

Charlestown Township



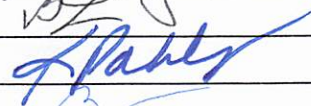

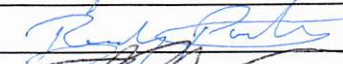
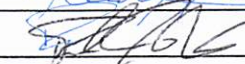
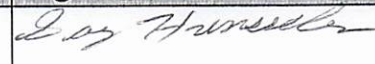
Portage County, Ohio

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Susan M Forgacs, Fiscal Officer

Township Board of Trustees Meeting Sign-In

Date: Feb. 23, 2026

Township Employees		
Name	Role/Department	Signature
Adam Eskridge	Trustee	
Bruce Lange	Trustee	
Katie Pahls	Trustee	
Susan Forgacs	Fiscal Officer	
Randy Porter	Fire Chief	
Paul Jalbert	Asst. Fire Chief, Zoning	
Guests		
Name	Address	Signature
<i>Gary Hunsicker</i>	<i>7754 Newton Falls</i>	

A Public Hearing to Discuss the Plan to Change Electrical Aggregate Supplier was opened by Mr. Adam Eskridge at 5:30 pm on February 23, 2026.

Trustees –Chair Bruce Lange, Vice-Chair Katie Pahls; Adam Eskridge – present; Fiscal Officer- Susan Forgacs present.

#8-2026 Mr. Eskridge made a motion to accept Resolution Authorizing the Board of Trustees to Request Membership in the City of Ravenna Electric Program and Adopt Plan of Operation; it was seconded by Mt. Lange. Roll was called; all votes were yes; motion passed. Residents who currently enrolled in NOPEC will be rolled over into the new aggregate. Other residents can choose to opt in.

The Regular Business meeting of the Charlestown Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:35 pm by Mr. Bruce Lange on Monday, February 9, 2026.

Mr. Lange made a motion to accept the Regular Business meeting minutes from February 9, 2026; it was seconded by Mr. Eskridge and passed.

GUESTS

Mr. James Armstrong, County Prosecutor, was present before the meeting to introduce himself.

REPORTS

Zoning

Mr. Jalbert will forward the zoning resolutions passed at last meeting to the county prosecutor. Mr. Brock Kertoy asked about the process for installing a sign at the Greenhouse.

Roads

Mr. Lange returned a call to Mr. Bob Helmling regarding a culvert on Garrett Road.

Cemetery

Ms. Forgacs asked about replacing water tank at cemetery. Ms. Pahls will ask Ms. Fotheringham to research.

Park

No report.

Fire Department

Fire Chef Randy Porter reports 33 Fire / EMS calls this year; up 3 calls compared to last year. Six firefighters attended ice rescue training in Edinburg last weekend. Will be using the Townhall for some county water rescue training. Confirmed will be participating in the Easter egg hunt on March 28.

Fiscal Officer

Ms. Forgacs finally received the reimbursement check from One Ohio; was delivered to Helen Nething.

Received four Dollar General account cards; one each for fire department, road department, custodian and fiscal officer. Working on Amazon account.

Shared communications from Portage Land Bank and Children Advocacy Center.

Received certified road miles – 6.107 miles – needs to be signed and returned to County Engineer’s office.

Submitted paperwork for Mr. John Flynn regarding his employment status for a veteran loan. Will be submitting CLIA paperwork for the fire department.

Trustees

Mr. Eskridge received call asking about trees on Rockspring Road; he informed them that is county.

Ms. Pahls received call from a resident asking for more gravel by the recycling bins. Mr. Lange states that will be done later this spring.

#6-26 Mr. Lange made a motion to accept a Resolution Authorizing the Portage County Engineer’s Office as Issuing Agent for Right-of-Way Permits for Charlestown Township; it was seconded by Mr. Eskridge. Roll was called; all votes were yes; motion passed.

Mr. Lange discussed the need for another resolution about large wind and solar farms. The trustees passed resolution #15-2024 on August 24, 2024. A letter was sent to County Commissioners from Mr. Tim Patrick advising them of the township’s stance on the subject, but the commissioners never received the resolution. Mr. Lange to submit a copy of #15-2024 to the commissioners.

Mr. Lange reports Mr. Matt Kelley has agreed to speak at the Memorial Day Parade. He will contact the VFW. Ms. Forgacs will schedule the portable toilet. Mr. Jalbert working on list for flags and brackets that are needed.

