspector report with status of permits and violations). Gannon: put anything down on paper but someone has to enforce it. Look at the property down here by the railway, it was a decent house until that guy bought it. Colleen Dull: you're talking about the truck in the right of way, that has been addressed. Gannon: no, the one south of the tracks. Dull: that one too. Rollin: the one up here by the church, that guy just passed away. Dull: he is talking about the one on Stewart. Mary Gannon: it doesn't make which one, there are all junk yards. Dannie Gannon: (addressed to Rollin) do you have a junk yard by your house. Rollin: no. Gannon: let's set one up by your house and see how you like it. Lamb: do you have any other concerns. Gannon: I have a lot, how much money does the Township have. Lamb: in our budget or bank accounts. Gannon: how much does the Township have. Lamb: over 700,000.00 in our bank accounts. Gannon: we don't have enough to supply the ambulance with their needs, supplies or whatever, medical needs don't mean nothing, just let them go. Holmes: I am on the ambulance board, we had the ambulance here for a year or year and a half, it is still here ready to go any time we need it. Did a study and we were losing money with it sitting here, with the people, we couldn't man it. The people, we couldn't get enough people. We did a time check to make sure, there is no difference between there and here. Gannon: well, take the truck and send it back up there. Holmes: why, if it is needed it is here, ok. We come and check it daily, they come out here and make sure that it is charged and ready to go. So, you still have the coverage if your needed, trust me. My wife recently had an episode, I called 911, just because I am on the board doesn't make any difference, they were there within 5 minutes. Gannon: ok, I understand what you're saying. Holmes: we can't lose money either. Gannon: better look around, your losing money in a lot of ways. Are there any plans

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for zoning laws to be enforced? Lamb: I just showed you, if we are going to have a reasonable discussion, Gannon: that's what I said at the beginning, it is going to go in one ear and out the other and you're going to do what you want to do. Holmes: The Zoning Inspector has plans to meet up again on this one project, she has a whole bunch of them. She is coming out to meet up with that person on the 6th, she came out the last time on a Sunday when it was raining and snowing. This man had over 70 some vehicles in his yard and he would rotate them trying to confuse everybody. She has gotten him down to 20 some. And it is not just vehicles, she has to write permits, go out and inspect properties, she is busy. And she is only part time. Gannon: why do we have an out-of-town zoning inspector instead of someone here. Holmes: I will tell you the truth, we had a zoning inspector previous to this, he grew up in here, he knew everybody and he would go to their house and he would say, yeah that's ok cause he knew them. Lamb: that is only part of the reason, how many applicants do you think we had for Zoning Inspector. We put it out on Facebook. Gannon: not everybody on Facebook. Lamb: It was in the paper, I think. Gannon: does everybody get a newspaper? Holmes: look around you tonight, we have two more people than we usually have. Lamb: that is why I said I appreciate you coming. Is there something else, what else do you have? Gannon: how many hours a month do you guys' work. Holmes: 24/7 I am on call, Gannon: you don't work no 24/7. Holmes: I am retired, I am here 24/7. Gannon: well, you're doing a lot of volunteer work, I am saying what is your normal hours that you work. Lamb: at this job, a month? Gannon: at this job. Holmes: I stop up here every day or every other day. Lamb: depends upon the month. Gannon: like you said, your retired and you can give a lot of extra hours, but normally how many hours a month do you work. Holmes: like I said, I am here 24/7. Rollin: all of us have 3 meetings a month besides this. Lamb: I have about six meetings a month. Gannon: I am going to read what the State says, you have 6 duties that I would probably give you a C on: legislative authority, road maintenance, public safety services, cemetery management, parks and recreation, zoning and land use, I would probably give you a C on this but listen to what it says your additional duties are: Trustees are expected to be in touch with the Community needs and concerns providing a personal touch that larger government entities may allow, compliance and reporting: that must ensure compliance with state laws and regulations, maintain accurate records of Township activities and decisions. In summary, Ohio Trustees play a crucial role in government, managing essential services, ensuring the well-being of their community through various responsibilities. For more information you can refer to the Ohio Township handbook and the Ohio Revised Code. Do you guys supply the needs of the residents of the Township. Lamb: our cemetery was about full. Gannon: that is not what I asked, I said I would give you a C. Are you communicating with the community Holmes: yes, we put it on Facebook Gannon: I am not on Facebook. Holmes: I am not either but we put it on there. Mary Gannon: what good does it do us Holmes: are you saying we need to use a newsletter Mary Gannon: that would be nice Holmes: here is a newsletter from Black River, it is not put out by the Township it is put out by the Black River Puritan Club and if you want to get involved in it, here is a lady right here that is talking about (points to Colleen Dull) getting a committee. Gannon: you guys are avoiding what I am asking. The only time any Trustee has volunteered to help me was recycle day right before election. Holmes: I am going to back off on you, I have been here 18 years and we do twice a year, 2 days, Friday and Saturday and I have been to each and every one of them, rain or shine, sleet or snow. Gannon: at my house? I am talking about getting the message out, you have said if you're not in this building, we can't communicate with you. Holmes: no, we communicate, come to the Board meetings, how long have you lived in our Township. Gannon: thirty some years Holmes: I have been here thirty some years and this is the first time I have seen you at a meeting. Gannon: first time being here, Holmes: appreciate you coming Gannon: I said today, I should have been here years ago yakking at whomever was here because that is the problem. You guys don't have no one putting pressure on you to do anything, there is no accountability. You do what you want and if you don't like it, I don't care. Holmes: do you know how many miles of roads we have Gannon: I am not talking about roads Holmes: you saying to make you a phone call and tell you about everything we are doing. Gannon: I am not saying that, you are putting words in my mouth. And your words are lying. Holmes: no Gannon: yes, I said right here, there are six things you get a C in but down here where you are to inform people, you're doing a very poor job. Holmes:

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well, I am not going to put out a newsletter, in a roundabout way and I am not going to phone you. Gannon: see, there again, I did not say phone me, Holmes: we put everything in the website, we put it on Facebook Gannon: you put everything on the website Holmes: not everything Gannon: than don't say everything Holmes: I said everything goes on the website that needs to go on the website, we don't put stuff like this on the website, we will put it on Facebook Mary Gannon: a lot of old people are not on Facebook and don't have computers. Lamb: almost all our public notices, whether we go out to bid or have a job posting they almost always go into the Chronicle telegram. Mary Gannon: we don't get the newspaper, haven't for years. Lamb: I understand but at a certain point you are making a choice of whether you want to be informed or not. Gannon: I said at the beginning that you guys have no intension of making the community more aware of what is going on. It is the same old, same old, please don't respond to it because I know what you are going to say. I have said my piece, I am fed up with the Trustees of this community not doing what they should do. I could write down 10 pages of what needs to be done but at what point is someone going to do it. Holmes: we need people on the Zoning Board (alternates) and your more than welcome to come and sign up. Gannon: it is the same thing, the Zoning Board is a click thing I am sure. Holmes & Lamb: it is not a click thing; we beg people to be on it. Gannon: and when people come and tell you what needs to be done, what do the Trustees do – nothing. Lamb: we are going to keep going, do you have anything to add. Mary Gannon: I just want to agree with what my husband said. Colleen Dull informed Trustees that there are about four people interested in being on a committee, I am trying to get a newsletter together and I need to talk to you. Lamb: a newsletter committee? Dull: newsletter and more events brought in which may bring more people into the Township meetings. Holmes: like I was saying about the newsletter, Black River puts it out. Dull: I have my own letter stuff; I have done it before. Discussion on the last time there was a newsletter ended with Lamb stating that will be another conversation. Lanning: I am retiring 12.31.2025 and you will need to appoint someone. Whomever will have to run in November 2026 to fill the unexpired term. I would be good if you could appoint someone ASAP because the end of the year, first of the year are critical for setting the books correctly. Rollin: if we find someone, will you work with them. Lanning: yes, of course. Lamb: thank you we will get moving on it. Jerore: at the last meeting there was a concern brought up of using your title that you hold in the Township when campaigning for someone else. I started with the Lorain County Board of Elections who sent me over to the Ohio Ethics Commission where I talked to one of their attorneys. In Ohio the only ethics regulations they have on the books are you can't use your time as when you are working in your office and you can't use the funds in your office to campaign for someone else. But they don't have anything on the books as to whether or not you can use your title. He provided an example of a Judge saying they are Judge so in so and I support whomever. They cannot do it from the Court or use Court supplies or anything like that. He said you guys are free to create your own regulation if that is something you wanted on your books. There is nothing in Ohio stopping you from making your own regulations. Lamb: thank you, Jamie Rollin do you have anything. Jamie Rollin: I came to turn in a resume for Fiscal Officer. Lamb: we can accept that but I guess we are going to have to talk on the process we want to go through. Walter Rollin: we also need to put it out there that anybody else can apply too. Lanning: let me reiterate how I was appointed in 2012, Margaret Harris had a medical issue and I was appointed Deputy Fiscal Officer because I was already a Fiscal Officer. Butch asked me to be the Deputy Fiscal Officer during the time Margaret Harris was unable. She recovered and asked if I would run for office, otherwise she felt no one would run. I suggest the Trustees find someone and appoint them Deputy Fiscal Officer December 1, 2025 and then Fiscal Officer January 1, 2026. I have two pages of items that need accomplished this year and in January. Of course, the person can go to training in 2026. All the things attached to me like the credit card and the on-line payments need to be switched. Lamb: are you saying the next meeting would be too late to get someone. Lanning: yes, can you hold a special meeting. Lamb & Holmes: yes. Discussion on timing of the meeting, set at Saturday 11/22/2026 at 10:00 am, a recorder will used and Jerore will transpose the minutes. Lamb: will make sure to investigate and follow the rules of special meeting. Lanning: The Rural Urban free paper is delivered to Wellington and Spencer addresses, half of our Township not getting the Rural Urban. That is one additional way to get the word out to some residents. Gannon: can