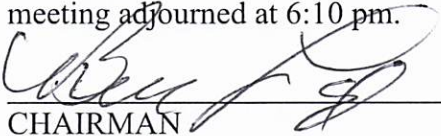
The Annual Health District meeting is March 18.

Furnace has been installed in the garage; will need a new chimney.

Reports the Portage County Township meeting was well-attended. Data centers was a main topic; discussion held about what townships can do to limit. Need to develop restrictions and guidelines to limit; cannot just pass a resolution to ban. Governor is establishing a board for setting regulations for data centers.

Mr. Lange moved to pay bills. Mr. Eskridge seconded. All votes were yes, motion carried.

Mr. Lange moved to adjourn. Mr. Eskridge seconded. All votes were yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.


CHAIRMAN


FISCAL OFFICER

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CHARLESTOWN TOWNSHIP, PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO

Resolution # 6-2026

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PORTAGE COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE
AS ISSUING AGENCY FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS FOR CHARLESTOWN
TOWNSHIP**

The Board of Trustees of Charlestown Township, Portage County, Ohio met during a Regular meeting on February 23, 2026 at the Charlestown Town hall with the following Members present:

Mr. Bruce Lange, Chairman
Ms. Katie, Vice-Chair
Mr. Adam Eskridge, Trustee

Mr. Lange moved for the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOVLED, By the Board of Trustees Charlestown Township, Portage, County, Ohio, designate the Portage County Engineer's Office as the agency responsible for issuing right-of-way work permits for work performed in Charlestown Township;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees of Charlestown Township names the Fiscal Officer as the contact for the Portage County Engineer's Office to send a copy of permits once issued.

Mr. Eskridge seconded the motion, and the roll was called on the question of its adoption.

The vote was as follows;
Bruce Lange: Yea
Katie Pahls: Yea
Adam Eskridge: Yea

Adopted the 23rd day of February 2026.



Township Fiscal Officer
Charlestown Township
Portage County, Ohio

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CHARLESTOWN TOWNSHIP, PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO

Resolution #8-2026

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CHARLESTOWN TOWNSHIP ELECTRICAL
AGGREGATION PROGRAM PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE PURSUANT TO
SECTION 4928.20, OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

The Board of Trustees of Charlestown Township, Portage County, Ohio met during a regular meeting on February 23, 2026 at the Charlestown Townhall with the following Members present:

Bruce Lange, Board Chairman
Adam Eskridge, Board Vice-Chairman
Katie Pahls, Trustee

Mr. Eskridge moved for the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 4928.20, the board of trustees of a township may aggregate customers within their jurisdiction in order to secure lower cost electric services within the township through the collective purchasing of electric services; and

WHEREAS, the board seeks to continue a governmental aggregation program with opt-out provisions, according to law, for the residents, businesses and other electric consumers in the township who receive commodity sales service and distribution service from Ohio Edison; and

WHEREAS, this Board seeks to adopt an Electric Aggregation Program Plan of Operations and Governance, attached hereto and incorporated herein as is fully reappearing pursuant to Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code, for the residents, businesses and other electric consumers in this township, as permitted by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Charlestown Township, State of Ohio; two thirds (2/3) all members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. This Board finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Township, its residents, businesses and other electric consumers located within the unincorporated limits of Charleston Township and who receive commodity sales service and distribution service from Ohio Edison to continue an opt-out Aggregation Program in accordance with law in the State of Ohio.

Section 2. This Board finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the township, its residents, businesses and other electric consumers within the unincorporated limits of Charlestown Township to adopt an Electric Aggregation Program Plan of Operations and Governance attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully reappearing, pursuant to Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, thereof, for the reason that it is immediately necessary to contract consulting services for advice in a rapidly changing technical area, and provided it receives the necessary affirmative votes as required by the passage; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

Mr. Lange seconded the motion, and the roll was called on the question of its adoption.

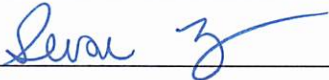
The vote was as follows;

Bruce Lange:	Yea
Adam Eskridge:	Yea
Katie Pahls:	Yea

Adopted: February 23, 2026

STATE OF OHIO (COUNTY OF PORTAGE)

I, Susan Forgacs, Fiscal Officer of Charlestown Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the Record of Proceedings of Charlestown Township, that the same has been compared by me with the Resolution of said Record and that it is a true and correct copy thereof.

 _____, Fiscal Officer