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notices be sent to emails of residents, is that costly. Rollin: not to us. Dull: it is just time consuming in gathering all the emails. Lamb: that is something to consider. Lanning: there is something downstairs because when I was composing the newsletter years ago, I had a list of people who wanted it electronically through their email. I will show Amanda Jerore. Tim Markley arrives and does not have any public comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RURAL WATER- Lamb: long meeting covering Pheasant Run and builders asking about vaults, discussion on new capital improvements including water towers. Lanning: Kipton is scheduled for a larger replacement water tower.

LORCO- Lamb: did not make the meeting.

AMBULANCE- Holmes: Mileage for October= 4,639, YTD= 43,546, Maintenance for October= \$663.17, YTD= \$10,974.53, Runs for October= 147, YTD= 1532, Huntington runs October = 9, YTD= 111. Brighton's lighting installed on Helipad.

FIRE- Rollin: New Engine up and running, concern over "no more property taxes" on ballot.

OPWC/SWAC- Combs: Thank you to Lyn Ickes for the MOU for the Grant on McMillan Road.

CEMETERY- Rollin: Combs met with land surveyors about the layout.

ROADS- Combs: Stuff would like to do but can't find a roller, plows on but one has leak.

EQUIPMENT- Combs: Oil burner in Garage is hit and miss. Would like to apply for a grant to get a new one. Maybe some type of recycle grant, will research.

RECYCLE-

ZONING SECRETARY- Jerore: Lorain County Planning Commission has approved the zoning amendment proposed by the Zoning Commission for wireless towers, will inform the Commission at the meeting tomorrow. Mailed out certified mail from Zoning Inspector.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS- none

NEW BUSINESS- Combs: called the woman asking about the rental of the Township Hall on 12.25.2025. Received an invoice from Cintas for the new safety cabinet and it had tax on it. Called and told them we are tax exempt.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS- 1) December 10th is solid waste management event, Holmes to attend.

Motion by Holmes with a second by Rollin to adjourn, two yeas, meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Signed Chairman

Attest, Fiscal Officer

Payment Listing

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November 2025

| Payment Advice # | Post Date | Transaction Date | Type | Vendor / Payee | Amount | Status |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------------|------|------------------------------------|------------|--------|
| 165-2025 | 11/20/2025 | 11/17/2025 | CH | COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO | \$228.92 | O |
| 166-2025 | 11/30/2025 | 11/17/2025 | CH | ARMSTRONG | \$178.90 | O |
| 167-2025 | 11/24/2025 | 11/17/2025 | CH | LORAIN MEDINA RURAL ELECTRIC | \$585.32 | O |
| 169-2025 | 11/21/2025 | 11/17/2025 | EW | UNITED STATES TREASURY | \$383.27 | O |
| 170-2025 | 11/19/2025 | 11/17/2025 | EW | Ohio Child Support Payment Central | \$820.21 | O |
| 11173 | 11/17/2025 | 11/17/2025 | AW | TREASURER OF STATE OF OHIO | \$890.55 | O |
| 11174 | 11/17/2025 | 11/17/2025 | AW | MAC'S AUTO TRUCK ELECTRIC | \$470.00 | O |
| 11175 | 11/17/2025 | 11/17/2025 | AW | BSMH Employer Services LLC | \$189.00 | O |
| 11176 | 11/17/2025 | 11/17/2025 | AW | Rumpke | \$459.00 | O |
| 11177 | 11/17/2025 | 11/17/2025 | PR | Robert Leroy Bort | \$1,037.24 | O |
| 11178 | 11/17/2025 | 11/17/2025 | PR | MATTHEW A COMBS | \$763.35 | O |
| Total Payments: | | | | | \$6,005.76 | |
| Total Conversion Vouchers: | | | | | \$0.00 | |
| Total Less Conversion Vouchers: | | | | | \$6,005.76 | |

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.